

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, April 20, 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.

Executive Sessions were held on April 6, 2022 at 7:10am, April 13, 2022 at 7:00am, and April 20, 2022 at 6:15pm to discuss personnel matters.

Report from Township Manager / Treasurer, Donn Henderson

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
MARCH, 2022				
FNB General Fund	\$ 61,595.29	\$ 163,654.21	\$ 174,027.86	\$ 51,221.64
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 112,083.41	\$ 77,187.18	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 139,270.59
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,741.69	\$ 12.67	-0-	\$ 114,754.36

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Methven

We responded to 52 One Call requests this month for the Township to mark our storm water pipes. The crew continued tree trimming and daylighting roads. We are also working on and ditching road preparations for the chip seal program. Russell Standard should be starting the tar and chip project the second or third week of June depending on weather. Patching potholes has been a priority due to the warming weather and we are patching complaints as soon as we can. The water is turned back on to the park and preparations are being made for its opening day. We took asphalt millings to Mikel Lane and repaired the gravel lane so we could test the paver repairs made this winter. A few hydraulic leaks aside, the paver worked fine. Street signage is done as needed when we get the time. We had three signs damaged by vehicles and replaced a stolen stop sign. Stop signs are on top of the list and are handled right away. The Columbia Gas line replacement project in Hermine has started. This will last all summer while NPL crews work in phases to update the gas lines. Please be patient and aware that there will be daylight street closures and flaggers during the length of the project. We hauled garbage away from two (2) community cleanups and approximately sixty (60) tires to the recyclers.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Josh Bukovac

206 Madison Avenue	Follow up hearing at magistrate on 4/8/2022. Property has been cleaned up.
110 Limerick Road	Court Hearing held on 4/8/2022. Fine of \$400 paid, junked vehicles removed, additional trash at rear of structure to be cleaned up. Will continue to monitor property as necessary
Warehouse Corner of 5th and Station Street	Court Date scheduled for 5/6/2022 at 9:30am.
Costanza Properties	No hearing scheduled yet.
8th Street Abandoned House	No hearing scheduled yet.

Property at corner of Madison and 2nd St	Weeds and garbage on property, no response to violation letter or cleanup.
112 Daisy Street	Weeds and brush at rear of property, one junked vehicle, vines growing on house. Violation letter sent. No progress on cleanup.
Kubik Junkyard	Junked vehicles, tires, and building in poor condition. Violation letter sent and returned undeliverable. Will post property
117 Nittany Lane	Received complaint about property owner burning brush on 4/11/2022. Visited owner and issued warning and informed them of burn ordinance
407 Sewickley Ave	Spoke with the owner of small dark blue mini cooper, inspection and registration expired gave him two weeks to get the vehicle moved. Not moved as of yet. Will have it towed.
218 Church Street	Received complaint about abandoned vehicle, posted vehicle and owner contacted me and moved vehicle
2564 Mars Hill Road	Shed collapsing and junked vehicle on premise, violation letter sent.
218 Madison Ave`	Garbage accumulating alongside house, violation letter sent. Property cleaned up.
Orchard Drive Geese	Sent a letter regarding geese escaping from their enclosure and causing issues in the neighborhood.

Report from Recreation Director, Scott Morrison

Recreation Center:

- We still have several morning groups and evening groups regularly renting the gym. Also, youth organizations are renting when weather is not good to practice outside. Currently looking for groups to rent during summer months. A flyer is posted at the Rec Center about summer gym rental and anyone inquiring can contact or email me at the Rec Center.

Fitness Classes:

- Fitness classes will continue throughout the spring and summer. Step classes are being held on Tuesday mornings and P90X classes are held on Thursday mornings. Both classes are from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Recreation Activities:

- Our Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 9th was a huge success. We had approximately 130 children attend. I would like to thank the following people who contributed to having a great Easter Egg Hunt event. Megan Vanyo who was The Easter Bunny and Maria Vanyo who was her assistant, Herminie Fire Company for handling traffic control, our Recreation Board who put in a lot of work preparing hot dogs, putting together Easter prize baskets, gathering candy, dispersing the Easter eggs and much more. Members of the Recreation Board include - Tracy Hampshire, Carol Keller, Ann McWilliams, Ashley Sarver, Janet Schork, and Patty Vanyo. Also, thank you Jenn Worley from the library who handed out library information to the children and members of the Yough High School Honor Society for volunteering their time putting candy into the Easter eggs.

Jump Start:

- The winter Jump Start Basketball program concluded on Saturday, April 16th. The program was successful and had good participation.

Crabapple Pool:

- Crabapple Pool is preparing to open for the 2022 Season.
- We currently have five (5) lifeguards set to work at Crabapple Pool and are currently accepting applications for additional lifeguards.

Park and Pool Maintenance:

- We are currently accepting applications for park and pool maintenance employees.

Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt:

Thank you to all the local businesses who sent in donations to help with expenses for the Easter Egg Hunt:

- ✓ Herminie Dairy Queen
- ✓ Joseph W Nickels Funeral Home
- ✓ PLS Electrical Construction
- ✓ Luft's Auto & Truck Repair LLC
- ✓ Luft's Lawn Care
- ✓ Labuda Farm Service Inc
- ✓ Kavel Farms LLC
- ✓ Sewickley Beer Distributor
- ✓ Basic Carbide Corporation
- ✓ Turik's Electric LLC.
- ✓ Karr Dumpster & Flatbed Service Inc
- ✓ Gibson – Thomas Engineering Co., Inc.
- ✓ Rupp & Fiore Insurance Management Inc
- ✓ Oak Hill Dental
- ✓ Hazuzas Greenhouse
- ✓ Elite HTG. & Air Conditioning Inc
- ✓ Earth Elements Landscape Supply, LLC
- ✓ Country Custard Cottage

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Randy Walter spoke about the Ordinance involving the Intergovernmental Agreement between Sewickley Township and Sutersville Borough. He listed items that the Township would be responsible for paying for Sutersville VFC if this agreement goes through. Solicitor Demosky clarified that the motion is just to advertise the Ordinance. A public hearing will then be held to hear public comments regarding this before the Supervisors vote on it.

Meri Beth Wees then spoke about the term “all structural fires” in the motion. Does that mean that our fire departments will not be in charge of any structural fires in the designated areas? Mr. Petros clarified that it is just in the designated areas. Solicitor Demosky stated that if the motion passes this evening, there will be a list of areas provided. She then asked about the motion appointing Linda Harvey as a part time Administrative Assistant. How can she hold both roles within the Township. Mr. Petros stated that Supervisors can hold positions within the Township also. She then asked if it was advertised. Solicitor Demosky stated that it is not required. Mr. Petros stated that it is just a temporary position to help in the office until someone is hired.

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, 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	\$ 301.64
Esri – ArcGIS annual license & maintenance	\$ 596.00

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, 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 – new door for brush truck	\$ 618.40
Black Mountain Enterprises – oil & fuel filters on '93 emergency truck	\$ 305.66

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to advertise for bid proposals on the purchase of a drone and accessories for Sewickley Township Emergency Management. Their EMS Tax funds will be used for the purchase.

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to advertise an Ordinance to enter an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Township of Sewickley and The Borough of Sutersville to designate the Sutersville Volunteer Fire Department as the primary service provider for designated areas within the Township of Sewickley. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to table the adoption of Resolution 17-2022 authorizing Mark Petros as signatory authority on the Highway Use Agreement for Roundabout Maintenance with Landscaping and Highway Lighting. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously to table.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to table the approval of the Highway Use Agreement between the Township of Sewickley, PennDOT, and Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (“WCIDC”). Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously to table.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to renew Weight Limit Permit 2019-1 with Olympus Energy for Dick Station Road. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to authorize the sale of the 1981 Athey Belt Loader and the 2003 Freightliner Street Sweeper through the GovPlanet Government Equipment Online Auction site. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to accept the resignations of Bryan Cosalter effective end of day April 11, 2022 and Donn Henderson effective end of day April 29, 2022. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to appoint Linda Harvey as part time Administrative Assistant to be compensated at the rate set by the Township’s Elected Auditor. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to pay for the cost of a dumpster for the Community Clean Up Day held on April 9, 2022 by the Sewickley Watershed Organization. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to authorize the Sewickley Township Recreation Committee use of the Large Pavilion at Crabapple Park on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm for their Annual Rabies Clinic. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize Crabapple Pool to donate four (4) one-day passes to the Yough Gridders (Yough High School Football Team Boosters). Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00am as follows:

		Hanson Aggregates
		Deliver to Twp Bldg
5,000 ton	AASHTO No. 57 (Limestone)	\$ 21.05
1,000 ton	AASHTO No. 67	\$ 21.55
1,000 ton	2RC (Limestone)	\$ 17.55
500 ton	R-4	\$ 23.80
500 ton	R-5	\$ 27.30
200 ton	R-6	\$ 28.30
500 ton	Gabion Stone	\$ 23.80
2,000 ton	2A Modified	\$ 17.55

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to award the 2022 Stone Bid to Hanson Aggregates. The contract shall be effective through April 25, 2023. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00am as follows:

		Pleasant Unity Supply	Culverts, Inc.
		Deliver to Twp Bldg	Deliver to Twp Bldg
10 per unit	Pre-Cast Basin (PennDOT Type) 2' x 4' x 3'	\$ 330	\$ 296
10 per unit	Pre-Cast Basin (PennDOT Type) 2' x 4' x 2'	\$ 277	\$ 243
10 per unit	Pre-Cast Basin (PennDOT Type) 2' x 2' x 2'	\$ 235	\$ 193
10 per unit	Type "M" Inlet Top w/ Bicycle Gate 2' x 4' x 8"	\$ 186	\$ 487
10 per unit	Type "M" Inlet Top w/ Bicycle Gate 2' x 4' x 6"	N/A	\$ 487
10 per unit	Type "M" Inlet Top w/ Bicycle Gate 2' x 2' x 8"	\$ 65	\$ 418
5 per unit	2' x 4' x 4" Inlet Riser	\$ 65	\$ 55
5 per unit	2' x 4' x 6" Inlet Riser	\$ 71	\$ 60
5 per unit	2' x 4' x 8" Inlet Riser	\$ 130	\$ 99

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to award the 2022 Catch Basins and Risers Bid to Culverts, Inc. for their highlighted lowest bids and Pleasant Unity Supply for their highlighted lowest bids at the above prices. The contracts shall be effective through April 25, 2023. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00am as follows:

		Chemung Supply Corp	Pleasant Unity Supply	Culverts, Inc.
		Deliver to Twp Bldg	Deliver to Twp Bldg	Deliver to Twp Bldg
100 feet	10" Smooth Bore Plastic Pipe, 20 ft sections	\$ 11.86	\$ 11.86	\$ 12.00
1,000 feet	15" Plastic Pipe, Double Wall w/ Smooth Interior	\$ 14.91	\$ 17.90	\$ 15.25
1,000 feet	18" Plastic Pipe, Double Wall w/ Smooth Interior	\$ 19.17	\$ 23.90	\$ 19.50
1,000 feet	6" Underdrain Pipe, 100 ft rolls	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.25

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to award the 2022 Pipe Bid to Chemung Supply at the above prices. The contract shall be effective through April 25, 2023. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00am as follows:

		Hanson Aggregates	Tresco Paving
		FOB Plant	FOB Plant
3,000 ton	Superpave Asphalt 9.5mm, PG 64S-22 0 to 0.3 million ESAL's SRL-G	\$ 61.00	\$ 54.50
2,000 ton	Superpave Asphalt 19.0mm, PG 64S-22 0 to 0.3 million ESAL's SRL-G	\$ 53.00	\$ 46.90
1,000 ton	Superpave Asphalt 25.0 mm, PG 64S-22 0 to 0.3 million ESAL's SRL-G	\$ 52.00	\$ 44.90

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to award the Superpave Contract to Tresco Paving Corp at the above prices. The contract shall be effective through April 25, 2023. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for the following were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00am as follows:

		Russell Standard Corp
		Delivered At Job Site
5,000 gallon	AE-T (Tack Oil)	\$ 5.25

Mark Petros, made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to award the AE-T (Tack Oil) Contract to Russell Standard Corp. The contract shall be effective through April 25, 2023. Voting: Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:

Checks 12446 to 12476 - \$ 29,031.89 (3/16/22)
 Checks 12477 to 12496 - \$ 32,952.08 (3/31/22)
 Checks 12497 to 12534 - \$ 30,263.47 (4/14/22)

MAWC - \$ 105.64 (4/18/22)
 MAWC - \$ 62.13 (4/19/22)
 MAWC - \$ 185.85 (4/19/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 185.85 (3/17/22)
 MAWC - \$ 62.14 (3/17/22)
 First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 573.70 (3/25/22)
 S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (3/31/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 226.39 (4/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 42.16 (4/7/22)
 PSATS UC Group - \$ 5,532.60 (4/13/22)

Crabapple:

Check 4888 - \$ 39.03 (3/16/22)
 Checks 4889 to 4891 - \$ 546.90 (4/14/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 61.95 (3/18/22)
 First Energy - \$ 35.62 (3/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 19.78 (3/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 118.34 (4/7/22)
 First Energy - \$ 98.21 (4/7/22)
 Cred Card Machine - \$ 9.16 (4/11/22)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 122.95 (3/18/22)
 Paychex - \$ 125.61 (3/21/22)
 Paychex - \$ 126.40 (3/25/22)
 Paychex - \$ 126.40 (4/1/22)
 Paychex - \$ 150.75 (4/8/22)
 Paychex - \$ 133.30 (4/15/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,269.84 (3/18/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,119.16 (3/25/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,893.67 (4/1/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,327.12 (4/8/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,874.50 (4/15/22)

Recreation:

Checks 2959 to 2961 - \$ 263.60 (3/16/22)
 Check 2962 - \$ 140.00 (3/31/22)
 Checks 2963 to 2966 - \$ 437.79 (4/14/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (3/18/22)
 MAWC - \$ 30.98 (3/18/22)
 First Energy (3 payments) - \$ 536.35 (3/25/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 410.86 (4/4/22)
 MAWC - \$ 39.54 (4/19/22)
 MAWC - \$ 123.90 (4/19/22)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,246.23 (4/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 609.62 (4/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 383.51 (4/4/22)
 MAWC - \$ 3,051.00 (4/15/22)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 3/25/22 - \$ 9,904.69
 4/1/22 - \$ 10,402.30
 4/8/22 - \$ 12,041.36
 4/15/22 - \$ 13,342.61
 4/22/22 - \$ 8,222.52

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

General Public Comment

Jessi Stump spoke about 25 acres that her and her husband own off Greensburg Pike. It is zoned for either a multi-family dwelling or a modular home. They would like it rezoned so they can establish a residence on the property. Mr. Petros told them to talk to him after the meeting so he can get their contact information. Mr. Henderson added that they need to submit the appropriate application to the Zoning Hearing Board for their review and approval.

Norma Wunder spoke about funds the County Commissioners said they have and don't know what to do with. Has the Township requested any funds from the County to put towards the roads? Mr. Petros stated that we apply for grants through the County every year. She then spoke about the Ordinance issues in Lowber. Why is it taking so long to get Kubik property cleaned up? Mr. Bukovac replied that he had to start the process from the beginning and explained what steps he needs to follow.

Mary Beth Wees stated that EMA was told that the EMA building was sold by the Township. Mr. Petros and Mrs. Harvey both stated that the building has not been sold. Mrs. Wees then provided the Supervisors with architectural drawings of what they would need built for the Emergency Operations Center. Secondly, why are they paying for repairs to the furnace when they were told that the Township is currently paying for repairs to the building. Mr. Henderson reminded her that a certified letter was sent with the process in which they will be notified if or when the building gets advertised again to be sold.

Bryan Cosalter stated that Mr. Petros owns property that is most likely breaking ordinances with trailers and junk motor vehicles.

Rick Critchfield asked if there is an update on the Cowansburg Honor Roll. Solicitor Demosky stated that if he considers this a theft, contact the State Police to report the items stolen. Mr. Critchfield said it wasn't stolen. He claims previous Supervisors took the Honor Roll down and then it disappeared. Mr. Petros stated they made calls trying to locate it or get an idea of where it went. Mr. Critchfield moved on to the junkyard on Lowber Road. Junk vehicles are now across the road from the yard itself. The abandoned car on Madison Avenue is still there. Lastly, he asked for Mr. Petros and Mrs. Harvey to resign.

Announcements

MAX Earth Day Tire and Electronics Recycling Event is being held Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Sewickley Township residents can drop off unwanted electronics and a limited numbers of tires at 233 MAX Lane, Yukon. Please call 412.445.9789 with any questions.

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, May 18, 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 7:45pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Township Secretary