

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, May 18, 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 and Linda Harvey. Bill Dull was absent. Also attending the meeting were 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 May 5, 2022 at 1:00pm and May 18, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss personnel matters.

Report from Township General Fund Accounts

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
APRIL, 2022				
FNB General Fund	\$ 51,221.64	\$ 160,254.54	\$ 142,200.91	\$ 69,275.27
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 139,270.59	\$ 39,083.62	-0-	\$ 178,354.21
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,754.36	\$ 31.91	-0-	\$ 114,786.27

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Methven

We responded to 49 PA One Call requests this month for the Township to locate and mark our storm water pipes for other utilities and contractors. The crew completed the shoulder/ditch cleaning on the roads that were not completed from last year. We are continuing our road preparations for the chip seal program. We received the crack sealing machine and crack sealed Greenhills Road. We are preparing to skim pave Greenhills and Reservoir Roads this week and next week. Patching potholes are being done as complaints come in. Now that we have moved to a project first schedule, we will patch holes during inclement weather or breakdowns. Right-Of-Way mowing will start in two (2) weeks if not sooner. The pool has been cleaned. Repairs from vandalism still need to be made and general maintenance items need addressed. The Columbia Gas line replacement project in Herminie is in progress. This will last all summer while NPL crews work in phases to update the gas lines. Please be patient and aware there will be daylight street closures and flaggers during the length of the project. Russell Standard still has us on the Chip Sealing schedule which is to start the second or third week in June. The exact date will always depend on the weather cooperating. PLEASE slow down and drive through our work areas with caution!!!

Report from Ordinance Officer, Josh Bukovac

Warehouse Corner of 5th and Station Street	Hearing held on 5/6/2022. Property owner was given sixty (60) days to clean up remaining garbage
Costanza Properties	Citation re-filed with magistrate. Spoke with Judge Christner, he said the next step is a warrant
8th Street Abandoned House	Update 5/18/2022: Magistrate Christner said the next step is a warrant
112 Daisy Street	Update 5/18/2022: Citation filed with magistrate
Kubik Junkyard	Property posted. No response. Citation to be filed with magistrate
407 Sewickley Ave	Update 5/18/2022: Car removed
2564 Mars Hill Road	Certified letter returned. Property to be posted

Orchard Drive Geese	Update 5/18/2022: Violation notice sent
121 Wineland Drive	Inspected property, violation letter to be sent to owner
Twp Ballfields	Green Chevy Blazer broken down. Vehicle was removed
Porter Junkyard	Junked Vehicles are being parked across from the junkyard and are not fenced in. A violation letter was sent and the owner called and said he will remove the vehicles

Report from Recreation Director, Scott Morrison

Recreation Center:

- Step and P90X fitness classes are still being held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am. Also, a new class, Body Sculpt, is being offered this month on Friday's from 9:30am to 10:00am, except on May 27th there is no class because of Memorial Day weekend. Yoga is being held every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Yoga room, except for the 2nd Wednesday of the month which is still reserved for CPR classes.
- Open gym is every Monday and Friday from noon to 4:00pm. Anyone wanting to use open gym will need to contact me at the Rec Center to get signed up and receive a code for the door.

Recreation Activities:

- If approved tonight, the Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at Crabapple Park on Thursday, May 26th starting at 7:30pm.

Crabapple Pool:

- The pool is on pace to open Saturday, June 4th. Pool passes are being sold at the pool based on staff availability. Please check our Crabapple Pool Facebook site and the Sewickley Township website for information, possible changes, and important dates.

Crabapple Park:

- Park Gates opens every day at 8:00am and close at dusk. I ask everyone, if they see someone committing vandalism at the park, please notify the State Police and myself so we can keep our park looking great.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Brian Merdian asked for clarification on the following motions... Rescinding the sanction on Rillton VFC. Mrs. Harvey explained how the Township withheld \$3,000 from Rillton VFC in 2021. Moving forward, she believes there is no reason why the Township should continue to hold those 2 mil funds from them. He then asked about applying for the "Local Share Account Category 4 Facilities Program". Mr. Methven explained that counties with small casino licenses are receiving funds for municipalities to use for equipment, building improvements, etc. He would like to use the funds for small equipment purchases for road maintenance. Next was the motion regarding the Township property located in Rillton that was originally to be the new home of the Recreation Center/Library. Why is a change being considered to a recreation area with pavilion and playground? Mrs. Harvey stated that the Library is now working with the School District. There has been no movement on a new Recreation Center. And it would be nice to extend the park system into Rillton where it is already in the other three villages and it wouldn't cost anywhere near the amount for a new Rec facility. Mr. Merdian stated how the current Rec Center is in disrepair and hoping that there would still be room for the Rec Center along with the pavilion and playground. His final question is regarding the Auditor motions. Was this advertised that the Township was looking for letters of interest for the positions? Mrs. Harvey stated that it was not, and the Township has not always advertised for such positions. Mr. Merdian has concerns with Mrs. Harvey having a paid position in the Township office. Mrs. Harvey stated that it is temporary and to help Mrs. Leukhardt in the office.

Daryl Dermotta asked how the residents would know if there were board vacancies. Mr. Petros stated that it would be put on the end of the agenda, but this didn't make it on time. Mrs. Harvey added that they had to wait for Mr. Luty's resignation before appointing someone else.

Rick Critchfield stated that the Township property in Rillton has a recreation area with a playground and pavilion in the past. A new Recreation Center should be moved over there. Put the money into repairing the old one or build a new one.

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

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meetings held on March 16, 2022. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution No. 17-2022 appointing Susan Leukhardt as Secretary-Treasurer of the Township of Sewickley until the Reorganization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. This shall be effective April 30, 2022. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Proposals for the purchase of a drone and accessories for Sewickley Township Emergency Management were opened, read aloud, and recorded on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 10:00am as follows:

		Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC
	EMA Drone	\$ 33,781.88

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to award EMA Drone to Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$33,781.88. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, 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
Trib Total Media – advertising for drone bids	\$ 423.00
Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC – drone	\$ 33,781.88

Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

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
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Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to disburse 2021 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

Murray Auto Electric – repairs to emergency lighting on brush truck \$ 1,136.88

Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Linda Harvey made a motion to rescind Resolution 17-2021 sanctioning Rillton Volunteer Fire Company. With no second, the motion dies.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to table the adoption of Resolution 18-2022 authorizing Mark Petros as signatory authority on the Highway Use Agreement for Roundabout Maintenance with Landscaping and Highway Lighting. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed 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. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed to table.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to authorize Gibson Thomas Engineering to apply for a GP3 Permit through the Westmoreland County Conservation District for the Turner Lane Streambank Project. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to apply for funding for the “Local Share Account Category 4 Facilities Program” through the Department of Community & Economic Development. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Linda Harvey made a motion to revise the plan for the Sewickley Township property located in Rillton from a Recreation Center/Library to a Recreation Area with pavilion and playground. This would be considered part of the Sewickley Township Parks System. With no second, the motion dies.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to accept Sean Luty’s resignation from the elected position of Township Auditor for both terms he was certified to hold. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to table the adoption of Resolution 19-2022 appointing Mike Ulyan as a Sewickley Township Auditor. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed to table.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to table the adoption of Resolution 20-2022 appointing Wanda Layman as a Sewickley Township Auditor. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed to table.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros to advertise the two (2) positions of Township Auditor. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to authorize the renewal of the Township dental insurance with United Concordia through June 30, 2024. There is a no increase from the past benefit period. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to authorize the renewal of the Township vision insurance through Highmark. There is a minimal increase from the past benefit period. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to notify the Pennsylvania State Police and 911 of the persons to be notified in case of an emergency after business hours as:

- (1) Chairperson
- (2) Vice-Chairperson
- (3) Supervisor
- (4) Secretary-Treasurer
- (5) Public Works Director *** Can be called first for road related matters such as wash outs, snow removal, downed trees, etc.

Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution 21-2022 appointing Susan Leukhardt as the confidential contact person between Sewickley Township and Berkheimer for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information for official purposes. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to adopt Resolution 22-2022 appointing Mark Petros as an alternate member to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee (WCTCC). Linda Harvey remains a current member. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to advertise for a Mechanic and Seasonal Laborer for Sewickley Township. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to hire Rick Critchfield and Harlyn Schomer as part time Parks and Recreation Maintenance at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to authorize the Sewickley Township Public Library free use of the large pavilion at Crabapple Park on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 and Wednesday, July 27, 2022 for Library story time activities. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to authorize the use of Crabapple Park on Thursday, May 26, 2022 for the annual Candlelight Vigil and to waive all fees that may be involved. This event will be held from 7:30pm to dusk. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to hire the following employees to work the 2022 season at Crabapple Pool at the rates listed below.

2022 CRABAPPLE EMPLOYEE LIST

POSITION	NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE	PAY RATE PER HOUR
POOL MANAGER	Yvonne Shawl	13	\$ 16.25
ASSISTANT MANAGERS	Emma Gates	7	\$ 13.00
	Megan Vanyo	6	\$ 13.00
LIFEGUARDS	Maria Vanyo	3	\$ 11.00
	Dominic DeFazio	2	\$ 10.75
	Julia Kopf	2	\$ 10.75
	Hayley O'Conner	2	\$ 10.75
	Megan Pothoff	2	\$ 10.75
	Jack Shawl	2	\$ 10.75
	Liam Buzas	1	\$ 9.75
	Carmella Simco	1	\$ 9.75
GATE / CONCESSION	Danny Shawl	5	\$ 9.75

Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

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

General Fund:

Checks 12535 to 12559 - \$ 52,574.64 (4/28/22)

ACH Payments:

First Energy (6 payments) - \$ 546.14 (4/27/22)
 First Energy (2 payments) - \$ 16.22 (5/2/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 199.00 (5/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 42.24 (5/11/22)

Crabapple:

Check 4892 - \$ 340.00 (4/28/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 61.95 (4/20/22)

First Energy - \$ 37.36 (4/27/22)
 First Energy - \$ 19.54 (4/27/22)
 First Energy - \$ 118.56 (5/11/22)
 First Energy - \$ 98.40 (5/11/22)
 Cred Card Machine - \$ 28.03 (5/10/22)

Harland Clarke Dep Slips - \$ 18.80 (5/11/22)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 125.61 (4/20/22)
 Paychex - \$ 126.40 (4/22/22)
 Paychex - \$ 122.95 (4/29/22)
 Paychex - \$ 122.95 (5/6/22)
 Paychex - \$ 119.50 (5/13/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,619.76 (4/22/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,022.83 (4/29/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,732.92 (5/6/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,156.74 (5/13/22)

Recreation:

Checks 2967 to 2968 - \$ 310.53 (4/28/22)

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 19.38 (4/25/22)

First Energy - \$ 411.87 (4/27/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 344.44 (5/4/22)
 First Energy - \$ 12.79 (5/4/22)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,246.23 (5/9/22)
First Energy - \$ 609.62 (5/9/22)
First Energy - \$ 383.51 (5/9/22)

Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

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

Employees Payroll: 4/29/22 - \$ 10,419.73
5/6/22 - \$ 12,108.56
5/13/22 - \$ 10,199.46
5/20/22 - \$ 12,892.21

Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Motion passed.

General Public Comment

Rick Critchfield stated that he owed an apology regarding the location of the Cowansburg Honor Roll. He then stated that the car on Madison Avenue is still there.

Meri Beth Wees asked for an update on the EMA Building. Mr. Petros stated that it isn't being sold right now and it will be advertised when it is up for sale. Mrs. Wees asked to revisit the idea of EMA maintaining and updating the building instead of selling. Mr. Petros stated he is willing to listen.

Announcements

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, June 15, 2022 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mark Petros made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Harvey. Voting: Mr. Petros, yes; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer