

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00pm, 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.

Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
JUNE, 2021				
FNB General Fund	\$ 191,069.05	\$ 52,877.27	\$ 146,918.82	\$ 97,027.50
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 332,089.39	\$ 63,039.50	-0-	\$ 395,128.89
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,604.02	\$ 19.88	-0-	\$ 114,623.90

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

This month's Safety Toolbox Meeting & Video was on Hand, Wrist, & Finger Safety. We had 73 One Call requests this past month for the Township to locate and mark our storm water pipes for other utilities and contractors. The mowing tractor has been out every day. We've cut the shoulders along Whyel Road, New Blocks Road, Volk Road, Shuglie Hill, Freeman Road, Stewart Lane, and Shaner Road. While on Shaner Road, we replaced two (2) storm water cross pipes. There were wash outs repaired on Pierce Road, Freeman Road, and rebuilt the head wall to an under pass after clearing the debris on Scott Haven Road. After each storm, we have addressed storm damage; downed trees on Clopper Street, Sewickley Hill, three (3) on Wineland Drive, and McGrogan Road where we needed to pull the tree out of the storm water intake and replace guiderail that got smashed. Trees in Main Sreet Alley from 5th Street to 7th Street were removed along with the trees in Library Alley. All the tree jobs are cutting and chipping to haul away the mess. We are spraying weeds along our guiderail all over the Township and patching potholes as the requests come in or where we find them. Signage is never ending. We are constantly replacing or installing new signage as needed.

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

Monsour Property. Dangerous structure. Entry into property is scheduled for June 17, 2021. Property was entered by Township personnel. Overall condition of the property was found to be good.

105 Nitanny Lane. 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. Report of new owner of property but conditions have not improved.

118 Emerald Avenue. Grass/weeds/Junk. Property will be brought into compliance. Continued communication with property owner.

38 5th Street. High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Visited property. Violation notice sent. Grass has been cut but a tree has fallen at property.

114 Buford Street. High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds. Visited property. Violation notice sent to owner. Grass has been cut.

Sewickley Avenue. High grass/weeds. Received complaint regarding high grass/weeds behind 24 Sewickley Avenue. Violation notice sent. Grass has been cut at property. Burning at property has taken place outside of prescribed times. Property owner reached out to Township to say that it would not happen again.

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

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

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- Step & P90X Fitness classes continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Crabapple Pool:

- Attendance for the first half of the pool season has been up and down depending on the weather.
- The Pool-A-Palooza Summer Celebration has been scheduled for Sunday, August 1st from noon to 10:00pm. The day will include:
 - Discounted admission
 - 50/50 Drawings
 - Chance to Win a 2022 Pool Pass
 - Kona Ice Truck from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 9:00pm to 9:30pm
 - Good-2-Go Food Truck from 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 - DJ Brandie from noon to 4:00pm
 - Bob McPherson will be on hand to share information about military services
 - From the VFW, we have Leah with information about the VFW organization.
 - Ruff Creek Trio, an acoustic country band, will be performing from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
 - Fireworks at 9:30p
- Thank you so much to Brian for all his hard work securing donations for our DJ, Band, and Fireworks!!

Brian Merdian stated that we have collected up to \$4,700 in donations. The band, DJ, Fireworks, etc will all be funded by the private donations and will not come from taxpayer dollars.

Summer Intern:

- Sydney Robertson, our summer intern's, first two Lunch-n-Learns at Crabapple Pavilion were well attended, and the children (and adults) had a great time learning about our MS4 program, its importance within our community, enjoying fun activities at the park, and on our new trail. Her final session will be held on Thursday, August 19th from noon to 2:00pm.
- Sydney mapped out and marked our short .15-mile trail running from the small pavilion to the large pavilion. The other hiking trail she is working on will be a continuation of a preexisting trail by the large pavilion. Adding another mile to this trail that will connect the upper side of the park to the lower side.
- Two community clean-up days are on the schedule to help get the trails ready. One day will be Saturday, July 31st for the Scouts to help start clearing the trails and the other one will be August 7th that will be open to the community to help finish clearing them. Any organizations, community groups, or individual who would like to volunteer to clear the trails or register for the Lunch & Learn program, please contact Sydney by email at contact@sewickleytownship.org or by calling the Township Office 724.446.7202.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the agenda as presented below. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comment on Agenda Items

John Seanor asked for more details about K2 Engineering possibly handling our Ordinance complaints and violations. Mr. Henderson stated that rates and travel expenses were established. Mr. Merdian added that K2 Engineering brings professionalism to the position with trained staff who have the knowledge and ability to handle our Ordinance issues.

Mr. Seanor then asked about the carpet issue with his neighbor. Can the Township pass something stating that you can't bring in garbage from outside the Township? Mr. Henderson responded that it is hard to monitor such incidents.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2021 and the Special Meeting held on July 8, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; 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	\$ 257.69
Mzeroa.com – remote pilot 101 course training (20)	\$ 1,380.00

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

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

First National Bank – monthly payment for radios	\$ 363.63
Black Mountain Enterprises – parts & repairs to 1993 truck	\$ 335.26

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

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

Schulte's Enterprise, LLC – repairs to 1996 int'l truck	\$ 3,805.03
Schulte's Enterprise, LLC – repairs to 1993 sutphen fire truck	\$ 1,362.00

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enact 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. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to enact Ordinance 8-2021 amending Chapter 21 of the Township Code to regulate street closures or restrictions for construction, maintenance, special events, or parades. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve Resolution 25-2021 authorizing the sale of Township owned property located at 308 Sewickley Avenue, Herminie known as the MSATS Office Building. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Resolution 26-2021 appointing Linda Harvey as a member and Donn Henderson as an alternate member to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee (WCTCC). Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to preliminary approve Lot 3 and Lot 4 of the Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland based on the Planning Commissions' preliminary approval and contingent upon receipt of the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to table the approval of a Developers Agreement Waiver for the Eori Development and send it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. Solicitor Comments: Mark Hamilton recommends the Township Supervisors table this request based on several issues. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously to table.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to request from PennDOT "No Jake Brake" signs be placed on Mars Hill Road. Board Comments: Mrs. Harvey asked if this is meant to slow the trucks down. Mr. Petros stated that it is also about the noise. Mr. Merdian added that Olympus Energy has contacted PennDOT asking to put up 10 mile per hour reduced speed limit signs for well truck traffic. Mrs. Harvey added that the problem with the trucks is just not on Mars Hill Road. She hopes that the surrounding state roads will be addressed also. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to request proposals for architectural designs for a new Recreation Center in Rillton. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to appoint K2 Engineering as the Ordinance Officer for Sewickley Township starting August 1, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to authorize the renewal of the Township dental insurance through United Concordia. There is no increase from the past benefit period. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to grant approval to the Sewickley Area Athletic Association (SAAA) to light the Little League Field through a grant they received from Scott Electric contingent upon final plan review. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to donate a 2022 Crabapple Pool Pass to the 3rd Annual Michael Pils Memorial Bike Run on August 14, 2021. Value is \$85.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to donate a 2022 Crabapple Pool Pass to the Hutchinson VFC Annual Yard, Craft, & Vendor Show on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Value is \$85.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to close the Township Office at Noon on Friday, August 13, 2021 so the Township employees may attend the Annual Picnic hosted by the Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors at Mammoth Park. Employees will be paid their regular hourly rate while attending this event. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the following bills for payment:

General Fund:

Checks 11968 to 11993 - \$ 41,857.18 (6/18/21)	ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 185.85 (6/17/21)
Checks 11994 to 12014 - \$10,616.97 (6/29/21)	MAWC - \$ 62.14 (6/17/21)
Checks 12015 to 12034 - \$ 10,248.75 (7/8/21)	First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 603.67 (6/25/21)
	S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (6/30/21)
MAWC - \$ 185.85 (7/19/21)	Columbia Gas - \$ 31.02 (7/2/21)
MAWC - \$ 62.13 (7/19/21)	First Energy - \$ 43.46 (7/8/21)
	MAWC - \$ 79.93 (7/14/21)

Crabapple:

Checks 4821 to 4831 - \$ 1,600.22 (6/18/21)	ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 929.54 (6/17/21)
Checks 4832 to 4834 - \$ 1,024.20 (6/29/21)	MAWC - \$ 61.95 (6/17/21)
Checks 4835 to 4838 - \$ 1,679.73 (7/9/21)	First Energy - \$ 198.25 (6/25/21)
	First Energy - \$ 22.11 (6/25/21)
Cred Card Machine - \$ 235.88 (7/12/21)	Dep Slip Order - \$ 18.20 (6/30/21)
MAWC - \$ 2,497.57 (7/19/21)	First Energy - \$ 122.02 (7/8/21)
MAWC - \$ 61.95 (7/19/21)	First Energy - \$ 101.27 (7/8/21)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 198.10 (6/18/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 4,295.24 (6/18/21)
Paychex - \$ 203.10 (6/25/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,906.26 (6/25/21)
Paychex - \$ 191.50 (7/2/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,558.26 (7/2/21)
Paychex - \$ 223.03 (7/9/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,825.14 (7/9/21)
Paychex - \$ 190.23 (7/16/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,511.42 (7/16/21)
	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,787.87 (7/19/21)
	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 1,415.09 (7/19/21)

Recreation:

Checks 2929 to 2930 - \$ 188.63 (6/18/21)	ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (6/17/21)
	MAWC - \$ 39.55 (6/17/21)
Columbia Gas - \$ 40.00 (7/2/21)	First Energy - \$ 331.43 (6/25/21)
MAWC - \$ 123.90 (7/19/21)	First Energy - \$ 14.74 (6/25/21)
MAWC - \$ 30.97 (7/19/21)	First Energy - \$ 12.16 (6/25/21)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,201.68 (7/6/21)
 First Energy - \$ 597.85 (7/6/21)
 First Energy - \$ 376.15 (7/6/21)
 MAWC - \$ 3,026.00 (7/15/21)

Act 13:

Check 1123 - \$ 4,468.98 (6/29/21)

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the following payrolls for payment:

Employees Payroll:	6/25/21 - \$ 10,024.21 (twp)	\$ 3,410.53 (pool)
	7/2/21 - \$ 10,723.77 (twp)	\$ 2,799.95 (pool)
	7/9/21 - \$ 11,902.42 (twp)	\$ 2,615.20 (pool)
	7/16/21 - \$ 10,371.46 (twp)	\$ 2,995.84 (pool)
	7/23/21 - \$ 9,942.16 (twp)	\$ 3,106.26 (pool)

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

General Public Comment

Jon Turik spoke about the drain at 136 Wilps Drive. He gave details of where the water travels from the Dollar General. There is too much stormwater (catch basins) for the size of pipe near his property. The water is not coming from his property.

Emil Brunazzi of 232 Brunazzi Road thanked the Township and Road Crew for taking care of the road in the winter time. He then asked if anything is in works to repair the road. Mr. Merdian informed him that Brunazzi is part of the paving plan, whether it is this year or next.

Darryl Dermotta asked where we are with the road situation. Mr. Henderson stated that the advertisement is out with the bid openings a few days before our next meeting. Mr. Dermotta then asked if it is more important to spend money on a new rec center than it is to fix the roads. Mr. Merdian replied we can do both.

Ray Benninghoft asked is anything will be done to Oak Street in Rillton. Mr. Merdian explained the low-income surveys item under New and Old Business and how important it is for them to be returned. We need these to possibly receive CDBG funding. Mrs. Harvey asked to please spread the word with the importance of these surveys to improve the roads in Rillton. Mr. Henderson added that the information is completely confidential.

New / Old Business

Residents in the Rillton and Whyel areas will soon be receiving low-income surveys through their mail. These are needed for the upcoming CDBG Grant applications.

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. Mrs. Harvey added that it is very important that we get individuals from Sewickley Township on this Authority. We need to have a voice and work needs to be done for our Township.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Petros. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Township Secretary