

# NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

## Supervisor's Meeting

February 2, 2021

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 Applequist, Supervisors Douglas Martin, Fritz Retsch and Mike Phipps. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Administrative Assistant Lawrie Borgman, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Jenny Fessler, Dave Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Duane Rape, Amanda Peterson, Mike Guraly, Jay Parks, Brian Perry, Johnny Murtha, Arthur Worst, Mark Rosenbaum, Brian O'Malley, and Albert E. Horn.

***Chairman Happ announced that the Board of Supervisors held executive sessions on January 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter, and again on January 26, 2021 at 6:40 p.m. to discuss a matter regarding property. No action was taken.***

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

**MINUTES**       Motion by Applequist, seconded by Martin, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Reorganization meeting and the January 4, 2021 Regular meeting as written. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**BILLS**           Motion by Applequist, seconded by Phipps, to pay the bills from the General Account, January 5<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> for \$222,233.33 and as of February 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$251,439.38 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.  
\*After approval, it was brought to our attention that check #13659 should be \$50.00 not \$5,000.00 The Treasurer will make the correction prior to the check signing.

**TREASURERS  
REPORT**        Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak, read the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2021 with a beginning balance of \$765,638.43 and an ending balance of \$657,183.00.

**ORDINANCE  
REVIEW**        The Planning Commission requested the review of Ordinances 158 and 204 regarding the use of alcohol at Green Valley Park. It was the hope of the Planning Commission to amend or write a new Ordinance to allow for park closures for special events (ex: weddings or concerts at the amphitheater) and permit alcohol at those events.

Community resident, Duane Rape expressed his concern and displeasure over closing a community park and permitting alcohol.

It was decided that the two ordinances contradicted each other and if Ordinance 158 was repealed it would solve the contradiction, and no alcohol would be permitted at Green Valley Park, even for special events.

A motion was made by Happ to repeal Ordinance 158 and keep Ordinance 204 so alcohol will not be permitted on township property and seconded by Martin. Vote of 3 to 2 in favor. PHIPPS AND RETSCH VOTING NO.

<b>HIRE MANAGER</b>	Happ made a motion to hire Mr. Brian O'Malley as the new Township Manager, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor. Chairman Happ introduced Mr. O'Malley and welcomed him to the Township.
<b>ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY</b>	Retsch made a motion to schedule the Electronic Recycling Day for July 24, 2021, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.
<b>RESOLUTION NO. 4-21</b>	Discussion occurred over adopting Resolution No. 4-21 for Rivers Conservations and Stewardship Plan. Since this is not a mandated Resolution from the DEP, it was decided to table discussions at this time.
<b>CLEAN-UP DAY</b>	Happ made a motion to schedule the clean-up day at the Big Knob Grange on May 1, 2021 with one township employee working, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.
<b>TIRE COLLECTION</b>	Martin made a motion to schedule tire collection on May 8, 2021 with one township employee working and the township purchasing lunch, seconded by Applequist. Vote to 5-0 in favor.
<b>POLICE - THANK YOU LETTER</b>	A thank you letter was received by Freedom Borough for police services provided.
<b>POLICE - MUTUAL AGREEMENT</b>	The Mutual Agreement with Beaver County for DUI Task Force and Highway Task Force was reviewed for approval. Chief Leindecker stated that New Sewickley Police Department receives \$30,000 for overtime DUI pay from this agreement. Phipps made a motion to accept this agreement, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.
<b>POLICE MONTHLY REPORT</b>	Chief Leindecker read the monthly report for January 2021, which included the numbers of calls, accidents, arrests, citations, interviews, incidents, and vehicle maintenance.
<b>BK FIRE MONTHLY RPT</b>	Johnny Murtha read the January 2021 monthly report for the Big Knob Fire Department. A workshop with the Board of Supervisors was requested and set for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
<b>PR FIRE MONTHLY RPT</b>	Mike Guraly read the January 2021 monthly report for Pine Run Fire Department.
<b>ROAD DEPARTMENT</b>	R.J. Kraus read the January 2021 monthly report which included snow removal, vehicle maintenance, tree trimming, road work, and work on garages.

Kraus and Supervisor Martin will meet this week to review the job description to hire a new road department employee.

**ENGINEER  
REPORT**

Kevin Brett read the engineer's report from LSSE dated January 29, 2021.

**SOLICITOR  
REPORT**

Chris Reese drafted the amendment to the Police Contract for signature. This contract was presented to the Board of Supervisors in an executive session in September 2020. Happ made a motion to sign the amendment to the Police Contract, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

The Brodmerkel Hearing is in recess until March 9, 2021 when a decision will be read.

**PLANNING**

Phipps asked to schedule Conditional Use Hearings for Leindecker and Turner properties for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Agenda meeting. Happ made a motion, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**RECREATION**

Lisa Bauman reported on activities planned for Green Valley Park. Community Days is planned for July 31, 2021. The Board will hold off on scheduling anything for the event for another month in lieu of the current pandemic.

The Board is planning to purchase a large movie screen for the Movie in the Park evenings. Supervisor Martin gave suggestions on the aspect ratio size for the screen. Lisa will investigate his suggestions.

Christmas in the Park will be a new event held at the park the first weekend of December. This event is in the planning stage.

**GRANT  
WRITING**

Kevin Brett reported that a meeting would need to take place in February to discuss upcoming grant possibilities.

**BUILDING**

The Board of Supervisors received a copy of the building permits issued in January 2021.

**BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Chairman Happ stated the Board of Supervisors received three letters of resignation for the retirement of Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff and Equipment Operator Thomas Milligan. He thanked the employees for their many years of dedication and work serving New Sewickley Township.

Supervisor Retsch thanked Chief Leindecker and R.J. Kraus for the repair of the streetlight.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Happ, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff

Secretary