

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

December 27, 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.

Also, present were Interim Manager Susan Hockenberry, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Ronald Leindecker, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Alan Shaffer, Julie Leindecker, Mike Priolo, Jim Hendrickson, Mike Loschinsky, Brian Perry, Johnny Murtha, Lou Delebosich and Dave Lozier

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Motion by Martin to amend the agenda under public Safety to add 6C Pine Run Fire Department on a funding issue, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Motion by Phipps to amend the agenda under Public Safety to include 6D to hire Xiy rail Barnat and Jeremy Brown as part-time officers effective December 27, 2022, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

MINUTES

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

BILLS

Motion by Phipps to pay the bills as submitted by the Treasurer, with the signing of checks following the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT JULIE LEINDECKER

Julie Leindecker thanked the Board of Supervisors for their service to the community and for their trust in Ron Leindecker both as retiring Police Chief and future Township Manager.

ALAN SHAFFER

Al Shaffer, owner of Al's Pizza food trailer, is currently parking with permission at a commercial parking lot. He was recently informed that he needed a Food Truck Permit for the Township. He submitted the application. The Ordinance states a food truck must be moved nightly. He requested lenience from the Board, as the Department of Agriculture permits trucks to remain in one place for 14 days at a time. He is currently looking for a permanent space and the truck would only remain there for longer periods during the winter months.

A motion was made by Martin to permit the trailer to remain at the location for 14 days at a time.

Discussion continued over giving permission when the ordinance states differently. Ron Leindecker asked that the Board wait until the January meeting, as he believed there may be a prevision in the ordinance that allows for special exception from the Board of Supervisors.

Being no second, the motion did not pass

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-22
ADOPTING THE 2023 BUDGET**

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution 20-22 adopting the 2023 budget, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-22
SETTING THE TAX MILLAGE
FOR 2023**

Motion by Retsch to adopt Resolution 21-22 setting the tax millage for 2023 with no tax increase, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**APPOINT JORDAN TAX
SERVICES FOR THE
COLLECTION OF MS4 FEES AND
LIENS**

Motion by Phipps to appoint Jordan Tax Services for the collection of MS4 fees and liens, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF
RONALD LEINDECKER**

Motion by Phipps to accept the retirement of Ronald Leindecker, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Retiring Chief Leindecker thanked the Board of Supervisor for the great 32 year career with the police department.

Chairman Happ presented Chief Leindecker with an engraving for his gun and a storage box on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the residents. He thanked Sam Piccinini for doing the engraving and Brian Perry for making the storage box.

District Attorney Lozier presented Chief Leindecker with a plaque on behalf of the County Commissioners and himself. He thanked Chief Leindecker for setting an excellent example for other chiefs to follow.

Chairman Happ thanked the Chief again and stated he is looking forward to working with him in his new role as Township Manager.

**POLICE
BEGIN THE PROMOTION
PROCESS FOR A NEW CHIEF**

Motion by Phipps to begin the promotion process to hire a new police chief, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Hendrickson stated as part of the consolidation process it was recommended that the departments replace their old trucks. Pine Run Fire Department has made a truck purchase and is asking for the Board of Supervisors to release the 2022 funds

allotted to Pine Run for the purchase and also to receive their 2023 allotted funds.

Motion by Martin to allocate the 2022 truck fund to Pine Run Fire Department, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
HIRE TWO PART-TIME
OFFICERS**

Motion by Phipps to hire Xiyrail Barnat and Jeremy Brown as part-time officers effective December 27, 2022, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT
RELEASE ROAD BONDS**

Motion by Martin to release the road bonds for Penn Energy and Energy Transfer as submitted, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT
TRUCK PURCHASE**

The Board will move forward with the purchase of a truck. The funds are allocated in the 2023 budget and the Foreman Kraus will secure additional bids.

Chairman Happ thanked the Road Department for their hard work and long hours during the recent snow event.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Phipps reviewed the projects the Planning Commission has been working on.

Supervisor Retsch thanked Chairman Happ for taking the initiative on the chief's gift. He also stated it has been great working with Chief Leindecker.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Retsch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary