

# NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

December 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Vice-Chairman Doug Martin at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisors Fritz Retsch and Mike Phipps. Chairman Greg Happ and Supervisor Martin Bonzo were not present.

Also, present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Bookkeeper Nicole Liston, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Dave Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Duane Rape, Larry Hough, Patti Gerhard, Jenny Fessler, Amanda Peterson, David Stroupe and Jim Hendrickson

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

**MINUTES** Motion by Retsch to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 regular meeting as written, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3 to 0 in favor.

**BILLS** Motion by Retsch 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 3 to 0 in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
STROUPE** Resident Dave Stroupe commented on concerns over the lack of handicap accessibility in the parking lot while voting at Big Knob Volunteer Fire Department. The gravel is very difficult to maneuver with a wheel chair or walker.

Manager O'Malley will investigate paving options.

Kevin Brett suggested the Township apply for an ADA accessibility grant that may cover the costs of adding a paved area near the building.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak read the Treasurer's Report for November 2021

**FIRST READING OF THE 2022  
BUDGET** Manger O'Malley gave highlights and read the proposed 2022 budget. The budget will be available at the Township office for residents to view. It will be adopted at the December 28, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO 11-21  
BEAVER COUNTY 2021 HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN** Motion by Retsch to adopt Resolution No. 11-21 for the Beaver County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Martin. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO 12-21  
AGRICULTURAL STORMWATER  
CREDITS**

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution No. 12-21 for the agricultural stormwater credits, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**APPROVE GRASS ROOT  
SOLUTIONS AS CONSULTANT  
FOR DCED STMP**

Manager O'Malley explained the multi-year financial management program and strategies through the PA Department of Community Economic Development Strategic Management Planning Program. If a grant is awarded, the report will look at the Township's financial status and procedures and offer suggestions and processes for improvement.

Motion by Martin to approve Grass Root Solutions for the DCED STMP agreement contingent upon a grant award from PA DCED, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**RESIGNATION  
LINDA ZAHN**

Motion by Retsch to accept the resignation of Linda Zahn, Township Auditor, effective immediately, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

Chief Leindecker suggested a letter of recognition for her many years of service to the Township.

**POLICE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Leindecker read the November monthly report, which included accidents, arrests, calls for service, citations, and incidents for New Sewickley and Marion Townships.

**POLICE  
RESIGNATION RYAN KOZLOWSKI**

Motion by Phipps to accept the resignation of Ryan Kozlowski, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
CONTRACT YEAR 2022-2026**

Supervisor Phipps stated he and Manager O'Malley have been working with the Department on the new contract. There were no major changes made from the last contract. Motion by Phipps to accept the Police Contract for years 2022-2026 contingent upon final review from the solicitor, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE  
TASERS**

Motion by Retsch to purchase 13 tasers at the cost \$8,162.68 per year for 5 years, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3-0.

**PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The monthly report and financials were submitted.

Jim Hendrickson said Pine Run and Big Knob Fire Departments had a joint training session that was very well attended by both departments.

They will also be taking Santa around New Sewickley on the fire truck on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION NO 13-21 -  
JOINT EMERGENCY MANAGER  
COORDINATOR WITH MARION  
TOWNSHIP**

Jim Scheck was approached by Marion Township and asked to be a joint emergency manager coordinator for New Sewickley and Marion Townships.

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution No. 13-21 for a joint emergency manager coordinator with Marion Township, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**ROADS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Road Foreman Kraus submitted the November monthly report.

Electric has been placed to the new building.

Supervisor Retsch commended the Road Department on the excellent work performed on the Powell Rd project and encouraged the residents to see it.

**ENGINEER  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett submitted the LSSE November 2021 monthly report.

There will be a pre-construction meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The project is expected to begin after the holidays.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Reese stated he is working on a few things that are not ready for action.

**PLANNING  
CRYPTOCURRENCY MORATORIUM  
RECOMMENDATION**

Solicitor Reese suggested he draft an advertisement informing the public that New Sewickley Township is beginning to work on a zoning ordinance regarding cryptocurrency mining in the Township. Once an ordinance is drafted, a public meeting will need to be held.

LSSE and Manager O'Malley will begin discussions on cryptocurrency mining and standards for secondary uses on well pads to be added to the zoning ordinance.

Resident Gerhard briefly explained the currency concept and how it works.

Motion by Phipps to authorize the Solicitor and Manager O'Malley to work on an advertisement informing the public of a zoning amendment for cryptocurrency and other secondary uses on well pads, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 3-0 in favor.

**RECREATION**

Lisa Bauman said the activities at Green Valley Park have concluded for the winter.

Santa will be at the Big Knob Grange on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be photos and cookies and milk available.

Supervisor Phipps asked Solicitor Reese if they are permitted to show movies at the park without a license as long as there is no charge. Reese stated they are required to have a license or permission and they would be fined if caught.

Manager O'Malley stated he is working on sponsors to help cover the cost of the movies and plans to help the Recreation Board acquire those sponsors.

**ZONING**

The November Zoning/Building monthly report was submitted.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Retsch spoke about Green Valley Park and how nice it is to walk a dog there. He was also informed of a bald eagle being spotted flying above the park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Phipps, seconded by Retsch to adjourn the meeting. Vote of 3 to 0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman  
Secretary