

# NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

October 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at the Township Municipal Building, was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tom Applequist at 6:30 P.M. Present were Supervisors Fritz Retsch, Doug Martin and Mike Phipps. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Administrative Assistant Savannah Bonzo, Engineer Kevin Brett, Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R. J. Kraus, Lisa Bauman, David Bauman, Jenny Fessler, Albert E. Horn, Duane Rape, Amanda Peterson and Carrie Costanza.

**PLEDGE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** *At the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on September 1, 2020 the Board adjourned the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss several personnel matters. No Action was taken.*

**ABSENT** Chairman Greg Happ

**MINUTES** Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 regular meeting as written. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**BILLS** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps, to pay the bills from the General Account, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> for \$243,135.00 and as of October 6<sup>th</sup> for \$305,071.10 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT** Treasurer Elois Nadzak read her Treasurers Report for the month of September with a beginning balance of \$1,183,314.92 and an ending balance of \$1,201,311.54.

**RES #07-20** Motion by Martin, seconded by Retsch, to adopt Resolution No. 07-20 for the Sewage Facility for Sandra Wood property on Landwood Lane. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**HEARING SALDO/ZON AMMENDMENTS** Motion by Phipps, seconded by Retsch, to set November 3, 2020 6:00 pm as the hearing date for public comment to the proposed amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Township Zoning Ordinance. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**MMO** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps, to accept the 2021 MMO (Minimal Municipal Obligation). Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**ADVERTISE MANAGER** Supervisor Phipps put together a packet of information and responsibilities for the Township Manager/Zoning Officer's position. He also prepared a job description and requirements.

Resident Albert Horn, 132 Paige Drive, questioned if the Supervisors were looking to replace the current Manager/Zoning Officer with a person in the same position or if they will be separate positions. The Board told him the job will continue the same as it currently is, Manager and Zoning Officer.

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Martin, to advertise for the Township's Manager Position. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**TIRE  
COLLECTION**

Supervisor Applequist reminded the public of Tire Collection at the Municipal Building on October 17<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12 pm. He also advised that there is a need of volunteers.

**STREET  
LIGHTS**

The Board discussed adding two street lights in the Township. The Township currently has eight and if two more were added, the utility company would convert them to LED to decrease the electric usage. Chief Leindecker will submit a list of areas in the Township that need a light.

Albert Horn stated that pulling out of Paige Drive can be dangerous at times. He felt that adding a streetlight above the intersection of Paige Dr. and Big Knob Rd. would benefit the residents.

**IMPLEMENT  
MS4 FEE**

The Board discussed implementing a stormwater fee. The discussion included the costs of properties over ten acres, the amount of the fee to be charged to the residents, who will collect the fee, penalties and the \$750.00 to write the program.

Supervisor Mike Phipps voiced his concern that these decisions needed to be made as soon as possible in order to have the program written and ready for the beginning of 2021.

It was agreed the matter will be discussed and ready for action at the November meeting.

**ORD #219**

Motion by Martin, seconded by Phipps, to adopt Ordinance No. 219 amending the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) for the office staff Pension Plan. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**HIRE**

Motion by Martin, seconded by Phipps, to create a list to hire Part Time Police Officers. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**RESIGNATION  
POTTS  
CONLEY**

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps, to accept the resignations of Part Time Police Officers Jeremy Conley and Zachary Potts. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**REFUND  
PENNENERGY**

The Police Department received \$3,279.97 refund from PennEnergy Resources for police services.

**MONTHLY RPT**

Supervisor Doug Martin read the police department's monthly report for September 2020, which included the number of police calls, vehicle maintenance, arrests and citations issued.

**BIDS PUBLIC  
WKS GARAGE**

On October 5, 2020 the following two bids were received for the Public Works Garage for Contract A with Standing Seam

Contractor	Base Amount	Deduct Alternate
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- C. Tucker Cope & Associates                   \$428,464.00                   -\$5,000.00
- DiMarco Construction Co., Inc.           \$604,000.00                   -\$35,000.00

Motion by Phipps, seconded by Retsch, to award the bid to C. Tucker Cope & Associates in the amount of \$428,464.00 minus \$5,000.00 for a total cost of \$423,464.00. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**REJECT BIDS** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to reject all previous bids from last month's meeting. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**ROAD DEPT HIRE** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps, to hire a full time Road Department employee by March 1, 2021. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**LINE PAINTING** The following quotes were received for Line painting:

- Alpha Space Control                       \$10,220.00
- PLP Company                                 \$10,675.00
- Williams & Willman                       \$12,680.45

Motion by Phipps, seconded by Martin, to award the quote for Line Painting to Alpha Space Control for \$10,220.00. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**ROAD MONTHLY RPT** Road Foreman R.J. Kraus read the Road Department's monthly report for September which included all the tasks they performed during the month.

**ENGINEER** Kevin Brett submitted his monthly written report. In addition, he reported the following:

- Reviewed the Bonzo Plan of Subdivision
- Reviewed the Zobb Lot Line Revision
- Drafted the implementing of the Stormwater Utility Fee
- Public Works Building Bids
- Completed the amendments to SALDO & Zoning Ordinance

**SOLICITOR PENSION** Solicitor Chris Reese reported on the following:

- He reported four bids were received and reviewed for the Police Pension Plan. He said the committee will interview all four.
- He reported that the Township is permitted to close Green Valley Park to have events. Our current ordinance does not permit alcohol in the park. The Ordinance will have to be amended in order to permit it.
- He stated he will work with the Township Secretary on an unpaid invoice.
- The Brodmerkel litigation is still undecided and will continue into 2021.

**PLANNING RESIGNATION** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps, to accept the resignation of Dan Swartz. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

**BONZO** Motion by Martin, seconded by Phipps, to approve the Bonzo Plan of

- SUBDIV** Lots contingent upon the surveyor making all corrections requested by the Township Engineer. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- RECREATION MONTHLY RPT** Lisa Bauman, Chairman of the Recreation Board reported on the following:
- Trick or Treat Trail will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm
  - Member, Orrin LeFebvre has contacted and met with several electricians to obtain quotes for the amphitheater
- ZONING RPT** Supervisors received a copy of the building report for the month of September.
- GRANT RPT** A grant writing committee meeting was set for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am.
- BOARD COMMENTS APPLEQUIST** Supervisor Applequist commented on the following:
- Thanked the engineer for his professionalism and in assisting the Township by applying for the different grants to match the Township's needs.
  - The light poles at the intersection of Lovi Road and Freedom Crider has been added to the six-month checklist
  - Budget meetings are scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Two of the Supervisors will be meeting with two School Board members to continue discussion on school taxes and the school's budget
- Albert Horn voiced his displeasure that the public was not informed of the meeting and that there was no agenda for it. He was advised it was an informal meeting.
- Ron Goehring and Bill Smith are continuing their work on the history of New Sewickley Township. They have received several artifacts such as desks and chairs from the old Lincoln School
  - The need to get information to the residents that you are not permitted to blow grass onto the roadway
- MARTIN** Supervisor Martin questioned the low hanging wires on Big Knob Road. He was advised that the utility companies have been notified but refuse to do anything unless the wires fall onto the ground.
- RETSCH** Supervisor Retsch also thanked the following for volunteering on clean up day. Matt Cooper, Bill Steel, Frank Miklos, Dan Yount, Lisa Saludis, Brandon James, Misty Vodenichar, Bill Burr and Chief Leindecker for the use of his trailer.
- Supervisor Retsch also thanked former Supervisor Duane Rape for his past work on pushing the public works building forward.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion by Martin, seconded by Retsch, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session to discuss several personnel matters and

contract negotiations. No action will be taken.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff  
Secretary