

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

December 6, 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 Supervisors Mike Phipps, Martin Bonzo, and Fritz Retsch (via teleconference).

Absent: Vice-Chairman Doug Martin

Also, present were Interim Manager Susan Hockenberry, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Ronald Leindecker, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Theresa Magness, Wess Magness, Anthony Magness, Dave Bauman, Duane Rape, Brian Perry, Patti Gerhard, Julie Leindecker, Jenny Fessler, Jim Hendrickson, Lou Delebosich, Amanda Peterson, Daniel Swab, Markus DeNapoli, Samantha Vinson, Timothy Gatehouse, Larry Hough, Gregory Carney and Jordan Lizzi

Chairman Happ announced an executive session was held on November 16th, 22nd, 29th and December 6th for personnel matters. No action was taken.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Chairman Happ noted the typo on the agenda and confirmed this evening's meeting is a regular meeting of the Board and not an agenda meeting.

MINUTES

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

BILLS

Motion by Retsch 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 Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PROMOTE ALEXANDRA LIZZI TO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Motion by Bonzo to promote Alexandra Lizzi to a full-time position effective March 5, 2023, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

President Judge, Honorable Richard Mancini performed the swearing-in ceremony and Oath of Office for Officer Lizzi. Resident Patti Gerhard pinned Officer Lizzi's badge.

Chairman Happ thanked Officer Lizzi for her dedication to New Sewickley Township and wished her well.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Nicole Liston submitted the monthly Treasurer's report.

**FIRST READING OF THE
BUDGET**

Susan Hockenberry reviewed the proposed 2023 budget. No tax increases are proposed. The proposed budget will be posted for view at the Township building. Ms. Hockenberry thanked the Board for their work and dedication to making the budget.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE #229 FOR
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Ordinance #229 for alcoholic beverages, seconded by Retsch. Vote 2-2, motion did not pass. Happ and Bonzo voted no.

HIRE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Supervisor Phipps stated that after several months of searching for the next manager they are hiring from within.

Motion by Phipps to hire Ronald Leindecker as the Township Manager, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Mr. Leindecker will begin his position as Manager on December 28th and retire as Chief of Police on December 27th.

Chairman Happ thanked Susan Hockenberry for serving as the Township Interim Manager and congratulated Ron on his new endeavors with the Township.

Supervisor Bonzo stated after the interview process, Ron came out on top and he thanked him for serving the community as Chief.

Mr. Leindecker thanked the Board and the community for their support.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION #19-22
FOR SMALL WATER & SEWER
GRANT**

Motion by Bonzo to adopt Resolution #19-22 for a small water and sewer grant, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**FUTURE MEETING STRUCTURE &
SCHEDULE**

Chairman Happ stated the Board has been discussing making changes to the meeting schedule and possibly having two voting meetings. The Board will continue discussions.

**POLICE
HIRE TWO PART-TIME
OFFICERS**

Motion by Bonzo to hire two part-time officers pending a back ground investigation, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Hendrickson submitted the November monthly report.

BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Perry stated the reports from Big Knob will be submitted soon.

The joint by-laws will be given to the members and expect the final vote in February, 2023.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

The November monthly report was submitted.

Chairman Happ stated the Road Department has an employee out for two months on a non-work related injury. He implored the residents to be patient when we have snow, as the crew will be working hard and routes will take longer to complete while short staffed.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The November LSSE monthly report was submitted.

PLANNING

No updates to mention.

RECREATION

Dave Bauman expressed concerns on behalf of the Recreation Board over their budget not increasing. Supervisor Phipps explained the Board added a line item for repairs at the park, so those will not come out of the Recreation budget.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Retsch expressed his thanks for the staff, road department, Solicitor Reese, the Board members and those who stood behind them as they went through the process of selecting a manager. He also thanked Susan Hockenberry for her help during the process.

Chief Leindecker announced that Penn Energy donated \$2,500 to the Police Department.

Chairman Happ thanked Penn Energy for the generous donations they make to the Township.

Supervisor Phipps added Penn Energy also made a donation to help with the Movies in the Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Happ to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary