

Vice Chairperson, Linda Harvey, on Wednesday, September 21, 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 Linda Harvey and Bill Dull. Mark Petros was absent. Also attending the meeting were Tom Methven, Solicitor Lee Demosky, and Susan Leukhardt.

Linda Harvey led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held on September 21, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss legal matters.

Report from Secretary-Treasurer, Susan Leukhardt

Account	Beginning Balance	Deposits / Interest	Transfers / Payments	Ending Balance
AUGUST, 2022				
FNB General Fund	\$ 83,365.08	\$ 142,530.12	\$ 166,832.13	\$ 59,063.07
PLGIT General Fund	\$ 388,394.46	\$ 102,253.90	\$ 150,574.42	\$ 340,073.94
FNB Reserve Account	\$ 142,053.83	\$ 221.64	-0-	\$ 142,275.47

Report from Public Works Director, Tom Methven

We responded to 71 PA One Call requests this month. Patching potholes are being done as complaints come in. Right-Of-Way mowing is still occurring on the roads. If you see the tractor mowing, please slow down and pass, when possible, with care. If you own trees, especially decorative trees that have grown out over the side of the road, please trim them back. Larger vehicles need clearance for height and mirrors. We are trimming back bushes and trees this year, so progress is taking longer than past years. If your road hasn't been mowed yet, he will get there. You have not been forgotten about. We updated missing street signs in Herminie this month. Several intersections were missing one or two street name signs. Theft of street signs is still a problem. If you notice a STOP sign down or damaged, please call the Public Works Department immediately. We want to get those fixed as soon as possible. We again had vandalism this month at the Crabapple Park and Pool Complex. We think the same actor as the previous month broke into the pool area again. Another lock was pried open and stolen. The gate was also damaged needing repair. I did find the person who broke into the pool on the security cameras. He was swimming in the pool which was irresponsible. The pool was no longer filtered or the proper depth so injuries could have occurred. We posted his pictures on social media, but the public was not interested in helping us identify him. The new 30 mph signs were installed on Pinewood Road last week making the new speed limit official. If you notice excessive speeding on that road, please call the Pennsylvania State Police. The Columbia Gas line replacement project in Hermine is in progress. This will last the remainder of good weather this year. The NPL crews work in phases to update the gas lines. The contractor is ahead of schedule. Phase-3 of the project was approved. Please be patient and aware there will be daylight street closures and flaggers during the length of the project. Also, more crews from another contractor are coming into the gas line replacement project this week. These new crews will be installing the tap and residential gas lines from the new main lines. This will require the crews shutting your gas service off the checking your homes for gas leaks and re-lighting piolet lights. They will start in the area of Wilps Drive and Meadow. They will be following the same path as the main line installation. The pipeline replacement project has been difficult this month. We have found several old drainage lines abandoned in the street and several unknown lines hit by the contractor needing repairs. We have had to replace our storm water drainpipes found collapsed or damaged under the street while they are installing new gas lines. As always, please slow down and drive through our work areas with caution.

Report from Ordinance Officer, Josh Bukovac --- given by Susan Leukhardt

Costanza Properties	Appeal hearing scheduled 9/22/2022 at the Greensburg Courthouse
8th Street Abandoned House	Appeal hearing scheduled 9/22/2022 at the Greensburg Courthouse
112 Daisy Street	Magistrate hearing held. Property owner granted sixty (60) days to clean up property.
Kubik Junkyard	Hearing held on 7/6/2022. Owner fined \$300.
Porter Junkyard	Citation to be filed with magistrate.
606 Sewickley Ave	Will follow up with inspection.
10831 Guffey Rillton Road	Will follow up with inspection.
10829 Guffey Rillton Road	Will follow up with inspection.
207 Church Street	Will follow up with inspection.
123 Limerick Road	Letter returned undeliverable.
144 Lily Street	High grass and weeds.
Near 215 Oak Street	Junked vehicle.
490 Herminie Road	High grass and weeds. Violation letter to be sent.
1734 Mars Hill Road	Burning at property. Letter sent.
110 Limerick Road	Burning at property. Will speak to owner and send violation letter.
44 Clopper Street	Abandoned property. High grass and weeds.
Church Street Vehicles	Four (4) vehicles parked on Church Street with expired registration. Working on tracking down owners.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Randy Walter reiterated that dual response or let the computer pick is the way to go instead of entering into this agreement with Sutersville. Why should they get our residents tax money? The only way out of the contract is for them to say they don't want to be in it. This is a bad deal.

Tom Couch asked if the general liability insurance was bid out. When was the last time the Township looked into reducing the cost. Mrs. Harvey stated last year. Regarding the Budget Workshops, will those meetings be advertised. Mrs. Harvey stated yes. Absolutely. He then asked about the rental rates for Recreation. Mrs. Harvey stated that it is a 10% increase. He asked if they thought it was enough with the way inflation is. Mrs. Harvey stated that at this time, we're just trying to keep things reasonable for the residents of our Township

Jamie Dubinsky spoke about the Sutersville agreement. She believes that this is a positive thing for the residents in her area. The response time would be much quicker. They're very qualified.

Rick Critchfield asked why there has to be an Ordinance passed for them to respond to a call. If they're a volunteer fire company and they are in the area, why can't they just respond to the fire. He is against it.

Jean Bacha asked what qualifications the new Recreation Director has for the job. Mrs. Harvey stated that they based the hiring on what our previous Rec Director, Janet Schork, did on a daily basis. She then asked where the

new hire resides. Mrs. Harvey stated North Huntingdon and before that in a different city. Mr. Dull added that he has worked with large rinks and has experience in recreation. Mrs. Harvey explained the interview process for the position. Mrs. Bacha feels we should be hiring within our own Township.

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held on Monday, June 27, 2022 and the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull 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	\$ 302.09

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

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

Schulte's Towing & Repair – 1998 freightliner maint & repairs	\$ 953.02
Schulte's Towing & Repair – 1999 hme firetruck repairs	\$ 2,172.47
Fast Track Moto Co. – firetruck lettering	\$ 575.00

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

Motion to enact Ordinance 3-2022 to enter an inter-municipal agreement with the Borough of Sutersville to provide enhanced fire protection services. This motion was tabled on July 20, 2022 and August 17, 2022. No motion and second were made.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve Rillton Volunteer Fire Company's 2000 HME Rescue/Pumper to be added to their Apparatus list with County 911. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution 26-2022 approving the request for changes submitted by Rillton Volunteer Fire Company and updating the Township Read Out Record subject to notice and confirmation of the three other volunteer fire departments in Sewickley Township. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution 27-2022 approving the request for changes submitted by Lowber Volunteer Fire Company and updating the Township Read Out Record subject to notice and confirmation of the three other volunteer fire departments in Sewickley Township. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to advertise an Ordinance establishing No On-Street Parking on New Block Drive, Township Route No. 540. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the sending of CDBG Local Match letters to Westmoreland County Community Development Division for the following projects.

Village of Rillton Phase II - \$ 37,437.00
 Whyel Area Roads - \$ 111,998.25
 Crabapple Pavilion Playground - \$9,333.75

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, adopt Resolution 28-2022 approving the following four (4) funding applications to the "Local Share Account Category 4 Facilities Program" for the items and funds listed below. There is a \$100.00 per application fee totaling \$400.00.

Application No. 1	Asphalt Recycler Hot Box Trailer (Priority I)	\$ 55,240.90
Application No. 2	Boom Mower (Priority II)	\$ 183,760.51
Application No. 3	Seal Master (Priority III)	\$ 73,509.70
Application No. 4	Two Man Trailer Patcher (Priority IV)	\$ 73,537.20

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the Robert and Sally Shuster Minor Subdivision No. 1. This plan subdivides parcel A containing 1.5 acres from the residual parcel containing 12.416 acres. The property is located on Guffey-Rillton Road and is zoned R-1. Public water and gas are located along the roadway. Public sewer is available by way of a utility easement through the adjoining properties. The front of the property is located in North Huntingdon Township. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the Pieniadz subdivision located on McGrogan Road. This plan has two existing properties with two residences on one deed. Lot 1 contains 33.94 acres and is zoned A-1. Lot 2 contains 13.27 acres and is zoned M-T. The purpose of the sub-division is to create an individual deed for each property. This plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the Public Works Director to proceed with preparation and issuance of a request for quotations to build a 2022-2023 DOT Class 5 plow and spreader truck (Non-CDL). Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to approve the renewal of Township Property, General Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance through First National Insurance Agency, Inc. The premium for the Workers Compensation Insurance is \$65,756.00 which is an increase of \$4,986.00. The premium for the General Liability Insurance is \$35,104.00 which is an increase of \$1,062.00 from last year. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to accept Harlyn Schomer's resignation as Parks and Recreation Maintenance effective September 18, 2022. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to hire Andrew Kozak as a full time Road Crew Equipment Operator at the rate of \$20.36 per hour for a 90-day probationary term. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, adopt Resolution 29-2022 to hire Chad Albert as a part time Recreation Director at the rate of \$17.00 per hour. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to adopt Resolution 30-2022 to hire Justin Conard as part time Parks and Recreation Maintenance at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to advertise in the Tribune Review for Budget Workshops to be held on the following dates at 6:00pm:

Thursday, September 29, 2022	Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Wednesday, October 12, 2022	Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the following rental rates for the 2022-2023 season at the Sewickley Township Recreation Center. These rates are recommended by the Recreation Director.

Gym Rental Weekday Evening & Weekend – Yough Sports Groups	\$ 44.00 per hour
Gym Rental Weekday Evening & Weekend - Non-Yough Sports Groups	\$ 66.00 per hour
Weekday Monday - Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm – Resident & Non Res	\$ 16.50 per hour
Birthday Party - Resident Rental	\$ 55.00 per hour
Birthday Party - Non-Sewickley Township Resident Rental	\$ 60.00 per hour
Sewickley Township 55+ Basketball / Volleyball	\$ 800
Senior Sewickley Township Indoor Flyers Flat Rate	\$ 600
The Church Gym Class One (1) Hour Weekly Flat Rate	\$ 175
Yoga/Fitness Room Monthly Rental	\$ 110 per month
Yoga/Fitness Room Hourly Rate	\$ 16.50 per hour

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

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve Coast-2-Coast use of the large pavilion at Crabapple Park from 12:00pm to 1:30pm on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the rate of \$50.00. Crabapple Park will be a lunch stop for the cross-country cycling group raising money for cancer research. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Bill Dull made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve the use of Crabapple Park and Pavilion on Saturday, October 15, 2022 by the Sewickley Township Recreation Committee and the Sewickley Township Public Library for their annual Trunk-n-Treat event. Voting: Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

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

General Fund:

Checks 12729 to 12760 - \$ 51,221.90 (8/26/22)
 Checks 12761 to 12785 - \$ 16,067.63 (9/12/22)
 Checks 12786 to 12790 - \$ 2,243.23 (9/14/22)

MAWC - \$ 62.14 (9/19/22)
 MAWC - \$ 185.85 (9/19/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 185.85 (8/17/22)
 MAWC - \$ 62.13 (8/17/22)
 First Energy (8 payments) - \$ 563.85 (8/25/22)
 Columbia Gas - \$ 35.74 (9/1/22)
 First Energy - \$ 39.55 (9/9/22)
 S & T Loan - \$ 5,252.37 (9/15/22)

Crabapple:

Checks 4944 to 4951 - \$ 4,465.85 (8/25/22)
 Checks 4952 to 4958 - \$ 3,529.83 (9/14/22)

MAWC - \$ 4,640.21 (9/19/22)
 MAWC - \$ 61.95 (9/19/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 4,097.83 (8/17/22)
 MAWC - \$ 61.95 (8/17/22)
 First Energy - \$ 276.97 (8/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 22.62 (8/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 111.53 (9/9/22)
 First Energy - \$ 92.42 (9/9/22)
 Credit Card Machine - \$ 82.69 (9/12/22)

Liquid Fuels:

Check 538 - \$ 8,790.81 (9/14/22)

Payroll / Paychex ACH Liabilities:

Paychex - \$ 192.55 (8/19/22)
 Paychex - \$ 139.92 (8/19/22)
 Paychex - \$ 177.95 (8/26/22)
 Paychex - \$ 185.25 (9/2/22)
 Paychex - \$ 141.45 (9/9/22)
 Paychex - \$ 140.10 (9/16/22)
 Paychex - \$ 136.74 (9/20/22)

Payroll Liabilities - \$ 3,153.90 (8/19/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,929.21 (8/26/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,986.40 (9/2/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,521.59 (9/9/22)
 Payroll Liabilities - \$ 2,986.72 (9/16/22)

Recreation:

Checks 2978 to 2979 - \$ 258.24 (8/26/22)

Columbia Gas - \$ 46.08 (9/1/22)
 MAWC - \$ 99.54 (9/19/22)
 MAWC - \$ 123.90 (9/19/22)

ACH Payments: MAWC - \$ 123.90 (8/17/22)
 MAWC - \$ 30.97 (8/17/22)
 First Energy - \$ 18.06 (8/24/22)
 First Energy - \$ 308.89 (8/25/22)
 First Energy - \$ 11.86 (8/25/22)

Street Light / Fire Hydrant:

ACH Payments: First Energy - \$ 2,103.85 (9/6/22)
 First Energy - \$ 570.90 (9/6/22)
 First Energy - \$ 359.14 (9/6/22)

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

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

Employees Payroll: 8/19/22 - \$ 8,546.04 (twp) , \$ 3,786.04 (pool)
 8/26/22 - \$ 7,395.14 (twp) , \$ 2,907.08 (pool)
 9/2/22 - \$ 9,015.75 (twp) , \$ 2,301.13 (pool)
 9/9/22 - \$ 8,711.58 (twp)
 9/16/22 - \$ 10,632.25 (twp)
 9/23/22 - \$ 7,778.12 (twp)

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

General Public Comment

Tyler Hammock read a statement regarding an unsafe incident with a Hempfield Township fire department. This happened on September 14th on the way to a shed fire on Yukon Road. He is asking for a letter to be sent to Hempfield Township notifying them of what could have been a devastating accident with our fire companies enroute to the scene. Traffic laws still apply.

Linda Coffey spoke about the sewage bills in Lowber. She heard from other residents who went to the SSMSA meeting that nothing is in the works to bring the bills down. What happened to the sewage plant going in on Scott Haven Road? We need to do whatever it takes to get that plant in Sewickley Township. It shouldn't be in Elizabeth. The bills will just keep going up. Mr. Critchfield added that the reason it wasn't put in on Scott Haven Road is because a rare flower was found in that area. The State would not allow for that land to be used. She then asked Mr. Methven for the 136 Daisy Street road issue to be fixed.

Darryl Dermotta asked for an explanation of the equipment being applied for through the Local Share Facilities Program on the agenda. Mr. Methven explained the prioritizing of the equipment and what they will be used for. He then asked why we no longer tar and chip as often as we used to in the Township. Mr. Methven explained that the price of tar and chipping has skyrocketed. It is still in his road plan and the equipment requested through this grant will help prolong the life of our roads. This grant also requires no matching funds.

Jamie Dubinsky lives at 128 Chopp Street and is speaking of the sewage bill increase through SSMSA. She gave the history and time frame of the cost of sewage through SSMSA, including water usage. This is a dire situation for the residents in Sewickley Township that have SSMSA and also Sutersville Borough residents. She attended their September meeting stating that they would not respond to any of the comments or questions that were presented. She is asking the Supervisors for their help with some sort of solution.

Rick Critchfield hopes the Recreation new hires are better than the previous Recreation Director. He then stated that he is not happy with the new rental rates for the Recreation Center. Mrs. Harvey stated that we do not want to raise rates, but we unfortunately have to. Mr. Critchfield then asked where the Supervisors are with the Rillton Recreation project. Mrs. Harvey stated that will be discussed soon. Next, Penn Line Service came through trimming trees. They dumped all the limbs on the vacant lot below him. Beside the vacant lot, there is a house between 5th and 6th Street and Madison Avenue that can't be seen because of the grass and weeds growing up around it. Where is our Ordinance Officer? Also, the issue that Norm Vinsick with his neighbor still has not been resolved.

Nancy Bickus-Neel was recently appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the SSMSA Board. She gave a statement detailing what she has learned from the first meeting she attended. She is very concerned for the residents and the hardships this is creating. She wants to exhaust every possibility to solve this problem. She has read the most recent audit and will be calling the Auditors for clarification on some things. The next meeting is October 3, 2022 at 7:30pm. Please contact the Sewage Board with your issues. The only responsibility of the Supervisors here is to appoint someone to the SSMSA Board. They do not have the authority to make decisions.

Frank Sever asked why the MSATS Sale Account funds is not being reported on the monthly agenda. Mrs. Leukhardt stated that the agenda only lists the General Fund and Reserve accounts. The account balances are public information and can be provided to you if you ask. He then asked what is being done with that money? It can be used for more than recreation. The Township needs equipment. Also, there is an overgrown house at 210 Hood Street with rats and snakes coming from their yard.

Joe Antonich asked if any funds will be spent on fixing the roads in Rillton. Many of the roads are in extreme disrepair. Mrs. Harvey explained the CDBG grant we have been approved for to begin stormwater replacement in Rillton. The next phase of the grant is to get approved for paving. He then asked what needs to be done to get Peach Street recognized by the Township. Mr. Methven stated that it doesn't meet the minimum standards to be recognized as a street. It is considered an alley. When the Township receives a complaint about it, we will do what we can to fix it.

A resident then asked a general question of if there is a business within the Township that supports the community, will the Township use them if needed over another business outside the Township. Mrs. Harvey stated that we generally support businesses within this community.

Bryan Cosalter asked where the Township is with the Crabapple Greenways Grant. Mr. Dull stated that we are figuring out new pricing as everything has gone up since covid. Mr. Cosalter thought the grant is running out soon. If we don't do it in time, does the grant go to waste? Mr. Dull stated that we are going to use it and are waiting on Gibson Thomas to get us the information on the funds needed. Mrs. Harvey said we have until 2024 with the grant. Other questions were asked but could not be answered due to not having the information in front of the Supervisors.

Old / New Business

The Board of Supervisors are looking for any persons interested in serving as a Township Auditor. 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, October 19, 2022 at 7:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Bill Dull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Harvey. Voting: Mr. Petros, absent; Mrs. Harvey, yes; Mr. Dull, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer