

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

July 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at Green Valley Park, 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 Brian O'Malley, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Mandy Larrick, Sandy Phipps, Elder Vogel Jr, David Lozier, Kathleen Carney, Alan Dambach, Greg Carney, Wes Magness, Theresa Magness, Markus DeNapoli, Gary Guy, Chelsea Guy, Max Guy, Ginny Guy, Maria Stewart, John Stewart, David Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Sandy Mathews, Tom Mathews, Dan Swab, Kristin Swab, Amanda Peterson, Jenny Fessler, Dave Carney, Linda Carney, PJ Moldovan, Maddie Edder, Mike LeDonne, Keith Haburjak, Beny, Jeff Lizzi, Candy Lizzi, Amy Speicher, Chuck Speicher, Monica DeAmorion, Joao DeAmorion, Kayla Troy-Lee, Robert Lee, Brice Troy, Tim Sovich, Amanda Sovich, Tim Moldovan, Carrie Moldovan, Tyler Moldovan, Sarah Moldovan, Greg Scheck, Tonya Scheck, Marilyn Zona, Jim Henderickson, Eddie Angeline, Pat Scheck, Jim Scheck, Mike Guraly, Jeremy Brown, Randy Dawson, Kevin Joy, Casey Novak, Sam Landis, John McCollums, Lori McCollums, Eric Brewer and Larry Hough

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was performed by Alexa Speicher

**PRESENTATION OF
AMPHITHEATER**

Manager O'Malley thanked those who helped in the final step of the sign completion and placement for the Green Valley Park Amphitheater. Special thanks to Dave and Lisa Bauman, Dan Lewis, Sam Landis, Chuck Speicher and Mike Loschinsky for their help in making this possible.

Manager O'Malley also thanked Roger and Penny Novak, the Novak family and Novak Auto Parts for their donation to the amphitheater project and their continued support of Green Valley Park. The amphitheater was named the Novak Auto Parts Amphitheater.

MINUTES

Motion by Applequist to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 Regular meeting as written, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS

Motion by Phipps to pay the bills from the General Account, June 2, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for \$148,013.44 and as of July 1, 2021 for a total of \$168,835.93 with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO 225
LOAN GUARANTEE FOR PINE
RUN VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Retsch to adopt Ordinance No 225 authorizing a guarantee by New Sewickley Township for a construction loan issued by First National Bank of Pennsylvania to the Pine Run Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$555,000 for the purpose of constructing a new fire department building, seconded by Applequist. Vote 5-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MS4

Senator Elder Vogel inquired on the MS4 appeals and when new invoices would be sent and also the status of the projects related to MS4.

Manager O'Malley stated Penn Energy applied for credits, LSSE has reviewed those requests and new invoices will be mailed at the end of this week. He also stated the Road Department is currently working on Powell Rd as part of the MS4 program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak will submit the report to the Board of Supervisors at a later date.

ACT 13 FUNDING

The Township received Act 13 funding for \$146,762.99 on June 1, 2021

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 07-21

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution No 07-21 to apply with The Department of Community and Economic Development for a grant strategic management planning program related to economic development opportunities in New Sewickley Township, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**PENNDOT MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT**

Motion by Martin to approve the PennDOT Maintenance Agreement for the traffic circle at Freedom Road and Rt 989, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE -
MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Leindecker read the June monthly report which included the number of accidents, arrests, calls for service, citations, incidents and alarm warnings.

**POLICE - APPROVE THREE
PART-TIME OFFICERS**

Motion by Phipps to approve the hiring of three part-time police officers, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE - AUTHORIZE LETTER
OF INTENT FOR MULTIPLE
MUNICIPAL POLICING**

Motion by Martin to authorize a Letter of Intent for the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to participate in a State funded study regarding multiple municipal policing, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE - CITIZEN AND
POLICE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Chief Leindecker and Chairman Happ presented the following citizen and police recognition awards to those who have made an impact in our community.

Gary Guy - Gary has put a lot of time and effort into improving the township. One of many improvements is building a new convenience store at a busy intersection in the township. Gary Guy is very generous and has made many donations to organizations within New Sewickley.

Roger and Penny Novak - Mr. & Mrs. Novak are proud sponsors of the New Sewickley Township K9 Unit and participate and donate in the fundraisers that are held for the Township K9 Unit. The Novak's also support many other fundraisers and projects within the community.

Amy Speicher, Alex Rawding, Greg Scheck - Each played a role in saving the life of Amy's father-in-law at a Freedom softball game when he went into cardiac arrest. They went instantly into action and their calm and collected thinking saved his life.

In March of 2021, New Sewickley Township received a 911 call for a homicide in New Sewickley. The following people were accredited for their great work and their contribution in solving the homicide: 911 dispatcher Kayla Troy, Economy Ambulance paramedic Jeremy Brown, Beaver County Detective Bonnie Sedlacek, Patrolman Keith Haburjak, Patrolman Jacob Moldovan, Sergeant Daniel Swab, Corporal Timothy Sovich, Corporal Gregory Carney, Detective Gregory Pullen and Patrolman Ethan Fuchs

Chairman Happ and the Board thanked all the recipients for what they do for our community.

**POLICE - PROMOTION
CEREMONY**

District Attorney David Lozier read the Oath of Office to the following members of the police department for promotions and newly hired officers.

Samantha Vinson - Badge pinned by Maria Stewart
Jacob Moldovan - Badge pinned by P.J. Moldovan
Ethan Fuchs - Badge pinned by Roy Yeck
Alexandra Lizzi - Badge pinned by Jeff Lizzi
Marcus DeNapoli - Badge pinned by Chuck Speicher
Ryan Kozlowski - Badge pinned by Ron Heitzenrater

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The June 2021 monthly report will be submitted.

BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT

The June 2021 monthly report will be submitted.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Motion by Martin to approve the fee schedule for Volunteer Fire Department emergency response charges to be sent to insurance companies for accidents they are called to, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS -
MONTHLY REPORT**

Road Foreman Kraus submitted the June 2021 monthly report.

**ENGINEER -
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett submitted the LSSE June 2021 monthly report.

ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Motion by Retsch to approve the appointment of Lynn Reinhardt as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

RECREATION

Lisa Bauman was present to give the June monthly report for the Recreation Board. There are many activities planned for Community Days on July 31, 2021.

Chairman Happ thanked Supervisor Phipps for rebuilding an unusable speed sign to use for upcoming event announcements at the park.

**RECREATION - CONDITIONAL
USE REQUEST**

Motion by Phipps to approve the Recreation Board's Conditional Use Request for limited alcohol at Green Valley Park for three Concerts in the Park and Community Days, seconded by Retsch.

Senator Vogel expressed his strong displeasure of alcohol being sold or consumed at any community events.

Lisa Bauman explained for Community Days it would only be local businesses who make wine and cider giving samples. Any beer trucks at concerts would be licensed vendors.

Various residents including Jim Scheck, Roger Novak, Maria Stewart and Pat Scheck all expressed their displeasure of alcohol being permitted at community events.

The vote was taken, 3-2 not in favor. The motion was denied. Supervisors Martin, Applequist and Chairman Happ all voting no.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY -
RESIGNATION**

Motion by Phipps to accept the resignation of Raymond Petcovic from the Municipal Authority Board, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY -
APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Martin to approve the appointment of Jonathan Stragand to the Municipal Authority Board, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

ZONING

The Zoning/Building monthly report was submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Martin congratulated the officers on the great work they do for the residents of New Sewickley Township. He also thanked the residents and businesses who were recognized for their support of the Township.

Chairman Happ thanked Chief Leindecker, the Road Department and staff for setting up for the evening's event. He thanked the residents for attending and for their continued support of the officers.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Resident Barbara Cox of Dean Street stated she received the letter from the Township Manager stating the Township would not be taking over the maintenance of Oak Road. She made a plea for help to have the road taken over by the Township and inquired what needed to happen for the request to be honored.

Chairman Happ explained that Oak Road is a private Lane and they would need to have an engineer design plans and the road must meet all specs necessary to be considered a road. At that time, they can present the drawings to the Planning Commission for consideration. He also stated she can contact Manager O'Malley and he can provide her with the necessary specs.

Ms. Cox then stated the drains are not working properly and is causing flooding. Chairman Happ stated the road crew will go out to investigate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch to adjourn the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary