

Chairman, Mark Petros, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:05pm, 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 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 27, 2022 at 11:30am and June 15, 2022 to discuss legal matters and June 9, 2022 at 7:00am to discuss personnel matters.

Report from Township General Fund Accounts, Susan Leukhardt

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
MAY, 2022				
FNB General Fund	\$ 69,275.27	\$ 187,695.06	\$ 78,023.95	\$ 178,946.38
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 178,354.21	\$ 113,347.38	-0-	\$ 291,701.59
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 114,786.27	\$ 26,065.68	-0-	\$ 140,851.95

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Methven

We responded to 67 PA One Call requests this month for the Township to locate and mark our storm water pipes, from other utilities and contractors. We continued our road preparations for the chip seal program this month. New asphalt patches were paved on Greenhills Road to remove depressions. We then moved to Reservoir Road and did patch and leveling paving on several areas of the road. Shuglie Hill Road was re-graded to install crown in the road. New shoulder ditches were cut in and a new layer of asphalt millings were paved and compacted to level and smooth the road surface. A section of Rodebaugh Road was also leveled with asphalt millings and compacted. Patch paving was done on General Braddock Road to seal of the deteriorating center line cracks and to patch potholes. Russell Standard completed the chipping program today and did a nice job. 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 has started. Sight distance issues are handled first then roads we are working. If you see the tractor mowing, Please slow down and pass when possible, with care. The crew replaced the STOP sign at Dick Station Road for the second time in a month. Three (3) other road signs had to be replaced due to theft or vandalism. Replacing these signs is expensive for the Township. The Columbia Gas line replacement project in Hermine 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. As always, 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 will be held on 7/6/2022,
Costanza Properties	Hearing will be held on 7/6/2022,
8th Street Abandoned House	Hearing will be held on 7/6/2022,
112 Daisy Street	Citation filed. Property owner is beginning to clean up property.
Kubik Junkyard	Citation filed. No court date yet.
407 Sewickley Ave	Car has been removed.

2564 Mars Hill Road	Shed collapsing and junked vehicle on premises. Citation to be filed with magistrate.
Orchard Drive Geese	Property owner will fix fence to contain the geese.
121 Wineland Drive	Violation letter sent to owner regarding not completing the building permit.
Porter Junkyard	Junk vehicles have not been removed. Citation to be filed with magistrate.
303 Sewickley Ave	Grass has been cut.
Lake on McCune Drive	Grass has been cut.
621 Sewickley Ave	Grass has been cut.
2271 Mars Hill Road	High grass and weeds. Violation letter to be sent.
Burning on Minnick Lane	Burning on non-burn day. Warning letter to be sent.
208 Hood Street	High grass and weeds. House needs demolished. Owner passed away. Waiting to see if property changes hands..
Cowansburg Properties	Inspection performed on properties. High grass and weeds violation letters to be sent to owners.
24 Clopper Street	DEP complaint for high grass and weeds, Violation letter to be sent to property owner
Madison Ave Abandoned Car	State Police have tagged the vehicle. It will be removed in four (4) days.
606 Sewickley Ave	High grass and weeds. Violation letter to be sent
10831 Guffey Rillton Road	High grass and weeds, accumulation of rubbish and junk. Violation letter sent.
10829 Guffey Rillton Road	High grass and weeds, accumulation of rubbish and junk. Violation letter sent.

Report from Recreation Director, Scott Morrison

Recreation Center:

- No morning classes this week. Morning classes will resume on Tuesday, June 21st. Step and P90X fitness classes are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am and Body Sculpt is on Fridays at 9:30am. Yoga is held every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Yoga room, except for the 2nd Wednesday of the month which is reserved for CPR classes.
- We have gym availability both during the week and weekend. If any person, group, or organization wants to book, they can contact me at the Recreation Center.

Crabapple Pool:

- The pool opened on Saturday, June 11th. Any inquiries about the pool, pool passes, and pool parties should be directed to our Pool Manager, Yvonne Shawl.

Crabapple Park:

- Weekend Pavilion rentals are booked for June and July. There are still a few weekend availabilities in August. Anyone interested in booking a pavilion rental can contact me at the Recreation Center.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Tom Couch asked about Ordinance 3-2022. Will a copy of the Ordinance be available? Mr. Petros answered yes, and it will also be advertised with copies available at the Township Office.

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 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
Mzeroa – Remote Pilot 101 courses for drone	\$ 1,725.00
3 Rivers Fire Equipment – emergency ahead road signs	\$ 2,156.00

Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; 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:

Premier Safety – yellow caution barricade tape	\$ 48.59
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Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to schedule a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:30pm immediately following the monthly public meeting to consider the enactment of Ordinance No. 3-2022 to enter an intermunicipal agreement between the Township of Sewickley and the Borough of Sutersville. Board Comments: Mrs. Harvey asked when the decision is made after hearing the public comments. Solicitor Demosky stated that the Supervisors can make the decision that evening or whenever it is placed on an agenda after that hearing. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve a Conservation Partnership Agreement between the Westmoreland Conservation District and Sewickley Township. This is needed for the GP3 Permit for the Turner Lane Streambank Project. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Change Order #2 for the 2021 Shot and Chip Program, Contract 3-2021, in the amount of \$7,592.00. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to authorize Gibson Thomas Engineering to apply for an ARLE Grant for two (2) Shield 15 Radar Speed Display signs. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to adopt Resolution 18-2022 authorizing Mark Petros as signatory authority on the Highway Use Agreement for Roundabout Maintenance with Landscaping and Highway Lighting subject to Solicitor approval. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the request for waiver of the Township's driveway regulations for the property located at 3048 Angelcyk Lane, West Newton, Tax Map No. 58-11-00-0-015 as recommended by the Township Engineer and subject to the approval of an indemnification agreement and release by the Township Solicitor. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to approve the K & K Auto Subdivision which is a 1.23 acre add-on tract to the rear of their property located on Route 136. This plan is under consideration from the Planning Commission at their meeting held on June 14, 2022. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve advertising the enactment of Ordinance 4-2022 setting the speed limit at 35 MPH on Pinewood Road. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to advertise for Planning Workshop to be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00pm. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the building of a new recreation / community center. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewickley Township advertised in the Tribune Review and on the Township website for two (2) vacant Auditor positions. Letters of interest have been received from Mike Ulyan, Wanda Layman, and Thomas Couch.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to adopt Resolution 19-2022 appointing Thomas Couch as a Sewickley Township Auditor to hold office until the first Monday in January after the first municipal election which occurs at least sixty days after the vacancy occurs, at which election an eligible person shall be elected for the unexpired term. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to adopt Resolution 20-2022 appointing Mike Ulyan as a Sewickley Township Auditor to hold office until the first Monday in January after the first municipal election which occurs at least sixty days after the vacancy occurs, at which election an eligible person shall be elected for the unexpired term. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution No. 23-2022 re-establishing the allowable mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service at \$.62.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2022. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to advertise for the position of Township Manager and Administrative Assistant. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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, July 20, 2022 for Story Time from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Dull, Mr. Petros; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

POSITION	NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE	PAY RATE PER HOUR
LIFEGUARDS	Paige Sullenberger	1	\$ 9.75
	Luke Morrow	1	\$ 9.75
GATE / CONCESSION	Alexandra Beers	1	\$ 8.75
	Shawna Ritter	1	\$ 8.75
	Alana Fidei	1	\$ 8.75

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

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

General Fund:

Checks 12560 to 12592 - \$ 24,836.29 (5/18/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 185.85 (5/18/22)

MAWC - \$ 62.13 (5/18/22)

First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 518.51 (5/27/22)

Columbia Gas - \$ 59.39 (6/3/22)

First Energy - \$ 42.24 (6/8/22)

Act 13:

Checks 1137 to 1138 - \$ 49,103.21 (5/20/22)

Crabapple:

Checks 4893 to 4898 - \$ 1,894.49 (5/20/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 128.85 (5/18/22)

MAWC - \$ 61.95 (5/18/22)

Credit Card Machine - \$ 295.00 (5/24/22)

First Energy - \$ 35.96 (5/27/22) Cred

First Energy - \$ 17.55 (5/27/22)

First Energy - \$ 118.56 (6/8/22)

First Energy - \$ 98.40 (6/8/22)

Card Machine - \$ 21.80 (6/10/22)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 171.08 (5/20/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,793.66 (5/20/22)

Paychex - \$ 125.61 (5/20/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,580.75 (5/27/22)

Paychex - \$ 136.75 (5/27/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,489.59 (6/3/22)

Paychex - \$ 147.40 (6/3/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,451.89 (6/10/22)

Paychex - \$ 143.75 (6/10/22)

Recreation:

Checks 2969 to 2970 - \$ 626.92 (5/18/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (5/18/22)

MAWC - \$ 39.54 (5/18/22)

First Energy - \$ 17.39 (5/24/22)

First Energy - \$ 320.04 (5/27/22)

First Energy - \$ 13.14 (5/27/22)

Columbia Gas - \$ 56.07 (6/3/22)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,250.89 (6/6/22)

First Energy - \$ 610.89 (6/6/22)

First Energy - \$ 384.30 (6/6/22)

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

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

Employees Payroll:	5/27/22 - \$ 8,679.81
	6/3/22 - \$ 9,203.56
	6/10/22 - \$ 8,752.04

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

General Public Comment

John Van Dyke has a concern regarding the Wachs Lane Bridge. After every storm, the bridge is collecting more and more trees and debris. The people in town are getting concerned when they see it blocked up. It could prohibit some to get to their residences. He understands it's not the Township's responsibility but is wondering if there is someone we can contact.

Tim Luft stated that he will be cutting some of the areas that have the high grass complaints.

Rick Critchfield stated that he is no longer any employee. The reason being that he couldn't get the right equipment, tools, couldn't get anyone to make a decision. He then asked Mr. Methven to contact the gas company to have them stop breaking water lines. The grass needs cut at 42 6th Street, Herminie.

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.

As part of Sewickley Township's clean storm water program, we would like to remind everyone that our storm water inlets, curbs and gutters, drainage ditches and storm pipes discharge into the Sewickley Creek or the Youghiogheny River which are used for fishing, boating, and swimming. In order to help improve the quality of our river and creek, we remind residents and businesses to please do not discard grass clippings, used oil, paints, solvents, or other wastes into the storm drains. Maintain the grass height in your yard at no less than three (3) inches. Longer grass is healthier, retains more moisture, and requires less fertilizer. If using fertilizers or pesticides, always follow the directions and never apply immediately before a rainstorm. If draining your pool, allow your pool to dechlorinate first by keeping it uncovered and waiting at least ten days after its last chlorination to allow the chlorine to dissipate in the air. Then have the pool drain into a grassy area. Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste lie in the streets or alleyways where they can get washed into the storm drain. Wash your vehicle in an area where the dirty wash water will not run directly into a storm inlet. Preferably, wash your vehicle at a car wash or in a grassy or gravel area. Properly dispose of used motor oil, oil-based paints, solvents, household cleaners, and other hazardous household chemicals. We remind residents and businesses that it is illegal to dispose of these chemicals in the Township's storm inlets. Go to www.dep.pa.gov/stormwatermgmt for more information. Together we can protect and preserve a very important resource of our community.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, July 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 7:35pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer