

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00pm, called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Thursday, January 6, 2022. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Linda Harvey, and Bill Dull. Also attending the meeting were Donn Henderson, Tom Methven, Scott Morrison, Solicitor Lee Demosky, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held on March 16, 2022 at 5:30pm to discuss personnel matters.

Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
FEBRUARY, 2022				
FNB General Fund	\$ 6,718.09	\$ 140,669.48	\$ 85,792.28	\$ 61,595.29
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 101,122.41	\$ 110,961.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 112,083.41
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,730.25	\$ 11.44	-0-	\$ 114,741.69

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Methven

We had 32 PA One Call requests this month for the Township to locate and mark our storm water pipes from other utilities. The crew started back up tree trimming and daylighting roads. We continued the work on Pierce Road and will then move to Reservoir Road. We began the excavation of the old tennis courts at the baseball field complex. This project is for the expansion of recreational space beside the playground. We will be laying down a base course of material and compacting it for the new construction to build from. We had two (2) snow events this month and all went incident free. Crews have been out patching potholes and answering citizen pothole reports. We issued one new driveway permit. Street signage is done as needed when we get the time. We had two (2) signs damaged by vehicles and three (3) signs, including a STOP sign, stolen. Stop signs are handled as quickly as possible. Mr. Henderson added that Mr. Methven has done exemplary work during his first four (4) weeks here.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Josh Bukovac

Address of Property	Nature of Investigation
2 Evans Street, Herminie, PA 15637	Update 3/16/2022: Magistrate has been unable to issue summons to owners. Owners possibly deceased. Has received the name of their son so citation will be issued to him.
25 5th Street	Update 3/16/2022: Owner paid \$300.00 fine, but has not cleaned up the property. Will follow up with another citation.
206 Madison Avenue	Update 3/16/2022: Hearing held; Magistrate granted 30 day extension for owner to clean up property.
110 Limerick Road	Update 3/16/2022: No court date as of yet.
Warehouse Corner of 5th and Station Street	Update 3/16/2022: No court date as of yet.
3367 Pike Street	Update 3/16/2022: Court Hearing held. Property owner had cleaned up trash at rear of property. Owner is currently working to bring the structure into code compliance. Installing new roof and clearing brush. He will try to get inspection of interior, possible fire damage

Costanza Properties	Update 3/16/2022: Citation re-filed with Magistrate. Spoke with Judge Christner and advised to file a citation once a week until property is cleaned up. No hearing scheduled yet.
819 Herminie Road	Update 3/16/2022: Bench warrant issued for property owner for failure to respond to court summons.
8th Street Abandoned House	Update 3/16/2022: Citation filed. No court date as of yet.
3392 Pike Street	Trash has been removed from the property, no other issues.
Drop Farms	Guinea fowl running loose on neighboring properties. Spoke with owner and sent violation letter. Owner said she will remove the fowl.
Property at corner of Madison and 2nd St	Weeds and garbage on property. Unable to locate the owner. Will placard the property with violation letter
112 Daisy Street	Weeds and brush at rear of property, one junked vehicle, vines growing on house. Violation letter sent. Will follow up for progress.
105 Nittany Lane	Ongoing issue with garbage and noise. Violation letter sent to renters and deceased owner's widow (owns the property but it isn't recorded in a deed). Will continue to monitor.
163 Reservoir Road	Received complaint about dogs running at large. Sent owners a violation letter
Kubik Junkyard	Junked vehicles, tires, and building in poor condition. Violation letter sent.

Report from Recreation Director, Scott Morrison

Recreation Center:

- Everything is going well at the Recreation Center. Two (2) new groups booked gym rental times. The weeknight time slots are currently filled and there are a few time slots available during the weekend.

Upcoming Activities at the Recreation Center:

- Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services had a CPR/AED class on March 9th. The next CPR/AED class will be held on April 13th in the Recreation Center Yoga Room. Registration is required and folks can register by calling me at the Rec Center or Bob Stark at the Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services.

Fitness Classes:

- P90X, STEP, and Introduction to Yoga classes are being offered at the Rec Center. The P90X classes are every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am and the Introduction to Yoga classes are every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, except for the 2nd Wednesday of each month which is reserved for our CPR/AED training. For more information, you can call me at the Recreation Center or go to our Recreation page on the Township website.

Jump Start Sports Camps:

- The Jump Start Little Hoops Basketball program started on Saturday, March 5th and is every Saturday morning. The Pre-K and Kindergarten group is from 9:30am to 10:30am and currently has 8/9 participants. The 1st and 2nd grade group is from 11:00am to Noon and also currently has 8/9 participants.

Update on Recreation Board:

- Registration is open for our annual Easter Egg Hunt that is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at the Sewickley Township baseball fields. It is open to all Yough School District children infant to 12 years old. Meeting with the Easter Bunny is at 11:30am and the Egg Hunt starts at Noon. To register, folks can call me at the Rec Center or email me at recdirector@sewickleytownship.org. I will be meeting with the Rec Board at the end of this

month to discuss the Easter Egg hunt and other 2022 Rec events. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mr. Henderson added that Mr. Morrison is doing very well also in his position as Rec Director and appreciate the work he is putting into the job.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Eric Campbell stated that the people on the Boards in the Township doesn't seem like they want to do anything for the residents here. You don't care about the quality of life in the Township. Clay Pike is a horrible road to build a Dollar General on. Multiple accidents in that area. Crime ridden store. We have no police in the Township. The site wasn't visited by the people who make the decisions. Why hasn't the state been called in to do a report on that road? In the Township code, it states that it can not devalue property. It most definitely will do that.

Brian Merdian asked for an explanation on the motion ARPA funds motion. Mr. Henderson explained that in the beginning, there were many uses for the funds received. The final ruling offers the municipalities a onetime option to use on any items you are allowed to spend funds on under the Township Code, except pensions and reducing debt. Now we can use it as we see fit within our budget. Mr. Merdian then asked about the Broadband Grant motions. Mr. Henderson stated that the County and State are working on local broadband initiatives, so that frees up our ARPA to be used as stated above. Solicitor Demosky stated there were also issues with the Memorandum of Understanding with Comcast that we proposed. These funds need to be used by the end of 2024.

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to disburse 2021 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	\$ 301.75

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to disburse 2021 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

First National Bank – monthly payment for radios	\$ 363.63
Kush Kustoms – maintenance on engine	\$ 242.98

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to disburse 2021 EMS Tax funds in the amount of \$ 50,439.82 to the Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service for partial reimbursement for a 2022 Ford Ambulance. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to instruct the Township Manager to execute the one-time decision for use and reporting of the U.S. Treasury ARPA funds. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to renew the Highway Occupancy Permit in the area of Township property located in Rillton. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the Dollar General Subdivision. This plan consolidates one property owned by Howard and Leslie Bruno with another parcel owned by AZK, Inc. on Clay Pike in Rillton into a single 2.69 acre plot. Public water, gas, and sewers are available. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the Dollar General Land Development Plan. This plan details the site development for a 10,600 square foot retail store on the 2.69 acre plot located on Clay Pike in Rillton. The plan has been reviewed by Gibson-Thomas Engineering and has received sewage approval from the Department of Environmental Protection, NPDES approval from the Westmoreland Conservation District, and has been reviewed by the Westmoreland County Planning and Development. This motion is contingent upon the Developer completing all the conditions set by the Consulting Engineer and entering into a Developer's Operation and Maintenance Agreement to be recorded and submission of required bonds. This plan was also approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to revoke the approval of the Broadband Grant Applications. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to discontinue the Broadband Grant Program. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Public Works Director to bid on a used Walk Behind Roller, not to exceed \$8,500.00. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to authorize a Road Closure Request from J3 Events, Inc., on behalf of the Greenhouse Winery, for a 5K Run/Walk on Pinewood Road. Event is to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 9:00am to 10:00am. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Tom Methven to attend the Annual Educational Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' to be held April 24, 2022 to April 27, 2022 at the Hershey Lodge and be paid his regular wage and travel expenses while attending the conference. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the following salaries for the 2022 Crabapple Pool season.

POOL MANAGER \$16.25 **salary only for May through August

ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER

1st year \$ 12.00
 2nd year \$ 12.50
 3rd year \$ 13.00

LIFEGUARD

1st year \$ 9.75
 2nd year \$ 10.75
 3rd year \$ 11.00
 4th year \$ 11.25
 5th year \$ 11.50
 6th year \$ 11.75

*** Lifeguard Certification if they stay entire 2022 season: \$ 150.00
 *** Lifeguard Recertification if they stay entire 2022 season: \$ 50.00

CONCESSION

1st year \$ 8.75
 2nd year \$ 9.15
 3rd year \$ 9.50
 4th year \$ 9.75

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

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the following operations for the 2022 season at Crabapple Park and Pool.

NEW POOL HOURS: 11:00am to 6:00pm

2022 DAILY ADMISSION

General Admission (3 years old to adult)	\$ 10.00
2 and under	FREE
Senior Citizens (65+)	\$ 7.00
After 4:00 pm	\$ 5.00
After 4:00 pm Seniors (65+)	\$ 5.00
Groups of 10 or more (must be pre-registered as group)	\$ 8.00
10 (ten) Admissions Card	\$ 80.00
Lounge Chair Rental	\$ 6.00 per chair \$ 2.00 returned per chair

2022 CRABAPPLE POOL MEMBERSHIP

Membership Type	Sewickley Township Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
(1) Individual	\$85	\$95
(2) Individuals	\$150	\$160
(3) Individuals	\$195	\$205
(4) Individuals	\$240	\$250
(5) Individuals	\$275	\$285
(6) Individuals	\$285	\$295

(7) Individuals	\$295	\$305
(8) Individuals	\$305	\$315
Senior (65+)	\$85	\$95
Senior Couple (65+)	\$150	\$160
10 Admissions	\$80	\$80

2022 CRABAPPLE POOL SPLASH PARTY

# of Guests	Lifeguards Needed	Cost
1 to 75 Guests	3 lifeguards	\$ 300

2022 CRABAPPLE PARK PAVILION RATES

	Resident	Non-Resident
Large Pavilion	\$ 125.00	\$ 175.00
Small Pavilion	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to approve the following rental rates for the 2022 Summer season (June 1st to August 28th) at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center.

Sewickley Township Resident Rental \$ 35.00 per hour
 Non-Sewickley Township Resident Rental \$ 50.00 per hour

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to permit Herminie Girls Scouts Troop 21086 use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park for their meetings every other Monday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, April through October, 2022. In exchange, they will perform clean up duties at the park. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to permit Herminie Boy Scouts Troop 259 use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park for their meetings every Thursday evening, June 9, 2022 through September 1, 2022. In exchange, they will perform clean up duties at the park. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve HW Good PTO use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park for the 4th Grade End of Year Party to be held on May 13, 2022 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to authorize Boy Scout Troop 465 to do a "Clean Up Day" on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Crabapple Park. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Committee use of the Sewickley Township Baseball Fields on Saturday, April 9, 2022 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 12407 to 12429 - \$ 25,959.19 (2/16/22)
 Checks 12430 to 12445 - \$ 45,603.99 (2/25/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 185.85 (2/17/22)
 MAWC - \$ 62.13 (2/17/22)
 First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 641.03 (2/25/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 424.36 (3/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 42.16 (3/9/22)
 S & T Loan - \$ 5,252.37

Crabapple:

Checks 4886 to 4887 - \$ 504.66 (2/16/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 61.95 (2/17/22)
 First Energy - \$ 35.53 (2/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 20.14 (2/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 98.21 (3/9/22)
 First Energy - \$ 118.34 (3/9/22)
 Cred Card Machine - \$ 9.16 (3/10/22)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 141.93 (2/18/22)
 Paychex - \$ 124.02 (2/22/22)
 Paychex - \$ 122.95 (2/25/22)
 Paychex - \$ 122.95 (3/4/22)
 Paychex - \$ 129.85 (3/11/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,941.67 (2/18/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,094.73 (2/25/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,754.30 (3/4/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 4,536.40 (3/11/22)

Recreation:

Checks 2953 to 2955 - \$ 395.47 (2/16/22)
 Checks 2956 to 2958 - \$ 3,470.89 (2/25/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (2/17/22)
 MAWC - \$ 39.54 (2/17/22)
 First Energy (3 payments) - \$ 547.08 (2/25/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 896.11 (3/4/22)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,427.31 (3/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 658.28 (3/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 414.02 (3/4/22)

MSATS Sale Account:

Check 1008 - \$ 2,654.00 (2/16/22)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 2/25/22 - \$ 9,068.42
 3/4/22 - \$ 9,364.86
 3/11/22 - \$ 13,809.20
 3/18/22 - \$ 10,888.51

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

General Public Comment

Daryl Dermotta asked what the Road Crew was doing at the Park. Mr. Petros stated that they were taking out the old tennis courts. Mr. Dermotta then asked why are they responsible for doing work over there. Mr. Petros responded that the Park and Pool are part of the Township. Mr. Methven added that two (2) key pieces of equipment were broke down and needed inspections. The work at the tennis courts needed done for a grant and the timing worked out to get this part completed.

Norm Vinsick asked the Ordinance Officer about the property located at 110 Limerick Road. They are still burning outside the allowed days and hours for the Township. They are also burning tires. There are also issues with noise at all hours of the night and his trailers block the corner while emptying more garbage onto the property numerous times. This has been going on way too long.

Rick Critchfield asked for an update on the Honor Roll in Cowansburg. Mr. Petros stated that he has made several phone calls and looked through this building. Nothing has turned up. He then asked the Ordinance Officer about the abandoned vehicle. The property behind it is a mess also. Lastly, what is an update on the fence around the fire whistle. Mr. Dull responded that he contacted the Asst Fire Chief. They cannot get parts to fix the whistle. He doesn't want the fence up until the whistle is repaired.

Bryan Cosalter asked if the money is still set aside for the Tar and Chip contract that was awarded last year. Mr. Petros responded yes. We have a contract and it will be fulfilled.

Announcements

The Sewickley Township Supervisors would like to remind all people who live and work within the Township that our storm sewer inlets, curbs and gutters, drainage ditches, and storm pipes discharge directly and untreated into the Youghiogheny River, Sewickley Creek, Little Sewickley Creek, and other natural waterways within the Township. In order to keep our rivers, streams, and lakes clean, we remind residents and businesses not to discard grass clippings, used oil, paints, solvents, pet wastes, or other wastes into the storm drains, onto the street, or into streams or other waterways. Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet waste get washed into the street or down the storm drain. Together, we can protect and preserve the streams, lakes, and rivers in our community.

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, April 20, 2022 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, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Township Secretary