

# NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

October 4, 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 Fritz Retsch (via teleconference).

Also, present were Interim Manager Susan Hockenberry, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Sergeant Daniel Swab, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Brandon James, David Bauman, Brian Perry, Lisa Lewis, Brenda Sebrig, Brett Schultz, Jim Hendrickson, Larry Hough, Mike Loschinskey, Patti Gerhard, Lou Delebosich, Jeff Mason, Allison Mason, Jenny Fessler, Pat Scheck, Jim Scheck and Laura Dengel

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Martin to accept the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**BILLS**

Motion by Phipps to pay the bills from the General and Stormwater Funds as submitted by the Treasurer, with the signing of checks following the meeting, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BRANDON JAMES**

Brandon James expressed concerns over a code violation given to Oak Grove Lutheran Church for a lighting issue and requested additional time to address the problem.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**LAURA DENGEL**

Laura Dengel asked for an explanation of agenda item 6C and expressed concerns over not having an additional 30 day comment period.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**JEFF MASON**

Expressed concern over not having an additional 30 day comment period and land development beginning prior to DEP approving the Planning Module and location of treatment plant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BRETT SCHULTZ**

Brett Schultz, Weaver Homes, stated there is only one site being considered and they understand the risk of beginning land development during the DEP approval process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - MS4**

**KEVIN BRETT**

Kevin Brett, Township Engineer, stated the DEP posted an extension for the next application 5-year cycle until 2024 with permits issued in 2025. The Pollution Reduction Plan deadline was not extended

and is due next year. The next cycle of construction looks to be late 2025 or 2026.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**2023 MMO  
(MINIMUM MUNICIPAL  
OBLIGATION)**

Motion by Martin to accept the 2023 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) as submitted by the Treasurer on September 27, 2022, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RESOLUTION #17-22 &  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE  
AGREEMENT FOR MEADOW CREST  
SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING  
MODULE**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution #17-22 and the Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Meadow Crest Sewage Facilities Planning Module, seconded by Bonzo.

Vice-Chairman Martin expressed concerns over the public asking for additional review time. Supervisors Phipps and Bonzo stated they felt the changes were minor and ready to move forward. Township Engineering Kevin Brett stated all criteria had been met to move forward.

Vote of 4-1 in favor. Chairman Happ voted No. The motion passed.

**BAILEY INSURANCE GROUP  
LIFE POLICY**

Motion by Bonzo for Susan Hockenberry to execute the group life insurance proposal with Bailey Insurance Group, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ACT 57 DISCUSSION**

At the advice of the Township Solicitor this item is tabled for October.

**537 PLAN DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Phipps stated the Board will need to begin the process soon, which will be time consuming and costly. It will be added as a discussion item for the next workshop meeting to begin a plan.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
CONDITIONS REVIEW**

Vice-Chairman Martin said it was suggested that Chairman Happ and Supervisor Bonzo make evaluations on the building and report back to the board. Both agreed.

**POLICE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Sergeant Swab gave the monthly police report for New Sewickley and Marion Townships.

**POLICE  
MARION TOWNSHIP CONTRACT**

Motion by Phipps to approve the contract with Marion Township for police services for 2023, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
CREATE A PART-TIME LIST**

Motion by Phipps to create a part-time list for the police department, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
ARPA PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT**

The police department received an ARPA Public Safety grant in the amount of \$22,246.00.

**POLICE  
DEPT OF JUSTICE GRANT**

The police department received a grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,400 to cover 50% of the cost of 5 bullet proof vests.

**PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Jim Hendrickson submitted the September monthly report. A schedule for completion of the bylaws was submitted with a completion target date of March 2023.

**BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Brian Perry submitted the September monthly report.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**

The September monthly report was submitted.

Supervisor Phipps thanked the road department for sealing the roof of the garage.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT  
RATIFY ROAD PAVING AT PARK  
QUARRY ROAD**

Motion by Bonzo to ratify the agreement with Young Blood Paving for the paving at Park Quarry Road not-to-exceed \$20,000, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT  
TRUCK FLEET REPAIRS**

Supervisor Bonzo reviewed the trucks that have been repaired and those still awaiting repairs.

**ENGINEER  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Kevin Brett, LSSE, submitted the monthly report for September.

**PLANNING  
RUCKERT SUBDIVISION PLAN**

Motion by Phipps to approve the Ruckert Subdivision Plan at 719 Freedom-Crider Road with the condition of approval by the Beaver County Planning Commission, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**PLANNING  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Supervisor Phipps stated the Planning Commission is beginning the 10 year update of the Comprehensive Plan. They will be asking members of the community to participate and if anyone has interest, they should contact the Planning Commission.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT  
WILLIAM BURR RETIREMENT**

Motion by Happ to accept the retirement of William Burr, Road Department, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Chairman Happ thanked Mr. Burr for his 43 years of service.

**RECREATION**

Mike Loschinskey submitted the September monthly report and informed the Board of upcoming events scheduled at the Park. He also informed the Board of some vandalism done to the restrooms at the park.

**BUILDING & ZONING  
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

**COMMENTS**

Patty Scheck expressed her displeasure over the building inspection company and their lack of response for their occupancy permit.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Happ to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman  
Secretary