

# **NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP**

## **Supervisor's Meeting**

**January 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:53 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Doug Martin (via teleconference), Supervisors Mike Phipps and Martin Bonzo. Also, present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Bookkeeper Nicole Liston, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Jenny Fessler, Duane Rape, Craig Liston, Patti Gerhard, Amanda Peterson, Joe Lindsay, Jim Hendrickson

Absent: Supervisor Retsch

### **MINUTES**

Supervisor Bonzo requested a correction under the Police Regionalization Study/Steering Committee to show that not all of the comments regarding the regionalization were favorable. Motion by Phipps to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021 regular meeting with correction, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

### **BILLS**

Motion by Phipps to pay the bills from the general account in the amount of \$1,918.71 for January 3, 2022, with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 01-22 POLICE PENSION**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution No. 01-22 for the Police Pension, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 02-22 FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution No. 02-22 for the Fire Department, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 03-22 DECLARING NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY**

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution No. 03-22 declaring New Sewickley Township a second amendment sanctuary, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 04-22 DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution No. 04-22 for the destruction of records, seconded by Martin. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 05-22 SEWAGE PLANNING MODULE AUTUMN HODAPP**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution No. 05-22 for the sewage planning module for Autumn Hodapp, 268 Big Knob Rd, not to be signed until January 8, 2022, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEES**

It was requested to inform Lawrie Borgman as soon as possible who will be attending the State Convention, as she will need to register the morning of January 11<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Happ encouraged new Supervisors to attend.

**AUDITORS**

The Auditors will reorganize on January 4, 2022.

**ADVERTISE CPA TO COMPLETE  
THE 2021 AUDIT**

Motion by Phipps to advertise to hire a CPA to complete the 2021 Audit, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer Elois Nadzak read the monthly Treasurer's Report.

**POLICE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Leindecker read the December monthly report and also submitted the 2021 Yearly Report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
COORDINATOR**

Motion by Phipps to reappoint Jim Scheck as the Emergency Management Coordinator, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

The Assistant Coordinator will be confirmed and appointed at the February meeting.

**ROADS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted.

**ENGINEER  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Josh Callendar read the LSSE monthly report. He also informed the Board the contractor will mobilize this week for the Green Valley Park project. LSSE is working with the Township on various projects.

**BUILDING & ZONING  
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Chairman Happ wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Resident Craig Liston expressed concern over the Fire Departments and the lack of members able to attend calls during the daylight hours. Chairman Happ said it is a concern and one that goes across Beaver County. Chairman Happ made a plea and asked the residents to spread the word the fire departments are looking for volunteers.

Supervisor Phipps inquired what value would be added to the Township by cutting the number of members on the Planning Commission from 7 to 5. Chairman Happ doesn't agree with the cut.

Supervisors Bonzo and Martin expressed concerns over people serving on multiple boards. Supervisor Bonzo said he does understand it is permitted, but is not sure it is good practice.

Supervisor Martin expressed concerns at election time if there are multiple members serving on two boards.

Supervisor Phipps said if it is his serving on two boards rather than the number of people serving on the Planning Commission that is the problem, he will officially withdraw his name from reappointment.

Chairman Happ asked if the concerns are a supervisor serving on another board or the number of people serving on the Planning Commission. He asked Supervisor Phipps to keep his appointment letter open to the Planning Commission now and suggested a workshop is needed after Supervisor Retsch returns to discuss the subject. Supervisor Phipps agreed to keep his letter of reappointment open.

Jenny Fessler, Secretary of the Planning Commission was asked her thoughts. She stated with the number of things that are going on and the work the Planning Commission does, a five member commission would not be enough given the extent and magnitude of what they do. She also stated if she is elected to the Board of Supervisors in the future she would resign from the Planning Commission, but doesn't feel it is bad thing to be on two boards.

Amanda Peterson, PennEnergy Representative stated that most municipality that she attends meetings has a member of the Board of Supervisors appointed to the Planning Commission.

Manager O'Malley shared the Ordinance making the Planning Commission a seven member commission dated in 1969.

Chairman Happ stated there will be a workshop on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Planning Commission issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Happ to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman  
Secretary