

# **NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP**

## **Supervisor's Meeting**

**March 7, 2023**

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 Doug Martin, Mike Phipps, Martin Bonzo, and Fritz Retsch via teleconference.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, David Bauman, Johnny Murtha, Brian Perry, Jim Hendrickson, Larry Hough, Amanda Peterson, Patti Gerhard, Jenny Fessler, Mike Loschinsky, Cody Nichol森, and Lou Delebosich

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge was recited and the meeting was called to order. It was announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss road department contracts and the police pension.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Martin to accept the February 7, 2023 Regular meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 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 Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Manager Leindecker stated Ms. Gerhard approached him about a drainage problem and various large rocks found at Danburry Farms.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

The treasurer's report was submitted.

### **ADOPT RESOLUTION #05-23 BEAVER COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE**

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution #05-23 for the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

### **APPROVE COWDEN AGREEMENT FOR ACTUARY SERVICES FOR POLICE PENSION**

Motion by Bonzo to approve the agreement with Cowden for actuary services for the police pension, seconded by Martin.

Supervisor Martin asked that other companies be looked at prior to the next agreement.

Vote of 5-0 in favor.

### **APPROVE SICK TIME POLICY**

Motion by Phipps to approve the sick time policy for all township employees, seconded by Martin.

Supervisor Martin asked for the record to reflect the policy approved is the policy preferred by the employees.

Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**TAX EXONERATION REQUEST**

Motion by Martin to approve the tax exoneration request of \$1,717.19 for Parcel #69-155-0113-854, 164 Skyview Lane for Jones Estate, seconded by Phipps.

Chairman Happ stated he does not agree with exonerating taxes for mobile home park owners.

Supervisor Phipps stated he drove through the park and it looks better and feels they are trying to make a difference.

Vote of 3-2, motion passed. Bonzo and Happ voting no.

**APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR  
MAJORS ELECTRIC SERVICE  
FOR WORK AT MEMORIAL AT  
ROUTE 68 & GLEN EDEN ROAD**

Motion by Retsch to accept the proposal from Majors Electric Service for \$1,500 for electrical work at the Memorial at Route 68 and Glen Eden Road, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**APPROVE DCED PEER TO PEER  
TRAINING FOR STAFF**

Motion by Phipps to approve the DCED peer to peer training at no charge for the manager, treasurer, secretary, police chief and road foreman at the township building, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**WORKSHOP REQUEST**

A workshop will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for the strategic plan presentation from Grass Roots Solution.

**POLICE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted and reviewed by Chief Carney.

**POLICE  
ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF  
JEFFREY LIZZI**

Motion by Martin to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Lizzi, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Chairman Happ thanked Officer Lizzi for his part-time service to New Sewickley Township over the last 15 years. Chief Carney has ordered a plaque to present to Officer Lizzy.

**POLICE  
APPROVE DETECTIVE VINSON  
FOR COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**

Motion by Phipps to approve Detective Samantha Vinson on the Beaver County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force at a cost of \$400.00 to be

paid to Beaver County for Workers' Compensation, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
CREATE A PART-TIME LIST**

Motion by Retsch to approve creating a part-time eligibility list by advertising, testing, and the interview process on an as-needed basis through the year 2023, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
APPROVE ACT 89  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR JEREMY  
BROWN**

Motion by Martin to approve Act 89 reimbursement at 75% for Jeremy Brown for the Allegheny Police Academy, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE  
GRANT INFORMATION**

Chief Carney stated they are applying for a grant for the purchase of solar powered electronic signage and will need a letter of support from the Board.

**PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The monthly report was submitted and reviewed by Jim Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson stated the joint by-laws were passed by majority vote and were in effect beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be holding an open house on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Brian Perry stated that they will be putting an addition on their building and will discuss further at the April workshop meeting.

Chief Murtha submitted and read the monthly report.

Discussion occurred over their gear being replaced as a result of their service at the East Palestine derailment.

Chairman Happ thanked the fire departments for their help to East Palestine and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board.

**WORKSHOP REQUEST**

A workshop will be held with the fire departments on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**ROADS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted.

**ROADS  
LIQUID ASPHALTS & RENTAL  
EQUIPMENT ADVERTISE AND  
BID**

Motion by Phipps to approve advertising and bidding for liquid asphalts and rental equipment, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS  
LIST ITEMS ON MUNICIBID**

Motion by Martin to re-advertise the flail mower arm and brush hog head to sell on Municibid, seconded by Bonzo.

Supervisor Martin asked if the Board wanted to entertain the option to approve the bid or place a reserve. It was decided the bid will begin at \$50 with a reserve of \$500.

Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS  
ACCEPT BID FOR SALT SHED  
ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Motion by Phipps to accept the bid from Hersheberger Construction for \$7,933.09 to replace the salt shed roof, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ENGINEER  
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

**ENGINEER  
MS4 GRANT SECURED**

An MS4 grant was secured in the amount of \$133,374 with a \$27,500 share. The total project cost will be \$160,874

**SOLICITOR**

An executive session was requested following the meeting for litigation.

**PLANNING**

The Planning Commission Annual Report was submitted.

**PLANNING  
MILDRED TEETS SUBDIVISION  
PLAN NO. 3**

Motion by Martin to approve the Mildred Teets Subdivision Plan No. 3 contingent upon the corrections made as noted by LSSE, the utility right away marked, lot 1 described and any comments received back from the Beaver County Planning Commission, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RECREATION BOARD**

The monthly report was submitted.

**RECREATION BOARD  
APPROVE CONTRACT WITH  
PITTSBURGH POWER**

Motion by Phipps to approve the contract with Pittsburgh Power to use Green Valley Park from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RECREATION BOARD  
ACCEPT BID FOR CEILING  
INSTALLATIONS**

Motion by Martin to accept the bid from Wengerd Roofing in the amount of \$10,150 for the roof in the amphitheater and shelter pavilion 3, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RECREATION BOARD  
WAR MEMORIAL INSTALLATION**

Mike Loschinskey asked that the Board table the request for now. He would like an opportunity to discuss further with the Recreation Board. The Board agreed.

**RECREATION BOARD  
WORKSHOP REQUEST**

A workshop will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**BUILDING & ZONING  
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Phipps stated he attended the Freedom High School play, and they did a fantastic job. He also stated the girls' basketball team had another successful year. He thanked everyone who works on securing grants for the township. He also thanked the fire departments for all they do.

Supervisor Bonzo thanked Chief Carney and the officers for protecting the township's children by watching for people driving unsafely around the school buses.

Vice-Chairman Martin thanked the fire departments for working on and passing the joint by-laws.

Chairman Happ thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Patti Gerhard asked for assistance in moving a bus stop slightly to a safer location. Chief Carney will look into the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Happ to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman  
Secretary