

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

March 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Doug Martin, Supervisors Mike Phipps, Martin Bonzo and via conference call Fritz Retsch.

Also, present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Bookkeeper Nicole Liston, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman RJ Kraus, Greg Carney, Jen Fessler, Duane Rape, David Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Mike Priola, David D'Atri, Amy Beck, Bill Beck, Patt Gerhard, David Lozier, Mayor Keith Jackson, Amanda Peterson, Orrin LeFebvre, Donna DeLebosich, Judy Croll, Karen Baker, Lou DeLebosich, Brian DeLebosich, Dan Swartz, Daniel Swab and Jeff Mason.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Motion by Happ to add Resolutions to file for grant applications, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-1 in favor. Supervisor Bonzo voted no.

MINUTES

Motion by Martin to accept the February 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

BILLS

Motion by Phipps to approve the bills from the general account from February 2nd through February 28th for \$183,646.86 and as of March 1st for \$121,459.01 with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS DAVID D'ATRI

David D'Atri, who owns Forestbrook, Knobvue and Holly Hill Mobile Home parks, stated his surprise over the park fees being increased more than double from 2021. He asked if the Board would consider lowering the fee, as his parks are well maintained with no zoning violations.

Chairman Happ explained the fee has been set for 2022 and they will revisit all fees during next year's budget discussions. The Township expenses are increasing and the Township fees needed to be raised to cover expenses. Supervisor Martin stated the fees aren't heavy when looked at per unit. The board also reviews fees from neighboring communities to compare as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
DAN SWARTZ**

Dan Swartz inquired about a request he made to the board at the agenda meeting to rescind or rewrite the winter maintenance procedure manual.

Chairman Happ stated the Township will keep the winter maintenance procedure manual as written and approved. Supervisor Bonzo met with the Road Crew and asked them to use the minimum amount of materials that can be used and still maintain a safe roadway for everyone.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - MS4
MANAGER O'MALLEY**

Manager O'Malley thanked Supervisors Martin and Bonzo and the Beaver County Conservation District for putting together the program to help landowners with more than 10 acres save on their MS4 fees. The program will also help with the Township permit educational requirements.

Manager O'Malley also stated the first pollution reduction project at the park is almost complete. There are photos on the Township website.

Jeff Mason asked if the Township had information for residents unable to attend the program. Manager O'Malley said the information would be on the website. Supervisor Martin stated that anyone who needs assistance can reach out to the Beaver County Conservation District for help.

TREASURERS REPORT

Bookkeeper Nicole Liston read the monthly Treasurer's Report.

**GRASS ROOT SOLUTIONS
PRESENTATION**

Manager O'Malley stated they are looking at either the March agenda meeting or the April regular meeting for the presentation from Grass Root Solutions.

**CEMETERY GRASS CUTTING
PROPOSAL**

Supervisor Martin inquired if they wanted the trimming of the hedges around building included. Chairman Happ stated he advised against that and thought they would be better maintained by the Road Department. Manager O'Malley stated there is a cost savings involved when included in the bid. Supervisor Phipps felt it should be kept this year.

Motion by Phipps to accept the 3-year contract from Jim's Landscaping for grass cutting services for the cemeteries and the trimming of trees and bushes at the Township Building, if needed, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,025.00, with the option of adding additional cuttings as needed for \$175.00 per cut, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

*moved comment Craig Liston wanted to remind the board that one of the bidders had donated their services to help when needed last year. Manager O'Malley stated they are bound by using the low bidder.

PENN ENERGY CANARY AWARD

Amanda Peterson of Penn Energy explained Penn Energy had received the Project Canary Trustwell" certification and 99% of all of their working wells received Gold or Premium.

Chairman Happ thanked Amanda for the good work performed.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

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

**POLICE
LIFE SAVING AWARD TO
HAROLD ROSENBERGER**

Chief Leindecker presented Harold Rosenberger with a Life Saving Award. Mr. Rosenberger saved the life of a fellow resident when he called for help after seeing her laying on the ground. The daughter of the resident thanked the police and Mr. Rosenberger for saving her mother's life.

**POLICE
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ROOKIE
AWARD TO OFFICER VINSON**

Officer Vinson spoke briefly about her work for the Township's first National Night Out activities. Chief Leindecker presented Officer Vinson with a Rookie Award for her service. National Night Out is always the first Tuesday in August.

**POLICE
RESIGNATION OF JACOB
MOLDOVAN**

Motion by Happ to accept the resignation of Jacob Moldovan, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
HIRE MARKUS DENAPOLI AS
FULL-TIME OFFICER**

Motion by Martin to hire Markus DeNapoli as a full-time officer, seconded by Happ. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

Chief Leindecker and District Attorney Lozier swore-in Officer DeNapoli as a New Sewickley Township full-time officer. Resident William Beck was asked to pin the badge on Officer DeNapoli.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Priolo read the monthly report for the Pine Run Fire Department.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

The February monthly report will be submitted to the board.

ROADS
MOWER MOTION

Motion by Happ to change the funding of the already approved purchase of the Kubota Diesel mower from Wes Banco to the use of our Capital reserve fund, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Supervisor Martin thanked Road Foreman Kraus and Manager O'Malley for working on the price negotiations and savings on financing for the purchase of the mower.

ROADS
2023 TRUCK REPLACEMENT

Supervisor Bonzo expressed his concerns over the large purchase of a new truck at this time with the state of the economy and rising steel prices. He also stated the trucks all have low mileage. He stated that since the Township has a fleet of working trucks, he doesn't feel a new truck is required and requested the truck purchase be tabled for a couple years.

Supervisor Phipps stated he feels waiting is a problem because of the backlog and current wait time to receive the truck is over two years.

Supervisor Martin asked how much over sticker price the bid was.

Supervisor Bonzo warned of the need for a warranty because of the emissions.

Road Foreman Kraus stated he did not want to wait until the Township was in an emergency situation to have to purchase a new truck.

Chairman Happ stated that although the trucks may have low mileage, they log a lot of hard hours and may be loaded to capacity.

Supervisor Fritz expressed his concerns over the safety of the road crew and residents. He also believes the prices will continue to rise and should commit to a purchase because of that.

Motion by Retsch to approve the purchase of a MACK Granite 42FR from Trans Edge Truck Center at a price not to exceed \$137,517.45 and dump body and snow maintenance equipment from A & H at a price not to exceed \$75,117.00, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3-2 in favor. Motion passed. Supervisors Bonzo and Martin voted no.

ROAD

Motion by Martin to advertise to bid for liquid asphalt and rental equipment, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ADVERTISE FOR LIQUID
ASPHALT AND RENTAL
EQUIPMENT**

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett, LSSE, submitted the monthly report for review. He discussed grants that are available and due by March 15th that he suggested the board take action on to allow the manager to apply for. Supervisor Bonzo asked if there is an alternate for a sewage treatment plant for the proposed development. Kevin Brett stated LSSE could do a study, but needs additional details from the Township. He said to put in a sewage plant for the Township it would require 6-8 pumping stations. Supervisor Martin inquired about grants for sewage. Kevin stated that step 1 is updating the 537 plan, and it will take over a year to complete.

Manager O'Malley confirmed with Solicitor Reese that a vote could take place during the agenda meeting in regards to a grant.

Supervisor Martin asked if a blanket motion could be made to allow for the Manager to apply for the grants mentioned through the LSA Grant. Kevin confirmed that is how the municipalities are approving the process.

Motion by Martin to pass a resolution for each of the following projects for the LSA grant proposal and authorize the Chairman and Manager to authorize the applications: new road building concrete floor \$100,000, heated floor in new road building \$100,000, a new truck for the road department \$213,000, 5 new police cars \$250,000, the PRP plan \$150,000 and an emergency generator \$46,000, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**PLANNING
ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2021 Planning Commission Annual Report was submitted. Supervisor Martin thanked the commission for the well written report. Chairman Happ also thanked the commission for their work.

**PLANNING
MARY HACKER WADDELL &
FAMILY PLAN OF LOTS**

Motion by Martin to accept the Mary Hacker Waddell & Family Plan of Lots contingent upon the DEP approval and any comments received back from the Beaver County Planning Commission, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**PLANNING
WEAVER HOMES SEWAGE
PLANNING MODULE**

Manager O'Malley said there are not any updates at this time. The Planning Commission reviewed and LSSE is drafting a response. Kevin Brett said the information is ready to go to the developer.

Jeff Mason inquired about item 10 on the checklist and if it requires a conditional use permit. Manager O'Malley explained that would not be needed until they apply for a subdivision or land development.

Dolores Shelby asked if the Township Engineer has approved the plan. Kevin Brett explained this is the information gathering stage and approvals are not required at this point.

**RECREATION
MONTHLY REPORT**

Dave Bauman gave the Recreation Board monthly report. Shelter rentals will begin the last Saturday of February.

GRANTS

Manager O'Malley asked LSSE to look for smaller scale grants for the upper park. There are some grants available for 537 Sewage Plan updates that LSSE will look into. Manager O'Malley will look at scheduling a grant meeting in March or April.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly report was submitted. Supervisor Martin pointed out the misspelling of "Brenner" on the report that should be corrected.

BOARD COMMENTS

Duane Rape expressed his displeasure over a vote being taken at an agenda meeting.

Supervisor Martin thanked the residents for attending the meeting to support the police and for asking questions. He said he appreciates the participation.

Chairman Happ thanked everyone, congratulated the police and asked everyone to stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Happ. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary