

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:02pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Monday, December 28, 2020. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Brian Merdian, and Linda Harvey. Also attending the meeting were Donn Henderson, Tom Mignogna, Janet Schork, Solicitor Mark Hamilton, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held this evening, June 16, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

In general, we are in fairly good shape compared to last year. Although, Act 13 funds will be approximately \$60,000 less this year. The American Rescue Plan funds will help make that up which we have already filed for.

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
MAY, 2021				
FNB General Fund	\$ 134,244.44	\$ 170,701.15	\$ 113,876.54	\$ 191,069.05
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 217,212.76	\$ 114,876.63	-0-	\$ 332,089.39
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 61,591.05	\$ 53,012.97	-0-	\$ 114,604.02

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

This month's Safety Toolbox meeting and video was on Chain Saw Safety. There were 51 PA One Call requests this month for us to mark our storm water pipes. The mowing tractor has been out daily, all month, all over the Township. We have been pulling ditches, cutting shoulders, and repairing wash outs along Scott Haven Road, Brunazzi Road, Stewart Lane, Shuglie Hill, Sulphur Springs Road, and Crescent Drive. We were called out to assist Lowber VFC to remove a tree from Lowber Road, in addition to helping Rillton VFC remove a tree from Mars Hill Road. For Memorial Day, we painted the Honor Roll flagpoles in Lowber and Shaner. We are patching potholes and doing signage as needed. The last few days, we have been clearing trees, limbs, and debris from our roads and ditches after the storms Sunday and Monday.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Mark Cypher – given by Brian Merdian

2 Evans Street - Junk vehicles/trash/rubbish. State Police visited property to try to have vehicles and rubbish removed from the roadway and to speak with them about overall property conditions. If conditions are not improved, charges will be filed with the Magistrate.

Monsour Property - Dangerous structure. Entry into property is scheduled for June 17, 2021.

105 Nittany - Grass/weeds/junk. Received complaint regarding condition of property. Reached out to complainant and was told that owner is deceased and wife may have just moved. Violation notice has been sent to owner.

134 Wendell Road - Grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Visited property. Grass/weeds have been cut. Will continue to monitor.

118 Emerald Avenue - Grass/weeds/junk. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds, junk vehicle, stagnant pool. Visited property and spoke with neighbor. Spoke with owner of property. Property will be brought into compliance. Will continue to monitor.

38 5th Street - High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Visited property. Property owner is an out of state company that has been unresponsive for property maintenance. Violation notice being sent.

114 Buford Street - High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Visited property. Violation notice sent to owner.

245 Kangaroo Hill Road - High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Visited property. Grass has been cut. Will continue to monitor.

Sewickley Avenue - High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds behind 24 Sewickley Avenue. Violation notice sent.

606 Sewickley Avenue - High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Violation notice sent.

1062 Yukon Road - High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Violation notice sent.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- Step & P90X Fitness classes will continue year-round on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am.
- Otherwise, all rentals are on summer hiatus.

Crabapple Pool:

- Attendance for the first week in June has been a little low due to the cool and stormy weather. I am sure that once the weather improves, so will pool attendance.
- Pool pass memberships are still on sale every morning from 10:00am to 11:00am.
- The Pool-A-Palooza Summer Celebration has been scheduled for Sunday, August 1st. We are in the beginning stages of planning the activities. I will have more details at the July meeting.

Rabies Clinic:

- Our Annual Rabies Clinic, held on June 6th at the Crabapple Park Large Pavilion, was again a success. Dr. MaryAnn Bender administered 66 shots.
- Thank you to our volunteers that helped with the event: Tracy Hampshire, Anne McWilliams, Ashley Sarver, and Patty Vanyo!

Summer Intern:

- We welcome Sydney Robertson as our summer intern. Sydney is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh where she is majoring in Environmental Engineering.
- Sydney will be working to mark and map out new hiking trails at Crabapple Park, as well as organizing community outreach programs.
- Her first community outreach program is a MS4 Lunch and Learn at Crabapple Park on Thursday, June 24th from noon to 3:00pm. Register by calling my office at 724.835.1087, or the Township Office at 724.446.7202, or via email to recdirector@sewickleytownship.org or Sydney's email at contact@sewickleytownship.org.
- Any organizations, community groups, or individuals who would like to volunteer to clear the trails or register for the Lunch & Learn program, can contact Sydney by email at contact@sewickleytownship.org or by calling the Township Offices at 724.446.7202.

Sewickley Township Public Library Events and Programs – given by Janet Schork

Thank you to the Township Supervisors and Donn Henderson for sponsoring the Library's Golf Outing. It was a successful event. There is a lot of programming for children and adults. Visit their website, facebook page, or stop in to see what all is happening. The Library is excited to announce that they received a grant from EQT. This will cover their entire summer reading program.

No Public Comment on Agenda Items

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2021. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2020 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

Bearcom – monthly maintenance on portable radios	\$ 92.00
Comcast – monthly EOC phone & internet	\$ 259.01
Unmanned Vehicle Technologies – drone project	\$ 33,582.98

Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to disburse 2020 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

First National Bank – monthly payment for radios	\$ 363.63
Waterway, Inc. – hose testing	\$ 862.50

Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2020 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Schulte's Enterprise, LLC – repairs to 1996 int'l 4900 fire truck	\$ 1,446.21
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Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Resolution 24-2021 to apply for the Commonwealth Financing Authority Watershed Restoration and Protection Program in the amount of \$342,723.00 for the Turner Lane Streambank Stabilization Project. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 7-2021 amending Chapter 15 of the Township Code to regulate parking unattached trailers, boats, recreation vehicles, and commercial vehicles on public streets or ways and parking on Township property. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to preliminary approve the AL. Neyer Development for Lot 3 and Lot 4 of the Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland based on the Planning Commissions' preliminary approval and contingent upon the response letter forthcoming from Gibson-Thomas Engineering regarding their plan review. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Darryl Dermotta asked where we are with the road situation. Mr. Mignogna stated that we are working on a plan. Mr. Henderson stated that we are talking with the Engineer and a couple paving companies to get some information on the best way to repair certain roads. We are doing our due diligence. Mr. Merdian stated that we should have a road list and plan by the July meeting.

Dean Komlenic said great job for getting the bridge put back in on McGrogan Road and all the modified that was put down to make it a beautiful road. But it hasn't been sealed since the Township did it and it's all getting washed away. Will Tomajko Road be reopened? Mr. Hamilton stated that the slide has not stabilized yet.

New / Old Business

The Board of Supervisors are looking for any persons interested in serving on the Sutersville-Sewickley Municipal Sewage Authority. Please send letters of interest to the Sewickley Township Municipal Building for consideration.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Merdian. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Township Secretary