

# NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

August 3, 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 Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Corporal Timothy Sovich, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Duane Rape, Lisa Bauman, John Dunbar, Jenny Fessler, Patty Scheck, Jim Scheck, Patti Gerhard, and Albert Horn

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

**MINUTES** Motion by Applequist to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Regular meeting as written, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**BILLS** Motion by Martin to pay the bills from the General Account, July 7, 2021 through July 31, 2021 for \$137,189.07 and as of August 3, 2021 a total of \$150,160.26 with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Applequist. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
DUNBAR** Resident John Dunbar, 173 Grange Rd inquired about the grass on the bank not being mowed. It has been mowed by the Township for the last several years. Chairman Happ explained the Road Department is behind schedule as a result of a big project they have been working on and they are trying catch up.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
SCHECK** Resident Patty Scheck, 173 Grange Rd, expressed her strong displeasure over alcohol being sold at Green Valley Park at any time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak read the treasurer's report for July 2021

**ADVERTISE THE TREASURER  
POSITION** Martin made a motion to advertise the Treasurer's position, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 08-21** Phipps made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-21 for the PennDOT Maintenance agreement for the traffic circle at State Rt 2004 and State Rt 989, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO 224**

Prior to a motion being made, Supervisor Phipps asked Solicitor Reese if it could be seen as discrimination to not allow a vendor at community day just because they sell wine. Solicitor Reese explained it would not be discrimination and that Ordinance No. 224 gives the Board of Supervisors the avenue to deny or set conditions on alcohol at Green Valley Park.

Supervisor Phipps stated he did not want Ordinance No. 224 completely removed, but instead would like to work on conditions the Board of Supervisors would be comfortable with.

Resident Patty Scheck expressed concern over any new Board coming on that would be willing to grant anyone approvals and asked for the Ordinance to be repealed.

A motion was made by Martin to advertise the repeal of Ordinance No. 224 approving the consumption of alcohol at Green Valley Park for special events with any conditions set forth by the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Happ.

Vice-Chairman Applequist abstained from voting because he is in the process of moving out of the Township and will be resigning from the Board of Supervisors at the September meeting. Solicitor Reese, agreed and advised his abstention.

The vote ended in a 2-2 tie, with Supervisors Phipps and Retsch both voting no and an abstention from Applequist. The motion did not pass.

Solicitor Reese explained if the four members remain spilt, they would have to wait until a fifth supervisor is appointed and vote again.

**POLICE -  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Corporal Sovich read the monthly report for July 2021 which included accidents, arrests/bookings, calls for service, citations, incidents and alarm warnings.

**BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The July 2021 monthly report will be submitted.

**ROADS -  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Road Foreman Kraus submitted the July 2021 monthly report.

**ENGINEER -  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett submitted the LSSE July 2021 monthly report.

LSSE is putting information together to put the Green Valley Park project out to bid. With the financial help from the grant, it is their hope that the project will be large enough that it will meet the MS4 total requirements for this permit period.

Chairman Happ asked about the item regarding Big Knob Fire Department site plan and electrical work. Jim Scheck stated that project was voted down by the members.

Mr. Brett went over the MS4 training as is required by the permit application. LSSE will schedule a meeting with the Road Department and Manager O'Malley to prepare the office for the expected DEP visit later this year or early next year. He stated that any dirt floors that hold equipment will be commented on by the DEP because of the potential of fluids leaking into the soil.

The next application and requirements will be in 2023 and will require new pollution plans. He anticipates in the next 5-10 years the project requirements will become larger and more restrictive, as PA is behind other states in MS4.

Supervisor Phipps asked how many PRPs are expected in the next cycle. Mr. Brett believes there may be two and they could increase the amount of pollution reduction as well.

Al Horn asked if the dirt floors mentioned were residential. Mr. Brett explained that would only apply to the Township buildings and facilities. He also stated that he would do the MS4 training at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Reese is working on the approval for the debt requirements for the DCED for the Pine Run Fire Department loan.

The Brodmerkle hearing is August 6, 2021 in trial court with Judge Ross.

**PLANNING**

Al Horn asked the Board of Supervisors if they wanted the Planning Commission to review Ordinance No. 224 and work on conditions to present to the Board. Chairman Happ said yes and to bring their

recommendations back to the Board of Supervisors after completion.

**RECREATION**

Lisa Bauman read the July 2021 monthly report for the Recreation Board. She reported that Community Day was a huge success and had a great turn-out. There are still many things happening at the park over the next several months, including movies, concerts and trick or treat trail. She also commended the Recreation Board for their hours of work and commitment to making the park activities happen.

Chairman Happ asked about the flooring in the amphitheater. Manager O'Malley stated after numerous attempts to contact the contractor, he and Chris Reese are working on letter to send to him.

Supervisor Phipps commented that the Recreation Board worked from 8:00 a.m. until midnight the day of community day.

**ZONING HEARING**

There will be a hearing of the Zoning Board on August 24, 2021 for Shawn Mattern, 186 Hoffman Road, Zelienople.

**ZONING**

The Zoning/Building monthly report was submitted.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Fritz asked if Jim Scheck would try to get a representative from both fire departments to attend the Liberty Hills benefit dinner on September 11th. The proceeds will go directly to both fire departments.

Chairman Happ reminded the residents of the Police National Night Out this evening at Green Valley Park until 10:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps to adjourn the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman  
Secretary