

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

February 7, 2023

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 Mike Phipps, Fritz Retsch and Martin Bonzo. Chairman Happ was absent.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Corporal Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Linda Carney, Julie Leindecker, David Bauman, Orrin LeFebvre, Eduardo Susan Elliana Sande, Jenny Fessler, Frank Halstias, Karen Halstias, Jay Parks, Lisa Lewis, Mike Loschinsky, Ross Jenny, Sue Jenny, Tim Gatehouse, Rick Jones, Larry Hough, Jim Hendrickson, Patti Gerhard, Lou Delebosich, Daniel Swab, Jeff Lizzi, Alexandra Lizzi, Tim Sovich, Markus DeNapoli, Jeremy Brown, James Kopaz and Greg Pullen

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge was recited and the meeting was called to order.

MINUTES

Motion by Bonzo to accept the January 3, 2023 Re-Organization and Regular meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

BILLS

Motion by Phipps to approve the bills to be paid from the general and stormwater accounts as submitted by the Treasurer, with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
RON BOGOLEA**

Ron Bogolea representing Legacies Alive asked for permission to place a veteran memorial at Green Valley Park to honor Veteran's Paytas and Rimer of New Sewickley along with seven others lost in war. Vice-Chairman Martin suggested he attend the Recreation Board meeting to discuss his idea.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
PATTI GERHARD**

Ms. Gerhard thanked Officers Kopaz and Fuchs for attending their Board meeting. She inquired if flashing stop signs could be placed at Danburry Farms in an attempt to stop speeding. Manager Leindecker stated the signs are very expensive.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Liston submitted and read the treasurer's report.

SET TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY Motion by Bonzo to set the Township Clean-Up Day on May 6th at the Big Knob Grange with the Township Road Department employees working, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

SET TIRE COLLECTION DAY Motion by Bonzo to set the Township Tire Collection Day on May 13th with one Road Department employee working and the Township purchasing lunch, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

SET ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY Motion by Martin to set the Township Electronic Recycling Day on Wednesday, June 28th from 3-7 p.m. with Noble Environment, one Road Department employee working and the use of the skid loader, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ORDINANCE #229
JORDAN TAX SERVICE
MS4 COLLECTION/LIENS** Motion by Retsch to adopt Ordinance #229 for the collection of MS4 fees and liens by Jordan Tax Service, seconded by Phipps.

Supervisor Bonzo stated he feels the fees are hefty; however, letters were sent to encourage residents to pay. He also noted that these projects are a result of a federal mandate.

Vice-Chairman Martin asked Solicitor Reese if the fines were excessive. Solicitor Reese stated they were not.

The vote was taken, 4-0 in favor.

RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF LED LIGHTS AND FIXTURES FROM H&A THROUGH A PROGRAM WITH DUQUESNE LIGHT Motion by Phipps to ratify the decision to purchase LED lights and fixtures for the administration offices, police department and park through H&A for a total of \$4,880.45, which does not include labor costs, through a grant sponsored by Duquesne Light Company, seconded by Retsch.

Vice-Chairman Martin questioned if this was a grant or a rebate. It was confirmed it is a rebate from Duquesne Light. Manager Leindecker stated to purchase without the program would be around \$11,000 and the new lights will cut the energy costs in half. Vice-Chairman Martin stated he did not like being rushed into a decision without time for discussion and stated the program goes until 2026.

A vote was taken, 3-1 in favor. Martin voting no.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT** The monthly report was submitted and reviewed by Corporal Carney.

**POLICE
HIRING OF CHIEF OF POLICE**

Motion by Bonzo to promote Gregory Carney to the position of Township Chief of Police, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**POLICE
SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF
CHIEF CARNEY**

The Honorable James Ross was present to perform the swearing in ceremony of Chief Carney.

Vice-Chairman Martin congratulated the newly appointed Chief.

Chief Carney spoke and gave thanks to all.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was submitted and reviewed by Jim Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson stated they submitted a grant for a new ladder truck. Both Departments are ready for the final By-Laws reading and the membership will vote on the adoption next week. The Departments are committed to combined trainings and will submit a joint article for the Township Newsletter.

Vice-Chairman Martin thanked the Departments and their members for helping with the East Palestine train derailment.

**ROADS
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted. Foreman Kraus stated their bucket truck had been taken in for repairs.

**ROADS
LIST ITEMS ON MUNCIBID**

Motion by Phipps to list the 2011 Alamo flail arm, pallet jack, and other miscellaneous items for sale on Muncibid, seconded by Bonzo.

Vice-Chairman Martin questioned if a value could be set on the flail arm. It cannot. He also questioned what other items would be sold. Manager Leindecker explained they are trying to clean-up around the Township building.

A vote taken, 4-0 in favor.

**ROADS
PURCHASE OF 2023 TRUCK AND
BED**

Motion by Phipps to purchase a 2023 Ford F600 Super Duty for \$63,565.00 through Laurel Auto Group and also a bed for the truck for \$65,014.00 through A&H Equipment, seconded by Retsch.

Manager Leindecker stated that only one quote was received for the truck purchase; although several companies were asked to provide a quote, they did not. They did receive 3 quotes for the bed.

A vote was taken, 4-0 in favor.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted. Josh Callendar stated they met with the Township Grant Committee and went over priorities for the Township. They are moving forward with the MS4 project at Willowmere Park. Supervisor Bonzo requested a design be given to the supervisors to review. Mr. Callendar will send the concept design. He also noted we should hear about the latest grant in March.

PLANNING

Jenny Fessler, Secretary for the Commission, will attend Board meetings to advise the Board of the happenings of the Commission and take requests or concerns back. She stated there are several Ordinances that should soon be ready for the Board's consideration. She will be submitting the Annual Report at the March meeting. She also stated Stakeholder letters for the comprehensive plan were sent out.

RECREATION BOARD

Mike Loschinsky stated they would begin taking shelter reservations on February 5th from 9-10 a.m.

**RECREATION BOARD
WORKSHOP REQUEST**

The Recreation Board requested a workshop with the Board on March 14th. Manager Leindecker stated he received a request from Grass Roots to meet during a workshop. The Board will meet with Grass Roots at 5:30 and the Recreation Board at 6:30.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Retsch stated that Supervisor Phipps was able to get a better rate for the truck loan than we could with the regular lender

Supervisor Bonzo stated he looked forward to working with the new Township Police Chief.

Vice-Chairman Martin welcomed the new Chief and thanked everyone who came to the meeting and Judge Ross for performing the ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Retsch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary