

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

May 3, 2022

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

Also, present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman RJ Kraus, Duane Rape, Dave Bauman, Jenny Fessler, John Kaercher, Melissa Kaercher, Sydney Kaercher, Larry Hough, Jim Hendrickson, Mike Loschinskey, Amanda Peterson and Laura Dengel

Executive Session

Chairman Happ announced the Board of Supervisors went into an executive session after the April 20th workshop meeting with the fire departments to discuss a legal matter

MINUTES

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

BILLS

Motion by Retsch to approve the bills as submitted by the treasurer (\$194,092.33 from April 6th - 29th and \$169,654.24 as of May 3rd) with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS LARRY HOUGH

Larry Hough was following-up on the noise complaint he first reported in September, 2021. He submitted a report to Manager O'Malley and gave an outline of the report. Manager O'Malley stated he had given the Board of Supervisors a copy of the report submitted.

Chairman Happ thanked Mr. Hough and said they will look into the complaint again to try to help.

Supervisor Martin asked if the report will objectively quantify for them. Mr. Hough stated it does.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
LAURA DENGEL**

Laura Dengel wanted to acknowledge to the Board of Supervisors that the meeting was being live-streamed. She received a request from Dr. Stolz of Duquesne University to present his findings on surface groundwater quality. She will inform the Board of Supervisors when the presentation is scheduled in June.

Ms. Dengel also asked if the Board of Supervisors would have the Municipal Authority give a presentation at the next Supervisors' meeting regarding the funds given to the Authority and how those funds are being used.

Chairman Happ said they can make a request to the Municipal Authority. Supervisor Martin suggested the Municipal Authority might give that information at the June Municipal Authority meeting.

Ms. Dengel then requested the Municipal Authority meeting minutes be put on the Township website. Manager O'Malley explained the Municipal Authority is a separate entity. Chairman Happ said we can inform them of the request.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Nicole Liston read the April monthly Treasurer's Report.

Supervisor Retsch asked for clarification on a number.

**RESOLUTION NO 13-22
HONORING THE FREEDOM
GIRLS' BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

The Board of Supervisor presented Coach Kaercher with Resolution No. 13-22 honoring the Girls' Basketball Program and success.

Coach Kaercher thanked the Board of Supervisor for the honor on behalf of the players and coaching staff. They were honored to receive the support from the community and residents.

Supervisor Retsch thanked Coach Kaercher and expressed his appreciation for pulling the community together.

Motion by Happ to accept Resolution No. 13-22 honoring the Freedom Girls' Basketball program, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**TAX EXONERATION, - 319
CYPRESS AVE ROCHESTER
(#69-155-0169-875)**

Motion by Martin to exonerate the taxes in the amount of \$273.85 for 319 Cypress Ave, Rochester #69-155-0169-875, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 3-2 in favor. Chairman Happ and Supervisor Retsch voted no.

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
CLEANING**

Motion by Retsch to approve Nicole Liston for the cleaning services of the administration offices for \$200 per month, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Leindecker read the April monthly reports for New Sewickley and Marion Townships, which included: accidents, arrest/bookings, calls for service, citations and incidents.

**POLICE
CONCLUSION OF JAG GRANT
PRESENTATION**

Chief Leindecker stated it was a great event and explained where the funds are being allocated to.

**POLICE
ROCHESTER BOROUGH CONTRACT
SERVICES DISCUSSION**

Chief Leindecker was approached by Rochester Borough to provide contract services. The Chief and Supervisor Phipps met to go over the proposed budget items.

Supervisor Bonzo asked if the contract would also include East Rochester; and if so, is that what was previously discussed for regionalization. Chief Leindecker stated East Rochester would be included, and confirmed they are discussing a contract for services and not a regionalization. The Chief added he feels it would be in the best interest of the Township to explore the request further.

Supervisor Martin asked for clarification that East Rochester was not included in the budget they were given. Chief Leindecker stated East Rochester is covered in the budget, but not identified.

Supervisor Martin asked for clarification that the motion will not include the approval of the budget. It was confirmed the motion would be to continue discussion and does not include the budget given to the Board.

Motion by Phipps to continue discussions for police contract services with Rochester Borough, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
APPROVAL OF TRACTOR PARADE**

Motion by Happ to approve the annual tractor parade on June 3rd, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Chairman Happ asked the Chief to tell the kids to be safe.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Hendrickson read the April monthly report and submitted the financial report to the Supervisors. He stated they will have an Open House on May 15th

from 1-5. There is a flyer with details on the Pine Run Fire Department's Facebook page.

Chief Leindecker stated they had some significant crashes and wanted to express appreciation to the fire departments for what they do and the time they spend helping the police with accident calls.

Chairman Happ expressed appreciation for everything the fire departments do for the residents.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

The April monthly report was submitted.

**ROADS
SALE OF THE PARK KUBOTA
MOWER**

Motion by Martin to accept the Municibid final bid of \$6,100 for the park Kubota zero turn mower, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS
BEAVER COUNTY COG SPRING-
WINTER COMMODITIES BIDS**

Motion by Phipps to accept the Beaver County COG Spring-Winter commodities bids, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS
ADVERTISE 2001 CASE 3230
TRACTOR W/ALMO FLAIL HEAD
ON MUNICIBID**

Supervisor Martin questioned if the flail was the newer flail. Foreman Kraus said it is the original flail that came with the mower. Supervisor Bonzo questioned if they should wait to sell the mower until after the new mower arrives. Foreman Kraus said they would not need to use the mower they are selling. Motion by Martin to advertise the 2001 Case 3230 tractor with Almo flail head on Municibid, with the condition of Supervisor Bonzo overseeing the advertising and approval process, seconded by Happ. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS
ADVERTISE 20'ALMO FLAIL
MOWER AND BRUSH HOG ON
MUNICIBID**

Motion by Martin to advertise the 20' Almo flail mower and brush hog on Municibid with the condition of Supervisor Bonzo overseeing the advertising and approval process, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett of LSSE submitted the monthly report for April.

Mr. Brett discussed a grant due in May that would cover a large portion of the next PRP. The grant award would be \$196,860 and the Township contribution would be \$34,800 in 2023. The Board would need to pass a resolution if they agree to pursue the grant.

Laura Dengel asked for an explanation on the differences of a rain garden, retention pond and

detention pond. Mr. Brett explained the differences and the permit requirements. He added there are very few areas in New Sewickley that are approved for the MS4 project requirements.

Supervisor Martin asked if there are any advantages of any of the three being lower maintenance. Mr. Brett stated they always pick low maintenance projects to help the public works departments.

Motion by Retsch to adopt Resolution 14-22 for the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program grant, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PLANNING

Jenny Fessler gave an update on what the Planning Commission is currently working on. Manager O'Malley confirmed there will be a solar company giving a presentation at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**RECREATION
MONTHLY REPORT**

Mike Loschinsky gave the Recreation Board monthly report. There were two high school seniors who volunteered time to work at the park. He asked if a completion date for the park was known. Chairman Happ said the weather was likely having an impact on the completion.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Happ wanted to state for the record that he does not agree with live-streaming meetings to Facebook and thinks it's wrong to do without approvals. He does understand it is permitted.

Duane Rape reminded the Board to announce clean-up day on Saturday, May 7th. Manager O'Malley added that the Rabies Clinic is the same day and the cost is \$15.00.

Supervisor Retsch stated that although he thinks live stream is a good medium, he would much prefer the people attend the meetings to ask questions of the board.

Discussion continued on live-streaming of the meetings.

Supervisor Phipps commented that he has been on the Planning Commission since 2005, and they have had residents attend meetings yearly asking for water to be brought to the Township. The Township has an opportunity to start the process of bringing water

to the Township and that is something they have been working on for 20 years.

Ms. Dengel asked why the Municipal Authority switched water providers. Larry Hough stated it was for water quality and fire protection and for future needs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Happ to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary