

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

November 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at the Big Knob Grange, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Douglas Martin, Supervisors Fritz Retsch, Mike Phipps and Martin Bonzo. Also, present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Dave Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Eric Brewer, PJ Moldovan, Jim Scheck, Pat Scheck, Amanda Peterson, Mike Guraly, Jim Hendrickson, Buddy Meade, Mike Baxter, Kathy Baxter, Jay Parks, Eddie Angeline, Brandon Vargo, Greg Scheck, Johnny Murtha, Brian Perry, Robert Aleua, Lonnie Vodenichar, Matt Johnston, Thom Harp, Anthony Chambers, Cory Libonati, Becky Kretschmann, Randy Dawson and Jim Happ

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES Motion by Martin to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 regular meeting as written, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Martin to pay the bills from the General Account as submitted and read by the Treasurer with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
SCHECK Pat Scheck expressed her concerns over the Board of Supervisors requesting Big Knob Station 2 be sold.

Chairman Happ explained the unused building is costing the Township money. In addition, BKVFD has approached the supervisors asking them to pay half of a truck balloon payment due shortly.

Lengthy discussion continued on Station 2 and the potential for residents in the area to see an increase in their home owner's premium with a sale of the building.

Brian Perry requested the discussions be held at the Fire Department with the members.

Supervisor Fritz expressed his disappointment over the internal conflict and division at Big Knob Fire Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
DAWSON**

Randy Dawson, President of Economy Ambulance Service asked if the Board had received their letter.

Chairman Happ indicated that they did receive the letter.

**PRESENTATION
J.T. PENNINGTON**

As Mr. Pennington was not yet in attendance Chairman Happ requested a change in the agenda to fit in the presentation if/when he got to the meeting.

Motion by Happ to allow Mr. Pennington to give his presentation at any time during the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak read the Treasurer's Report for October 2021

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10-21
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution No. 10-21 for the Capital Reserve Account, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**DCED STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
& FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL
STUDY BID**

Manager O'Malley submitted and reviewed the submissions to be discussed at the November Agenda meeting. The low bid was \$45,000, in which the State will pay 50-90%. Grants are available to cover the balance.

**WORKSHOP
BUDGET**

There will be a workshop for a second budget review on November 9th at 6:30 at the Township building.

**NEW HIRE
BOOKKEEPER**

Motion by Happ to hire Nicole Liston as bookkeeper, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Leindecker read the October monthly report, which included accidents, arrest, calls for service, citations, and incidents.

**POLICE
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
AGREEMENT**

Motion by Phipps to accept the agreement for the school resource officer for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Happ. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
MARION TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT**

Motion by Phipps to accept the Marion Township agreement beginning January 2022, seconded by Happ. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report and financials were submitted.

Mike Guraly thanked the Road Department for their support and assistance with the tornado clean-up.

Chairman Happ thanked PRFD for everything they do to help the residents.

BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report and financials were submitted.

Chairman Happ also thanked BKFD for everything they do for the residents.

WORKSHOP

BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT

There will be a workshop with Big Knob Fire Department on November 16th at 6:30 at the Township Building.

**ROADS
MONTHLY REPORT**

Road Foreman Kraus submitted the October monthly report.

Chairman Happ thanked the Road Department for their help with the tornado clean-up.

**ROADS
BOOM MOWER AND TRACTOR
BIDS**

Motion by Retsch to accept the bid from LandPro Equipment for a John Deere 4WD 6110M Cab Tractor in the amount of \$95,585.38, and a 22' Boom Mower from Seigworth Road Supply for \$60,231.76 for a total of \$155,817.15 to be purchased through a new equipment lease from WesBanco, seconded by Phipps.

Bonzo expressed concern over the purchase of such a large amount for equipment not used often. Forman Kraus explained the mowing schedule of the Township and the reasons they use a boom mower.

Martin asked for clarification on the motion.

With a motion and a second on the table, Chairman Happ called for a vote. Vote of 3-2 in favor. The motion passed, with Supervisors Martin and Bonzo voting no.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett submitted the LSSE October 2021 monthly report.

**ENGINEER
GREEN VALLEY STORMWATER
PROJECT**

Kevin Brett reviewed the bids for the Stormwater project at Green Valley Park. This project will complete 50% of the requirement for the current MS4 permit. The low bidder was A Liberoni, Inc. for \$330,114.25 and Brett advised accepting the bid.

Bonzo questioned the rising material costs and asked if the price would be adjusted. Brett confirmed the pricing in the contract is a set price and that the bids were very competitive.

Motion by Phipps to accept the bid from A Liberoni, Inc. for \$330,114.25 for the Green Valley Park Stormwater Improvement Project, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RESOLUTION No. 11-21
STORMWATER CREDITS**

Vice-Chairman Martin requested the discussion be tabled until next month. There is language in the resolution that needs clarification and possibly changed. Discussion will be tabled and Manager O'Malley will work on the resolution.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Reese stated the paperwork and loan for the Pine Run Fire Department is completed.

**PLANNING
ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 227
AMENDING THE ZONING
ORDINANCE**

Manager O'Malley asked Kevin Brett about an exemption for a no impact on home businesses. Brett stated the language in the Ordinance is correct and the fees can be adjusted with the yearly fee schedule.

Motion by Phipps to adopt Ordinance No. 227 amending Zoning Ordinance No. 214, seconded by Retsch.

Bonzo stated he is not in agreement with the business fee portion of the amendment. Phipps stated it is a one-time fee. Manager O'Malley confirmed the fees will be set with the Fee Schedule in January.

Being a motion and a second on the table, a vote was taken. Vote 3-2 in favor. The motion passed with Supervisors Martin and Bonzo voting no.

**PLANNING
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
WATERLINE EXTENSION**

Chairman Happ explained to the residents the Municipal Authority had approached Cranberry Township requesting water to Klein Road for a potential development. Cranberry declined and stated they would only help if a resident was in need.

Weaver Homes would like to purchase and develop property and is willing to pay a portion of the waterline extension. The additional funding could potentially come from Beaver County and funds from the American Rescue Act. The Municipal Authority needed a commitment from the Board before approaching the County with a request for funds.

Chairman Happ stated a development would help the Township, fire departments and school with the additional tax revenue.

Motion by Happ to give financial assistance to the Municipal Authority for the waterline extension, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

RECREATION

Lisa Bauman read the October monthly report for the Recreation Committee. The next activity will be a visit from Santa on December 12th from 12-2 at the Big Knob Grange.

Chief Leindecker commended the Recreation Board on a great job with the Trick or Treat Trail.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESIGNATION**

Motion by Retsch to accept the resignation of John McCollums from the Recreation Committee, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD
APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Happ to appoint Lynn Reinhardt as a regular member to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor. Phipps abstained due to a conflict of interest.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD
ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Martin to appoint Neil Bonzo as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Happ. Vote of 4-0 in favor. Bonzo abstained due to a conflict of interest.

ZONING

The October Zoning/Building monthly report was submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Happ received a message from J.T. Pennington saying he had forgotten about the presentation that was scheduled.

Chairman Happ made reference to a Facebook post with negative comments about the Township staff and his comments acting in defense of the employees.

Vice-Chairman Martin agreed with Supervisor Retsch's comments regarding the Big Knob Fire Department and his wishes for them to work on an agreement. He has the utmost respect for the men and women and doesn't want the Board of Supervisor to be the cause of a wedge between the members.

Chairman Happ let Economy Ambulance know they did receive the letter requesting American Rescue Funding assistance and that the board will look into the request.

Supervisor Phipps stated the board began discussion regarding the letter from Economy Ambulance at the agenda.

Randy Dawson explained the request was sent out to all the municipalities they serve.

Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if all residents were sent subscription requests. He encouraged residents to subscribe.

Rick Brewer, Director 911 Center Beaver County, said the ambulance services are also in need of staff and local companies won't always be available as a result of those staffing shortages.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pine Run Fire Department building will probably occur sometime in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps to adjourn the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary