

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

April 5, 2022

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, Mike Phipps and Martin Bonzo.

Chairman Greg Happ was absent.

Also, present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Bookkeeper Nicole Liston, Road Foreman RJ Kraus, Laura Dengel, David Bauman, Duane Rape, Amanda Peterson, Keith Ditmore, Jim Hendrickson, Larry Hough, Patti Gerhard and Hailey Chumak

Statement

Vice Chairman Doug Martin read a statement sent out regarding a motor vehicle accident involving Corporal Carney.

MINUTES

Motion by Phipps to accept the March 1, 2022 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

BILLS

Motion by Bonzo to approve the bills as submitted for the April 5, 2022 meeting for the following funds: General Fund March 2nd-31st for \$226,872.10, General Fund April 1st-April 5th for \$112,854.86, Stormwater Fund Jan 1st-April 5th for \$209,729.41, and Capital Reserve Fund Jan 1st - April 5th for \$14,780.00, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS KEITH DITMORE

Keith Ditmore inquired as to why the tax bill and the fire tax mailed on a single bill cannot be paid with separate payments.

Manager O'Malley stated the tax collector's software didn't allow for separate payments, but he will need to get the information for Mr. Ditmore and get back to him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS LAURA DENGEL

Laura Dengel asked if the Manager had received any information on the Act 357 plan and if anyone had contacted him regarding the plan.

Manager O'Malley stated he had received a call late afternoon from Brett Schultz at Weaver Homes and he indicated they are reviewing and exploring their options.

TREASURERS REPORT

Bookkeeper Nicole Liston read the March monthly Treasurer's Report.

Duane Rape asked why the totals are no longer on the agendas. Manager O'Malley stated it is because of the state law which requires the agenda to be final 24 hours prior to the meeting and the totals aren't available at that time. Manager O'Malley and Supervisor Martin asked the secretary to begin typing a separate document with those totals to be distributed beside the agenda prior to the meetings.

**RESIGNATION OF
ELOIS NADZAK**

Motion by Retsch to accept the resignation of Elois Nadzak, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Elois thanked everyone for many good years of working for New Sewickley Township. Supervisor Martin thanked Elois and wished her well in her retirement.

**APPOINTMENT OF
NICOLE LISTON TO
TREASURER**

Motion by Martin to appoint Nicole Liston to Treasurer, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
CLEANING**

Motion by Phipps to approve Nicole Liston to take over the cleaning of the administrative office for the month of April for \$200.00 and to advertise a request for proposal for future cleaning services, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY

Motion by Retsch to approve Electronic Recycling Day at the Township building on Thursday, June 23rd from 3-7 p.m. with Noble Environmental and one road employee working and the use of the fork lift, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Duane Rape asked why the amounts the residents will need to pay are not on the agenda. Supervisors Martin and Phipps indicated those amounts are on the website and in the most recent Township newsletter.

**TAX EXONERATION REQUEST
35 SHORTY LANE**

Motion by Phipps to approve the tax exoneration request for 35 Shorty Lane (parcel #69-144-0119-928) in the amount of \$1,805.94, seconded by Retsch in order to establish discussion.

Phipps indicated he feels they should approve the exoneration because the Township will then begin receiving tax money.

Retsch stated it bothers him greatly that taxes aren't being paid by some mobile home owners and nothing can be done, but home owners have to pay. He stated the problem has to be fixed.

Bonzo stated it has to do with the mobile homes not being attached to the land and the parks do not require that. He also stated there are many mobile homes in the Township with delinquent taxes.

Manager O'Malley stated that it could be a discussion for the Planning Commission to update the ordinance regarding the mobile home parks and the blight problem associated with abandoned mobile homes.

Martin said they will continue to look for things that can be done to help solve the problem.

After discussion a vote was taken. 4-0 in favor. Retsch stated he was voting yes only to help the person trying to do the right thing.

**RESCHEDULE & ADVERTISE
APRIL AGENDA MEETING**

Supervisor Martin indicated the April agenda meeting needed to be rescheduled as a result of the PSATS conference being held April 24th - 27th.

Motion by Martin to schedule and advertise the April Agenda Meeting from April 26th to April 28th at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Martin stated Chief Leindecker was with the family of Corporal Carney at the hospital. In his absence, Manager O'Malley read the March monthly reports for New Sewickley Township and Marion Township, which included: accidents, arrest/bookings, calls for service, citations and incidents.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Hendrickson read the March monthly report and submitted the financial report to the Supervisors. He stated they will have an Open House on May 15th from 1-5 and will have additional information shortly. He was also happy to announce the addition of 4 firefighters and another 4 who have filled out applications.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKSHOP
REQUEST**

Motion by Bonzo to hold a workshop with the fire department on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

The March monthly report was submitted.

**ROADS
SALE OF THE PARK KUBOTA
MOWER**

Motion by Phipps to list the park Kubota Zero Turn Mower on Municibid.com, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Supervisor Martin asked if a minimum bid could be placed and what the timeline will be to keep the mower on the auction site. Manager O'Malley stated the minimum bid would be \$2,000 and will end April 29th in time for the Board to vote at the May meeting. Supervisor Martin also wanted to be sure inspection would be allowed and that it is indicated that the mower is operational. Foreman Kraus stated they would advertise the mower "as is".

**ROADS
LIQUID ASPHALT & RENTAL
EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Phipps to accept the bid from Youngblood for Liquid Asphalt in the amount of \$580,910 and Rental Equipment in the amount of \$2,158 per hour, seconded by Fritz. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Supervisor Bonzo wanted to make it clear these numbers are for unit pricing only and the Township does not have to spend that entire amount.

Supervisor Retsch stated he lives next to Dunlap Hill and asked Foreman Kraus about the jake brake noise on the hill, as several of his neighbors had complained. Foreman Kraus explained the reason for the use for the brakes on the hill. Manager O'Malley added that PennDOT permits the use on the state roads and it is based on slope and safety on the hill.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

Josh Callender of LSSE submitted the monthly report for March. Once we have some dry weather, the park project will be completed. There is one more project at Willowmere Park and that project should meet the requirements of the permit.

Supervisor Martin asked if they had other projects. Josh stated they do but feel that the rain garden will meet the requirements.

Supervisor Martin asked why Willowmere Park was picked for the project. Supervisor O'Malley stated another engineering firm had picked the projects for this permit. The Township has received complaints about flooding and there are people who may be willing to use their property for the rain

garden. The Township also has the ability to use their easements.

Supervisor Martin requested more discussion on the projects with the LSSE and future projects in a workshop meeting. Manager O'Malley stated he feels that could be done during meeting and will work on setting something up.

**RECREATION
MONTHLY REPORT**

Dave Bauman gave the Recreation Board monthly report.

**RECREATION
PITTSBURGH POWER CONTRACT**

Motion by Retsch to approve the Pittsburgh Power Softball Contract for Green Valley Park, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Dave Bauman asked why the recreation board does not receive a portion of the money from the contract. He stated in the past the money was split three ways.

Supervisor Martin stated he thinks that may be because the recreation board is funded by the Township.

Supervisor Phipps complimented the staff on the newsletter which lists all the events planned at the park for the summer.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly report was submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Martin asked for an update on where the Planning Commission is with alcohol at the park. Manager O'Malley stated he and Joanne Shelly are meeting next Wednesday to develop an updated ordinance that will add restrictions and that will be sent to the Planning Commission for review. He went over some of the ideas discussed at the Planning meetings.

Supervisor Martin asked for everyone to keep Corporal Carney in prayer and also the other police officers.

Supervisor Martin told Elois Nadzak that she will be missed and welcomed Nicole Liston as Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary