

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

April 4, 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.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Johnny Murtha, Duane Rape, David Bauman, Jim Hendrickson, Patti Gerhard, Mike Loschinskey, Lou Delebosich, Jack Smith, Jenny Fessler, Amanda Peterson, and Larry Hough

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Gerhard expressed her appreciation of the Road Department for the great clean-up of cinders at Danburry Farms. Manager Leindecker explained they rented a street sweeper from New Brighton and it worked well to pick up cinders.

TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer's report was submitted.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #06-23 GREEN VALLEY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANT

Motion by Retsch to adopt Resolution #06-23 for a Green Valley Park Improvement Project, seconded by Phipps.

Supervisor Bonzo asked if the portion that would pay for the pavement of parking area is flexible. Manager Leindecker explained the area chosen was the lowest cost area to pave and must include ADA parking, trees, and grass.

Supervisor Martin asked for the cost breakdown and the amount of township responsibility. Manager Leindecker stated the \$89,000 for the walking trail would be grant funded and the \$39,000 for the parking area would be township funded.

A vote was taken. Vote of 4-0 in favor.
Supervisor Martin voted no. Motion passed.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT TO
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FOR
HARVEY RUN ROAD WATERLINE
PROJECT GRANT**

Motion by Phipps to ratify the decision to give the Municipal Authority a letter of support for a Harvey Run Road area waterline improvement project grant, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT TO
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FOR
BIG KNOB ROAD WATERLINE
PROJECT GRANT**

Motion by Retsch to ratify the decision to give the Municipal Authority a letter of support for a Big Knob Road waterline extension project grant, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted and reviewed by Chief Carney. Chief Carney thanked the Road Department and both Fire Departments for their help with the storm damage over the past two weekends.

**POLICE
GRANT AWARD**

The department received a grant from DCED for \$200,000 for police cars and PCCD for \$126,000 for computers and RMS for the cars.

**POLICE
APPROVE STUDENT TRACTOR
PARADE**

Motion by Bonzo to approve the student tractor parade on June 2, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was submitted and reviewed by Jim Hendrickson. The open house will be held on May 6. The times will be posted on their Facebook page.

BIG KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Murtha submitted and read the monthly report. They ran around 42-50 calls over the month.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

A workshop will be held with the fire departments on April 11 at 6:30 pm.

**ROADS
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted. Chairman Happ expressed appreciation for all of the work done for storm damage.

**ROADS
LIQUID ASPHALTS & RENTAL
EQUIPMENT BID APPROVAL**

Motion by Phipps to award Youngblood Paving the 2023 contract for Liquid Asphalts and Rental Equipment as submitted, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS
2023-2027 CONTRACT
APPROVAL**

Motion by Phipps to approve the 2023-2027 union contract for the Road Department, seconded by Retsch.

Supervisor Bonzo questioned how the contract would affect the existing budget and what would be taken

Away to cover the extra cost. Manager Leindecker explained they have saved \$50,000 in winter overtime pay and he would watch the budget throughout the year and adjust, if necessary.

A vote was taken. Vote of 3-0 in favor. Supervisors Bonzo and Martin voted no. Motion passed.

**ROADS
ROAD BOND RELEASE FOR
KUHNS LOGGING**

Motion by Bonzo to approve the road bond release for Kuhns Logging for Hartzell School Road, seconded by Phipps.

Supervisor Martin asked if inspections were done. Foremen Kraus stated he did inspect the roads used.

A vote was taken. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS
AUTHORIZE PENNDOT TO PARK
A FIELD OFFICE AT THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE PARKING
LOT**

Motion by Bonzo to authorize PennDOT to park a field office at the municipal office parking lot for \$225 per-month, plus electric, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS
GUIDE RAIL REMOVAL**

Chairman Happ explained Manager Leindecker and Foreman Kraus met with the PennDOT guide rail installer who advised the section of guide rail in question could be removed.

Motion by Bonzo to approve the removal of the portion of guide rail on Pine Run Road as explained by the Manager and Road Foreman, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Supervisor Martin asked if the road department was doing the work or hiring a contractor. Foreman Kraus confirmed they would do the removal.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

Supervisor Bonzo questioned the additional work sited on the MS4 plan for the Willowmere Park project.

SOLICITOR

Nothing new to report.

PLANNING

Jenny Fessler stated the Board would be receiving several zoning ordinances for review.

RECREATION BOARD

The monthly report was submitted.

**RECREATION BOARD
APPROVE COMMUNITY DAY
FIREWORKS**

Motion by Retsch to approve the \$8,000 purchase for fireworks for Community Day, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RECREATION BOARD
WEBSITE**

Supervisor Martin questioned if approval was necessary for the manager to research the website development. He stated the design should be put on the township webpage and not their own individual site.

The board agreed that the design can be put on the township's page.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Happ stated he drove around the township and notice a lot of property neglect that would be reported to the code enforcement officer.

Supervisor Bonzo thanked the police department for their continued watch for school bus safety. He also thanked the road department and fire departments for their work from the storm damage.

Supervisor Retsch thanked Chief Carney for the excellent report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bonzo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary