

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

August 1, 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 Mike Phipps, Fritz Retsch, and Martin Bonzo.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Doug Martin

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Patti Gerhard, Duane Rape, David Bauman, Jim Hendrickson, Jenny Fessler, Brian Perry, Dan Swartz, Lou Delebosich, Albert Horn, Larry Hough, Amanda Peterson, Karen Baker, Steve Spade, Laura Dengel, and Michael Bizub

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairman Happ announced the presence of security cameras in the building.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

None

MINUTES

Motion by Bonzo to accept the July 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

BILLS

Motion by Phipps to approve the bills to be paid from the general and stormwater accounts from July 6 - August 1, 2023, with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT MICHAEL BIZUB

Michael Bizub expressed concerns over code violations reported and the amount of time it is taking to receive a resolution. Solicitor Reese responded that Owen Pella is currently working on a letter that will be sent shortly.

PUBLIC COMMENT PATTI GERHARD

Patti Gerhard thanked the police department for responding to a smoke alarm at her home.

PUBLIC COMMENT LAURA DENGEL

Laura Dengel asked for an explanation on agenda item 8b 989 Act 14 notification is.

Ms. Dengel asked for an explanation on agenda item 10b Land Development for the NSTMA water interconnect.

Ms. Dengel then asked if the Board of Supervisors has the authority to unappoint members of the Municipal Authority.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-23 FOR A
SEPARATE WESBANCO ACCOUNT FOR
ROUNABOUT BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECT DONATIONS**

Motion by Bonzo to adopt Resolution #10-23 to set up a separate WesBanco account for any donations made to the roundabout beautification project, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE #230 FOR SMALL
CELL TOWERS**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Ordinance #230 for Small Cell Towers, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE #231 FOR
CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING**

Motion by Retsch to adopt Ordinance #231 for Cryptocurrency Mining, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE #232 FOR STREET
OPENINGS**

Motion by Retsch to adopt Ordinance #232 for Street Openings, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE #233 FOR SEWAGE
HOLDING TANK
INSTALLATION/MAINTENANCE/REMOVAL**

Solicitor Reese stated the word "existing" was added to the definition of improved property.

Motion by Phipps to adopt Ordinance #233 for Sewage Holding Tank Installation/Maintenance/Removal, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION #08-23 FEE
SCHEULE FOR SMALL CELL TOWERS**

Motion by Bonzo to adopt Resolution #08-23 the Fee Schedule for Small Cell Towers, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Albert Horn asked for the fees to be read.

**RESOLUTION #09-23 SUPPORTING AN
APPLICATION TO DCED FOR A GRANT
STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING
PROGRAM**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution #09-23 supporting an application to DCED for a grant strategic management planning program, seconded by Retsch.

Supervisor Bonzo asked for clarification that any moneys spent would go before the BOS for approval. Manager Leindecker stated they would.

Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**RE-ADOPT DRIVEWAY APPLICATION
AND UPDATED DRIVEWAY DETAIL**

Motion by Phipps to re-adopt the driveway application and updated driveway detail, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #234
COMBINING ORDINANCES #204, 215,
AND 224**

Chris Reese explained this ordinance combines the ordinances prohibiting alcohol, tobacco, and vaping into one ordinance for the school, park and township facilities.

Motion by Phipps to approve the advertising of Ordinance #234, seconded by Retsch.

Supervisor Bonzo expressed his disapproval of the ordinance and the fines imposed when the school already has rules in place.

Vote of 3-1. Motion passed, Bonzo voted No.

**APPROVE PAPER TRAILER DONATION
TO BEAVER COUNTY OFFICE OF
SUSTAINABILITY AND WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

Motion by Phipps to approve the donation of the paper trailer to the Beaver County Office of Sustainability and Waste Management, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

Chief Carney informed the Board that a grant was secured from Energy Transfer for solar powered signs at the intersections of Rt 68 and Glen Eden Road and Big Knob and Taffy Run Roads.

**POLICE
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Chief Carney stated National Night Out was being held that evening and invited everyone to attend following the adjournment.

**POLICE
WORKSHOP SCHEDULED**

The police department requested a workshop with the Board of Supervisors on August 8th at 9:00 am.

**POLICE
CHANGE CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE
SOCIETY**

Motion by Retsch to approve changing the contract with the Humane Society, seconded by Bonzo.

Chief Carney explained that staffing limitations have prevented the Humane Society from the obligations of the current contract. The new contract is \$3,000 less and will provide the service most needed by the township.

Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**POLICE
SALE OF OLD MOBILE RADIOS ON
MUNCIBID**

Motion by Bonzo to approve the sale of the old mobile radios on Muncibid, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

**BIG KNOB AND PINE RUN FIRE
DEPARTMENTS**

The monthly reports were submitted.

Jim Hendrickson, Pine Run, thanked the Board of Supervisors, Manager, Road Foreman Kraus, and the Road Department for the completion of the paving project at the fire station. The truck ordered should arrive in September.

Brian Perry, Big Knob, stated the Gun Bash is August 12th and they hope to break ground on the new addition at the end of August.

**ROADS
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted.

**ROADS
APPROVE PURCHASE OF BUFFALO
TURBINE BLOWER**

Motion by Phipps to approve the purchase of a Buffalo Turbine Blower with the funds to be used from the stormwater account, seconded by Retsch.

Discussion occurred between Supervisors Phipps and Bonzo on the funds being taken from the stormwater account and the purchase not being budgeted.

Steve Spade asked for an explanation of the blower. Road Foreman Kraus explained what the equipment would be used for and that they had borrowed a turbine blower from another municipality to try to see if it would work before requesting the purchase.

Laura Dengel asked for the MS4 report to be posted on the township's website. Lawrie Borgman stated she would do so.

Vote of 3-1. Motion passed, Bonzo voted No.

**ROADS
APPROVE SALE OF 1996
INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK**

Motion by Phipps to approve the sale of the 1996 International dump truck on Muncibid with a reserved bid of \$4,000 and the funds from the sale to be put towards the purchase of the new truck, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Supervisor Phipps asked the status of the trucks ordered. Road Foreman Kraus has a call to the rep. The Mack was to be off the line on August 3rd.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

**ENGINEER
SR 989 WATERLINE EXTENSION - ACT
14 NOTIFICATION**

Chairman Happ stated Act 14 notification was received on the SR 989 waterline extension.

**ENGINEER
RELEASE OF STORMWATER OBLIGATION
FROM PENNENERGY RESOURCES AT
ZAHN METER STATION**

Motion by Retsch to release the stormwater obligation from PennEnergy Resources back to the landowner at the Zahn Meter Station, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Solicitor Reese and Amanda Peterson will coordinate any documents needed for the release of the land development.

SOLICITOR

Nothing new to report.

PLANNING

Jenny Fessler thanked the supervisors for the time spent reviewing the ordinances submitted and for their approval to adopt.

**PLANNING
LAND DEVELOPMENT NSTMA WVWA
INTERCONNECT PROJECT**

Motion by Phipps to approve the land development for the New Sewickley Township Municipal Authority West View Water interconnect contingent upon the closure counts being added to the plan at the permanent easement and Beaver County Planning comments being received, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

RECREATION BOARD

The monthly report was submitted. Dave Bauman stated Community Day was a success and thanked the staff, police, and fire personnel for participation in the dunk tank. He reviewed the bands and movies scheduled for August.

Laura Dengel asked if the Community Surveys were made available. It was confirmed they were at the township table.

Supervisor Bonzo stated it was nice to see the road department equipment at Community Day.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Retsch thanked the fire departments for having so many trucks at Community Day and thanked the Recreation Board for their hard work to put on the event. He also thanked Al Horn and the Planning Commission for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Happ to adjourn the meeting,
seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary