

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

April 7, 2020

Bank Balance 04/01/20	Receipts & Credits	Expenditures	Bank Balance 04/30/20
\$815,531.48	\$934,023.69	\$280,574.40	\$1,467,980.74

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at the Township Municipal Building, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:30 P.M. Present were Vice-Chairman Tom Appiequist via telephone, Supervisor Fritz Retsch, Doug Martin and Mike Phipps. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Administrative Assistant Savannah Barkley and Police Chief Ron Leindecker

****** *Due to the current situation with the Corona Virus pandemic, the Board of Supervisors meeting was restricted to staff only. A notice and a copy of the agenda was posted on the website and on the front door of the municipal building. The notice advised the public if they had any questions, they would like brought before the Board to call or email the Township office and it would be made part of the minutes. None were submitted.*

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

WELCOME Chairman Happ welcomed newly appointed Mike Phipps to the Board. He explained Supervisor Phipps was unable to vote tonight due to him not being sworn in.

MINUTES Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting and the March 31, 2020 special meeting as written. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Retsch, seconded by Martin, to pay the bills from the General Account, March 4th through March 31st for \$143,096.32 and as of April 7th for \$128,330.09 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT Administrative Assistant Savannah Barkley, read the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2020.

SUPERVISORS EMAILS All the Board members received new Township email addresses. They were advised if they have trouble setting theirs up to contact Mg-Soft for assistance.

POLICE HIRE Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, to hire two part time police officers. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

POLICE ALARM FEES Police Chief Ron Leindecker reported that last year the Township passed an Ordinance for repeated false alarm calls. He requested the Township now pass a resolution setting those fees.

Manager Beighey informed he received information from the solicitor suggesting the first offense for residential structure be \$100.00 second offense \$200.00 and \$300.00 for third offense. Commercial offenses fees would be \$300, \$400 then \$500.00.

The Chief also had concern that the ordinance reads that enforcement can be made by civil action at the district magistrate. He said he can't enforce civil action.

Manager Beighey stated he will contact the solicitor.

The Supervisors asked that a letter be written to both fire departments asking them to complete their fee schedule for reimbursement of claims and expenses for responding to emergency calls that is referred to in the ordinance.

MONTHLY REPORT Police Chief Ron Leindecker read the police department's monthly report for March 2020, which included the number of police calls, vehicle maintenance, arrests and citations issued.

FIREARMS Motion by Happ, seconded by Martin, to retract last month's motion to approve the purchase of firearms at a cost of \$5,416.80 instead approve the amount of \$10,480.00. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

FIRE MONTHLY RPT Chairman Happ read Pine Run Fire Department's March report which included all the calls they responded to.

GRANT Supervisor Phipps advised of an article in the paper reporting proposed grant programs available for volunteer fire departments and EMS companies. Information will be looked into.

ADVERTISE LIQ ASPHALT RENTAL EQIP Motion by Retsch, seconded by Martin, to advertise for Liquid Asphalts and Rental Equipment. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

ENGINEER REPORT Engineer Kevin Brett submitted a written report on the following tasks performed by their office during the month of March 2020.

- Reviewed New Life Community Church Subdivision
- Finalizing Road Study Report
- Completing Phase 1 of Storm System for Green Valley Park
- Stormwater (MS4) public meeting will be rescheduled
- The site plan for the public works garage has been prepared
- Received mapping from Water Authority for inclusion in one overall map

SOLICITOR Solicitor Chris Reese advised the Manager and Supervisor Retsch that he has the draft plan for the Police Pension completed, but still had a few questions before advertised.

PLANNING ETP Chairman Happ report the Board received a letter from the Planning Commission stating that the Township Engineer and the Solicitor have reviewed all the submittals from Energy Transfer and are satisfied.

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Energy Transfer to proceed with their projects. Vote of 3 to 1 in favor. HAPP voting NO

RECREATION RESIGNATION Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to accept the resignation of Sharon Klaiber from the Recreation Board. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

Supervisor Mike Phipps reported on the following for the Recreation Board.

- Robie Barkley was hired as the new park employee
- All the bathrooms have been locked in the park due to the COVID-19
- The Board will be sending letters to all the Associations advising all fields will be closed to groups
- Any pavilion reservations scheduled in the month of May, may have to be cancelled.
- Other activities, such as the Flea Market and Community Day may be postponed.

BOARD COMMENTS MARTIN

Supervisor Martin submitted a letter to be added to the website updating our residents on the recent changes the Supervisors implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked those organizations that have reached out to the community. He encouraged our residents to stay strong and encouraged residents to support our local businesses when there is a need.

Supervisor Martin commented that he received a complaint about poison hemlock in Green Valley Park around the bank by the creek. He also was told that the bridge along the walking trail is slippery when wet. The office staff will make signs to place on the bridge.

Supervisor Martin also thanked Detective Carney and the Township Secretary for their quick response on addressing corrections needed done on the website.

RETSCH

Supervisor Retsch said how much he appreciated what all the employees have done during this trying time.

PHIPPS

Supervisor Phipps asked if we knew of any residents in the Township that were in need of help. At this time no one did. He said to contact him if we did.

AGENDA MEETING

It was discussed cancelling the Agenda Meeting on April 28th, but was decided to wait closer to the time.

ADJOURN

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary

