

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:05pm, 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, October 20, 2021, at 6:30pm to discuss personnel issues.

Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
SEPTEMBER, 2021				
FNB General Fund	\$ 41,360.27	\$ 144,570.09	\$ 108,044.59	\$ 77,885.77
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 282,286.93	\$ 61,012.09	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 268,299.02
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,663.04	\$ 16.96	-0-	\$ 114,680.00

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Mignogna

This month we had 43 One Calls to go out and locate our storm drains for other utilities and contractors. We took care of downed trees and limbs that were over hanging our roadways on Derr Road, Orchard Drive, Slaughter Hollow Road, Cool Springs Road, and Brunazzi Road. There were areas washed out along Derr Road and Slaughter Hollow that needed repaired. We finished pulling the ditches on lower Slaughter Hollow and Wolfe Lane. At the top of Volk Road, we replaced a storm water cross pipe. As this work was being done, the mowing tractor was still out trimming and cutting back our roads. Then we started our paving for the year which included Sulpher Springs Road and Shaner Road. There were places that storm water work was done in the past. We black topped those areas located at Sewickley Avenue Alley and 4th Street and McClerge Avenue and 4th Street. We also took down the fencing from around the old tennis courts to make way for the new sewage tap-in to the concession building at the ball fields. With the weather changing, we have also been getting the equipment ready for winter.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Josh Bukovak --- given by Brian Merdian

2 Evans Street	On going, no improvements made since last inspection. Citation to be issued with magistrate.
251 Oak Street	Vacant structure with broken windows, junks vehicles. Citation to be issued with magistrate.
25 5 th Street	Garbage in the alleyway, garbage throughout the property. Citation to be issued with magistrate.
Oak Street Garage	Rubbish and garbage in front of a garage in severe disrepair, windows broken windows. Citation to be issued with magistrate.
206 Madison Avenue	High grass and weeds, building supplies in front of the house. Citation to be issued with magistrate.
144 Lily Street	House destroyed by fire, high weeds, rubbish in front of home. No improvements made. Citation to be issued with magistrate.
110 Limerick Road	Vehicle and garbage in yard. Property owner appears to be cleaning up property.

824 Yukon Road	Spoke with property owner. Will have property cleaned up, continue to monitor progress.
Warehouse Corner of 5th and Station Street	Letter sent to landlord regarding multiple junked vehicles, piles of bricks and masonry, lumber and other garbage.
991 Yukon Road	Illegal burning. Fire department notified Township of the situation.
1162 Herminie West Newton Road	Dogs are running loose onto neighbor's property.
819 Herminie Road	Junked vehicles, piles of rubbish. Letter sent to owner.
144 Lowber Road	Dumping and burning on property, house in disrepair. Broken glass. Letter sent to owner.

Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork

Crabapple Pool:

- Once Fall baseball, soccer, and football conclude at the end of October, water can be turned off and we can finish facility winterizing at the pool, park, and ballfields.
- The last day that Crabapple Park will be open to vehicular traffic is October 31st. However, the park is open year-round for fishing, to walkers, runners, and pets (on leash) from 8:00am to dusk. We ask that cars do not block park gates in case of an emergency.
- Parking is available at the ballfield lot (across from H.W. Good Elementary School).

Recreation Center:

- I am currently accepting reservations for the 2021-2022 gym season at the Recreation Center.
- Most weekday evenings are filled as well as our returning morning senior groups.

Fitness Classes:

- Reminder that we offer P90X and STEP classes at the Recreation Center on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Full schedule is available on the Township website.

Jump Start Sports Camps:

- We will again partner with Jump Start Sports to offer Winter Sports Camps:
 - Soccer – Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:00pm starting on January 8th for ages 3 – 6 years old.
 - Basketball – Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:00pm starting on February 19th for Pre-K to 2nd grade.
 - All clinics are co-ed for six (6) weeks with a cost of \$95.00 per participant (includes a t-shirt).

Trunk-or-Treat:

- The Sewickley Township Library, Sewickley Township Recreation and Recreation Volunteers will be hosting our Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 23rd from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Crabapple Park. So far, we have 32 volunteers decorating their trunks and over 50 children registered to trick-or-treat from car-to-car. We will be providing hot chocolate, hot dogs, and chips to all participating trunks and children.

Report from Emergency Management Coordinator, Skip Wees

At their monthly meeting, EMA decided not to proceed with the Drone project until they knew where they were going. He asked each Supervisor how Emergency Management stands with the Township. Mr. Merdian stated that our EMA has a cutting edge department within the County. All of you have prepared for all emergencies that we may have. We do have an issue going forward of where EMA should be located. The upkeep, utilities, etc of that building is a problem for the Township. A consideration of EMA "leasing" the building from the Township is something to be talked about. Mrs. Harvey asked if EMA gets additional funding from other sources than the

Township. Jason Ritchie replied that loans and grant monies are available. He added that Rillton is not feasible for them. Mrs. Harvey stated that would've been temporary. They would welcome you and you all work well with them. Mr. Wees stated that they are willing to take over the utilities and upkeep of the building. The Tax Collector could go back in there. Mr. Petros knows how important our EMA is and has worked with them on various emergencies. Very impressed with how they operate. You will not be out on the street. Mrs. Harvey added that all three Supervisors appreciate Emergency Management and know that you all are a very important asset to the Community. She understands your concern about where you will be housed. We are just trying to make decisions that are in the best interests of all involved.

Proposals for the building located at 308 Sewickley Avenue, Herminie were opened, read aloud, and recorded as follows:

Annette Gross:	\$ 45,000.00
Fleet Equipment	\$ 54,050.00

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to table the sale of 308 Sewickley Avenue until further review. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Eric Campbell asked if the Supervisors read the articles he dropped off. That is a drop in the bucket of the issues Dollar General creates. Zoning basically "rubber stamped" their approval. Who is responsible for taking care of this community? After reading the articles, how do you think this is a good idea to have them here.

Cheryl Campbell stated that Clay Pike is a dangerous road with a dangerous grade. The traffic is far too fast for that entrance. 776 trips per day is the average of going in and out of Dollar General. They are a stand-alone retail facility and will draw crime. They don't care about our community. Zoning says it can not impact property values.

Joseph Maher owns Fleet Equipment across the parking lot of the MSATS Building for sale by the Township. There is no right of way to parking at that building. That needs to be taken into consideration. He then stated that he sent certified letters to each of the Supervisors regarding issues he is having at the Hopkins Building he owns in Herminie. No one reached out about citing the person responsible for the garbage and such. Mr. Merdian asked what is his intent with blocking access to the MSATS Building. Mr. Maher said they can speak after the meeting to discuss.

Traci Procacina spoke of traffic issues on Highberger Road. There are issues with speeding. There are six (6) children in that section. She is asking for speed bumps to slow traffic down, "Watch Children" signs, and "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs. She then asked for street lights put on that road.

Tim Luft asked about demolishing a house on Ash Street. It is an eye sore with rodents and such. Mr. Merdian advised him of the County Demolition Program and to get us information as soon as possible. The deadline is approaching.

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

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mr. Merdian, abstain due to being absent from the meeting; Mrs. Harvey, yes. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mr. Merdian, abstain due to being absent from the meeting; Mrs. Harvey, yes. Motion carried.

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	\$ 257.14

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 Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

First National Bank – monthly payment for radios	\$ 363.63
WCCC – Kiehl, Schnick, Hall, and Dunn Jr. firefighting certifications	\$ 1,145.00

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 Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Palko Truck & Trailer Shop – repairs to squad	\$ 1,023.37
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Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$356,901.98 (5% retainage \$18,784.31) to Derry Construction Co., Inc. for the 2021 Hot Mix Paving Program, Contract 2/2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the AZK Rillton subdivision located on Clay Pike. This plan subdivides Parcel 1 containing 1.59 acres from the residual Parcel 2 containing 78.08 acres. The portion of the property bordered by Clay Pike is zoned V-2 and the rear of the property is zoned A-1. Public sewage has been approved for the property and municipal water and gas are located on Clay Pike. This plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Board Comments: Mr. Merdian asked if this would have anything to do with Dollar General. Mr. Henderson stated that this subdivision was brought forward by the owner of the larger parcel. Mr. Merdian asked what the zoning is of the 78.08 acres. Mr. Henderson stated Agricultural. Mr. Merdian has concerns about the use of the property. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; no. Motion did not pass.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to table Resolution 29-2021 approving the request for changes submitted by Rillton Volunteer Fire Company and updating the Township Read Out Record. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to table Resolution 30-2021 approving the request for changes submitted by Lowber Volunteer Fire Company and updating the Township Read Out Record. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Brian Merdian, to table Janet Schork's resignation effective December 31, 2021. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Merdian, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the following Winter JumpStart Sports Programs to be held at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. All clinics are co-ed for six (6) weeks with a cost of \$95.00 per participant (includes a t-shirt):

- Hummingbird Indoor Soccer, children ages 3-6, Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:00pm, starting January 8, 2022.
- Little Hoops & Hoop Stars Basketball, children Pre-K -2nd grade, Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:00pm, starting February 19, 2022.

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

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

General Fund:

Checks 12131 to 12159 - \$ 16,183.36 (9/17/21)	ACH Payments: S & T Loan - \$ 5,252.37 (9/15/21)
Checks 12160 to 12163 - \$ 27,765.60 (9/29/21)	MAWC - \$ 185.85 (9/17/21)
Checks 12164 to 12186 - \$ 76,860.29 (9/30/21)	MAWC - \$ 62.14 (9/17/21)
Checks 12187 to 12208 - \$ 40,957.37 (10/12/21)	First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 715.86 (9/24/21)
	S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (9/30/21)
	Intuit Checks - \$ 243.97 (9/30/21)
	Columbia Gas - \$ 30.95 (10/1/21)
MAWC - \$ 71.36 (10/13/21)	First Energy - \$ 44.08 (10/7/21)
MAWC - \$ 62.13 (10/19/21)	PSATS UC Quarterly - \$ 1,395.20 (10/12/21)
MAWC - \$ 185.85 (10/19/21)	First Natl Insur Paym - \$ 13,616.80 (10/13/21)

Act 13:

Check 1132 - \$ 35.94 (9/17/21)
 Checks 1133 to 1134 - \$ 18,133.67 (9/30/21)
 Check 1135 - \$ 18,712.20 (10/12/21)

Crabapple:

Checks 4867 to 4873 - \$ 2,708.40 (9/17/21)	ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 1,364.51 (9/17/21)
Check 4874 - \$ 539.83 (9/30/21)	MAWC - \$ 61.95 (9/17/21)
Checks 4875 to 4877 - \$ 317.41 (10/12/21)	First Energy - \$ 358.99 (9/24/21)
	First Energy - \$ 33.38 (9/24/21)
	First Energy - \$ 124.47 (10/7/21)
MAWC - \$ 668.79 (10/19/21)	First Energy - \$ 103.09 (10/7/21)
MAWC - \$ 61.95 (10/19/21)	Cred Card Machine - \$ 23.52 (10/12/21)

MSATS Sale Account:

Check 1007 - \$ 9,319.36 (9/17/21)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 138.48 (9/17/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,835.67 (9/17/21)
Paychex - \$ 138.48 (9/24/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,670.29 (9/24/21)
Paychex - \$ 135.03 (10/1/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,562.42 (10/1/21)
Paychex - \$ 147.30 (10/8/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,069.77 (10/8/21)
Paychex - \$ 138.48 (10/15/21)	Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,662.90 (10/15/21)

Recreation:

Check 2936 - \$167.86 (9/30/21)
Check 2937 - \$ 286.61 (10/12/21)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (9/17/21)
MAWC - \$ 30.98 (9/17/21)
First Energy (3 payments) - \$ 386.22 (9/24/21)
Columbia Gas - \$ 39.91 (10/1/21)
MAWC - \$ 39.54 (10/19/21)

MAWC - \$ 123.90 (10/19/21)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,364.00 (10/4/21)
First Energy - \$ 641.42 (10/4/21)
First Energy - \$ 403.47 (10/4/21)
MAWC - \$ 3,076.00 (10/15/21)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 9/24/21 - \$ 8,612.41
10/1/21 - \$ 9,339.51
10/8/21 - \$ 11,201.53
10/15/21 - \$ 9,623.65
10/22/21 - \$ 8,934.25

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

No General Public Comment

New / Old Business

Reminder that we are still looking for applicants to fill our Recreation Maintenance position.

Crabapple Park will be closing for the season on November 1, 2021 to vehicular traffic. The Park is open year-round to fishing, walkers, runners, and pets (on leash) from 8:00am to dusk. There is additional parking at the ball-field lot (across from H.W. Good Elementary School). We ask that you do not block the gates for entry into the park in case of an emergency.

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, November 17, 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 8:07pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Township Secretary