

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

October 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:39 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Doug Martin, Supervisors Mike Phipps, Fritz Retsch, and Martin Bonzo.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker (via teleconference), Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Township Engineers Kevin Brett and Josh Callender, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Laura Dengel, Steve Spade, David Bauman, Larry Hough, Jim Hendrickson, Brett Schultz, Brenda Sebring, Mike Loschinskey, Jeffrey Mason, Allison Mason, Lou Delebosich, Patti Gerhard, Mike Herger, Jen Fessler, M. Bizub, Albert Horn, and Dan Swartz

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairman Happ announced an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters.

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

Chairman Happ announced the October 31st agenda meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. to accommodate the township's Trick or Treat night.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Bonzo to accept the September 5, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Retsch. 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, with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Bonzo. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT EMAILED

Comments were emailed to the township office from Laura Dengel and Mike Petruska. Those comments were given to the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT STEVE SPADE

Steve Spade requested the bills authorized to be paid, the amounts, and who is being paid be put in the meeting minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
JEFF MASON**

Jeff Mason requested Section 5D (Resolution #11-23 for Meadow Crest Development Sewage Facilities Planning Module) be removed from the agenda based on technicalities and feels it requires a conditional use. If not removed, he asked that it not be accepted as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
MIKE LOSCHINSKEY**

Mike Loschinskey wanted to clarify October 31st is not Trick or Treat Trail, but the township-wide Trick or Treat night.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
LAURA DENGEL**

Laura Dengel expressed concern over not holding a public hearing prior to consideration of Resolution #11-23. She requested Resolution #11-23 be removed or a motion called to abate the acceptance of #11-23.

Ms. Dengel also stated she submitted questions in writing as requested and had not yet received a response. Solicitor Reese stated any comments already received would be sent to the DEP even though the comment period was over.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
BRENDA SEBRING**

Brenda Sebring, attorney for Weaver Homes, explained why the sewage needs to be addressed first and stated it is the normal course of procedure prior to a conditional use hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
STEVE SPADE**

Expressed concerns over the development and how it will affect MS4.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4
JEFF MASON**

Jeff Mason asked the Board to be proactive and not reactive and stated he feels there needs to be a minimum lot size considered regarding development.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

ACCEPT THE 2024 MMO

Motion by Retsch to accept the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF
TOWNSHIP AUDITOR TED ZOBB**

Motion by Phipps to accept the Resignation of Township Auditor Ted Zobb, seconded by Retsch.

Vice-Chairman Martin asked if the county election office was notified. It was confirmed they were.

Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**RESOLUTION #11-23
MEADOW CREST DEVELOPMENT SEWAGE
FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution #11-23 for Meadow Crest Development Sewage Facilities Planning Module, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-1, motion passed. Martin voted no.

**POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted. Chief Carney reminded the Board of Crime Watch night at Yeck Farms, Trick or Treat Trail, and the township's Trick or Treat night.

**POLICE
APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF TWO
FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

Motion by Bonzo to approve the promotion of Jeremy Brown and Sierra Sicilia to full-time status effective November 5, 2023, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Chairman Happ congratulated the officers.

**POLICE
APPROVE CREATING AN ELIGIBILITY
LIST TO PROMOTE ONE OFFICER TO
THE RANK OF CORPORAL**

Motion by Bonzo to approve the creation of an eligibility list to promote one officer to Corporal, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**BIG KNOB AND PINE RUN FIRE
DEPARTMENTS**

The monthly reports were submitted.

Jim Hendrickson, Pine Run, stated the new squad vehicle will be delivered this week. They had a positive joint workshop on the interdepartmental merger. The Liberty Hills Development held a fundraiser for the fire departments. Over the last 10 years, Liberty Hills residents have donated over \$20,000 to the departments.

**ROADS
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted.

Supervisor Bonzo commented that the Taffy Run Road project was well done by the Road Department.

Supervisor Phipps commented the Road Department did a large stormwater project at the park and feels they may have fixed the remaining water problem.

**ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

SOLICITOR

Nothing new to report.

PLANNING

Jenny Fessler stated they are continuing work on the noise ordinance and hopes to have it to the board in a few months.

RECREATION BOARD

The monthly report was submitted.

**BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

**ZONING HEARING SCHEDULED ON
OCTOBER 24TH**

Chairman Happ stated there will be a Zoning Hearing held on October 24th at 7:00 p.m. for Verizon Wireless.

BOARD COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bonzo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary