

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, August 18, 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
JULY, 2021				
FNB General Fund	\$ 97,027.50	\$ 129,882.33	\$ 120,420.97	\$ 106,488.86
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 395,128.89	\$ 23,689.68	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 318,818.57
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,623.90	\$ 21.02	-0-	\$ 114,644.92

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

We had 53 One Call requests this past month for the Township to locate and mark our stormwater pipes. The Mowing Tractor has been out daily. Water Conservation District requested the ponds along Lowber Road be trimmed. We've pulled ditches along West Newton Road, Cody Road, Orchard Drive, and Sunnyside Drive and added stone where it was needed. We extended the wedge curb along Emerald Avenue to Ruby Street, approximately 365 feet. We opened up Chopp Street where we had a sink hole and discovered it could be a sewage issue notified the Sutersville Sewage Authority. Used ten (10) ton of hot mix to reline the ditch along Scott Haven Road where it had washed out, hand rolled for approximately 450 feet. Replaced 280 feet of 24" storm water pipe at the bottom of Kangaroo Hill, set a new catch basin that collects the water from across the street and discharged it into the new 24" PVC pipe. We took care of trees at the Little League Field at Crabapple, Shaner Road, Hildenbrand Road, Apples Mills Road, Cool Springs Road, Slaughter Hollow Road, and Sunnyside Drive. There were a number of signs that were either blown over, knocked down, or just missing that needed attention this month.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Josh Bukovak

208 Hood Street	Grass has been cut, however the home is in severe disrepair. Multiple broken windows and partial roof collapse.
206 Madison Avenue	High grass and weeds, building supplies in front of the house.
111 Daisy Street	Overgrown vegetation on the structure and parts of the lot. High grass was recently cut, but still a lot of issues.
105 Nittany Lane	Childrens toys and rubbish throughout the property and grass is getting high.
Mullaert's Auto Sales and Services	Illegal junkyard.
2 Evans Street	2 roll back dumpsters were onsite. Will continue to monitor.
38 Fifth Street	Grass has been cut, no other issues
114 Buford Street	Garbage in the front yard including an old refrigerator, construction tools and equipment. Owner was contacted and was told the home is under construction, the garbage will be cleaned up, and the tarp secured.

24 Sewickley Avenue	No apparent issues with property
606 Sewickley Avenue	Vacant with overgrown weeds and grass
Pike Street	Overgrown vegetation in front and rear yard.
1062 Yukon Road	Vacant home, overgrown vegetation on property, dump truck parked in yard, vehicle parked on the street with current registration stickers, open windows on home, electric meter has been pulled
Costanza Property	Ongoing issue and continue to monitor his cleanup.
312 Madison Avenue	Vacant home, most windows of the home have been broken, overgrown vegetation in both the front and back yards, tree rubbish in the backyard.
137 Limerick Road	Abandoned home, back taxes notice on front door, overgrown vegetation, roof is beginning to rot, rubbish on the front porch and side of the house. Home is listed under the only known residence as the owner.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Recreation Center:

- Step & P90X Fitness classes are on hiatus until mid-September.

Crabapple Pool:

- Due to the weather, attendance the last several weeks has been very low. This is also the time of year when there is a slow down as families prepare for the beginning of school. We're hoping for better weather for our last week and a half as our season ends on Sunday, August 29th.
- The Pool-A-Palooza Summer Celebration held on August 1st was a lot of fun.
 - A huge thank you to our sponsors:
 - EQT
 - AL. Neyer
 - Energy Transfer
 - State Representative Eric Davanzo
 - Commissioner Sean Kertes
 - Megan Loughner; Candidate for Westmoreland County Clerk of Courts
 - Nicole Zicarelli; Candidate for Westmoreland County District Attorney
 - Also, thank you to our musical entertainment:
 - DJ Brandie Musisko
 - Ruff Creek Trio Band
 - And thank you to Bob McPherson and the VFW for setting up a tent area to share information about the military and give out Navy Gifts.
 - And of course, the fireworks were spectacular and enjoyed not only by our pool patrons but the community.
- Our annual Back-to-School Splash Party will be held tomorrow, Thursday, August 19th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We're hoping the weather cooperates!

Summer Intern:

- A huge thank you to Sydney Robertson, our summer intern. Sydney finishes her internship tomorrow but has accomplished much in her short time with the Township.
- I thoroughly enjoyed working with Sydney. We are so grateful for her help and contribution to our Township! We wish her much success in her final year at college!

Sewickley Township Public Library Events and Programs, Marci Suggars

Summer Reading went very well this year! This year's theme was Tails & Tales, and many of our programs had an animal focus. Much of summer planning happens during the winter and spring, and because we didn't know what types of regulations to expect, most of our events took place at Crabapple Park Pavilion, including our weekly Story Times. The park has had recent improvements, and our patrons enjoyed the use of this hidden community gem.

We had a total of 140 registrants for Summer Reading, which was ten more than last year. Many libraries only recently opened up fully, so we are well pleased with our numbers and the consistent turnout at programs. We had many new faces this year as well.

We were excited to receive the EQT Grant for Summer Reading! The money was used for purchases of summer reading program supplies, presenters, a metal storage cabinet, display shelves for our take and make kits, a clay oven, items for our children's collection, a Pad Caster to use for virtual programs as well as a resource to offer the community, and additional items for our Kickoff event and Finale, etc.

We have Crabapple Pavilion reserved for the next two Wednesdays for story time, and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater is scheduled to perform the story Alice in Wonderland at the Library on the morning of Wednesday, August 25th. Plans are currently being made for upcoming Library programs, including a fitness story time at the park in September with Miss Beth from Tumble and Move.

Our monthly Adult Craft Night begins again on August 24th.

Local author, Rich Gazarik, will visit the library in October to discuss his latest book.

Our second largest fundraiser, "For the Love of Books" will be held on Sunday, September 12th at 2:00 pm at the Crystal Ballroom in Herminie. Tickets are \$30. Please visit our website or call the Library at 724.446.9940 for details.

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

No Public Comment on Agenda Items**Presentation of the 2020 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report for the Township of Sewickley, Barb Terek of Horner Wible & Terek PC**

Ms. Terek presented a summary of Sewickley Township's 2020 Audit which is available for review.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to accept the 2020 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report for the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on July 21, 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	\$ 257.38

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 Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

First National Bank – monthly payment for radios	\$ 363.63
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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 1994 aerial ladder	\$ 545.72
Schulte’s Enterprise, LLC – brake adjustments on all trucks	\$ 250.00
Schulte’s Enterprise, LLC – repairs to 1996 int’l truck	\$ 172.76
Schulte’s Enterprise, LLC – repairs to 1996 int’l truck	\$ 947.35

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

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 1:00pm as follows:

	Contract 1/2021	Tresco Paving Corp	Hanson Aggregates
2,000 ton	Superpave Asphalt 9.5mm	\$ 53.50	\$ 60.00
200 ton	Superpave Asphalt 19.0mm	\$ 47.00	\$ 54.00
100 ton	Superpave Asphalt 25.0 mm	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.00

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to award the Superpave Contract to Tresco Paving Corp at the above prices. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to award the 2021 Sewickley Township Paving, Contract 2/2021 to Derry Construction in the amount of \$363,328.75.

Derry Construction	Morgan Excavating	A Folino Construction
\$ 363,328.75	\$ 436,892.75	\$ 457,219.05
McGrogan Road	McGrogan Road	McGrogan Road
\$ 151,121.25	\$ 172,785.75	\$ 171,195.00

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to award the 2021 Shot and Chip Program, Contract 3/2021 to Russell Standard in the amount of \$82,674.40. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to prepare and submit applications to the Westmoreland County Planning Department requesting funds from the CDBG Program for the 2022 calendar year on behalf of Sewickley Township. These applications will be made to help fund projects in the following areas.

1. Rillton (cross drains)
2. Rillton Roads (paving)
3. Whyte Area Roads (paving)
4. Crabapple Pavilion Playground

Board Comments: Mrs. Harvey stated the importance of residents in the Rillton and Whyte areas to return the Low-Income Surveys they received. We need these to qualify for any CDBG Grants. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion to table, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the AL. Neyer Development/Commerce Crossing Agreement. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously to table.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to reject a Developers Agreement Waiver for the Eori Development. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the Eori Subdivision contingent upon the approval of all parties with the installation of public Stormwater Management Improvements/Developers Agreement for the Eori Development . Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the Sewickley Township Broadband Grant Program. Board Comments: Mr. Merdian explained how the Township is using a portion of the ARPA funds received and putting them into this grant program for residents who are in more rural areas that broadband services are not available to. This will help offset the costs. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to request proposals for website re-design. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to advertise in the Tribune Review for Budget Workshops to be held on the following dates and times. Normal Township business can also be conducted during these meetings.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:30pm

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to change Sam Slick's employment from a Laborer to an Equipment Operator at the rate of \$25.15 per hour effective August 6, 2021. Board Comments: Mr. Petros stated the Sam Slick is an asset to the Township and commends him on getting his CDL. Voting: Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 12035 to 12056 - \$ 23,945.06 (7/21/21)	ACH Payments: First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 618.58 (7/27/21)
Checks 12057 to 12067 - \$ 26,069.72 (7/27/21)	Columbia Gas - \$ 30.95 (8/3/21)
Checks 12068 to 12102 - \$ 79,153.56 (8/12/21)	First Energy - \$ 44.54 (8/10/21)
MAWC - \$ 62.79 (8/11/21)	

Act 13:

Checks 1126 to 1129 - \$ 2,192.08 (8/11/21)

Crabapple:

Checks 4839 to 4845 - \$ 2,046.23 (7/21/21)	ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 2,497.57 (7/19/21)
Checks 4846 to 4849 - \$ 1,267.53 (7/27/21)	MAWC - \$ 61.95 (7/19/21)
Check 4850 - \$ 4,000.00 (7/28/21)	First Energy - \$ 427.17 (7/27/21)
Checks 4851 to 4860 - \$ 4,347.76 (8/12/21)	First Energy - \$ 30.67 (7/27/21)
	First Energy - \$ 126.10 (8/9/21)
	First Energy - \$ 104.33 (8/9/21)
Cred Card Machine - \$ 147.31 (8/10/21)	

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 204.03 (7/23/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,787.87 (7/19/21)
Paychex - \$ 204.03 (7/30/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 1,415.09 (7/19/21)
Paychex - \$ 197.13 (8/6/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,550.48 (7/23/21)
Paychex - \$ 200.58 (8/13/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 4,008.89 (7/30/21)
	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,873.91 (8/6/21)
	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 4,493.71 (8/13/21)

Recreation:

Checks 2931 to 2932 - \$ 242.98 (7/21/21)	ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 318.48 (7/27/21)
Checks 2933 to 2934 - \$ 323.91 (8/11/21)	First Energy - \$ 14.79 (7/27/21)
	First Energy - \$ 12.11 (7/27/21)
	Columbia Gas - \$ 39.91 (8/3/21)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,372.70 (8/5/21)
First Energy - \$ 643.79 (8/5/21)
First Energy - \$ 404.96 (8/5/21)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	7/30/21 - \$ 11,434.74 (twp)	\$ 3,663.33 (pool)
	8/6/21 - \$ 10,585.79 (twp)	\$ 4,234.16 (pool)
	8/13/21 - \$ 12,457.40 (twp)	\$ 3,309.47 (pool)
	8/20/21 - \$ 10,431.59 (twp)	\$ 3,765.45 (pool)

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

General Public Comment

Skip Wees of Emergency Management asked what the contingency plan is if the EMA Building sells. Also, why was the Drone Project pulled? Mr. Henderson stated that the drone had to be bid out per State law. Provide him with the specs and we will get it bid out. Regarding the EMA Building, Mrs. Harvey reached out to Rillton Fire Department personally to possibly relocate there temporarily until space at the Township Building is ready. We've worked together in the past and understand the needs of Emergency Management.

Robert Janzef asked for clarification on the Eori Subdivision. Mr. Merdian explained that we are very close to coming to an agreement on stormwater improvements and required approvals along Scott Haven Road.

Eric Campbell spoke about the proposed Dollar General in Rillton. He resides next to the property and has a 400 ft view of the property. It will devalue his home drastically. Mr. Merdian stated that it is going in front of the Zoning Hearing Board on August 25th. Mr. Campbell asked about the subdivision. Mr. Henderson stated that they are looking to subdivide three (3) acres off the large parcel.

Cheryl Campbell formally stated her stern objection to the proposed development of the Rillton Dollar General. She is asking the Supervisors to assist in any way to stop the development. This is the second one in a short span and it is not what we need in this community. It would be located on a dangerous road where many accidents have occurred.

Daryl Dermotta asked when we will see road improvements. Mr. Henderson stated that the Engineer will get the agreements executed and then there is a time limit. The list is as follows:

Tar and Chip

Rodebaugh Road
Shuglie Hill Road
General Braddock Road
Reservoir Road
Greenhills Road

In-House Paving

Medic Lane
Falls Road
Upper Shaner Road
Sulphur Springs Road

Contracted Work

Brunazzi Road
Volk Road
Wolfe Lane
Slaughter Hollow Road
Wineland Drive
McCune Drive

New / Old Business

Certificate of Appreciation to Sydney Robertson

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, September 15, 2021 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Linda Harvey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Petros. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.