

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

January 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Chairman Martin Bonzo at 6:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Doug Martin, Supervisors Mike Phipps, Fritz Retsch, and Steve Spade.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Jenny Fessler, Albert Horn, David Bauman, Jim Hendrickson, Brian Perry, Greg Happ, Mike Loschinsky, Amanda Peterson, Larry Hough, Jim Scheck, Patti Gerhard, Lou Delebosich, Elois Nadzak, Jodie Spade, Julie Leindecker, Laura Dengel, and Tricia Barker

1. CALL TO ORDER	The Pledge was recited and the meeting was called to order.
	Chairman Bonzo announced the presence of security cameras in the building.
AGENDA AMENDMENT	None.
2. MINUTES	Motion by Martin to accept the December 27, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
3. BILLS	Motion by Retsch 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 Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT JODIE SPADE	Expressed concerns about lack of signage on properties, enforcement, and liability of alcohol permission and consumption, including possible allegations of Dram Shop liability (Klar v. Dairy Farmers of America) in regards to adopted ordinance #234.
PUBLIC COMMENT LAURA DENGEL	Requested prayer invocation be added to the beginning of the meetings, requested term limits on boards, and requested the budget be re-opened.
PUBLIC COMMENT CRAIG LISTON	Recalled prayer prior to meetings being discussed in the past. He also stated he does not support term limits for boards.
PUBLIC COMMENT DAVE BAUMAN	Explained the reason he feels repaving the walking trail and new park vehicle are needed.
PUBLIC COMMENT FRITZ RETSCH & MIKE PHIPPS	Supervisor Retsch stated re-opening the budget would set precedent and he would not support it. Supervisor Phipps stated many months and hours were spent on making a balanced budget and questioned why the request to re-open it was made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
MIKE LOSCHINSKEY**

Thanked Greg Happ for his service to the community and welcomed Steve Spade to the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
JIM SCHECK-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR**

Expressed concern over not having a radio and requested a multi-band radio, if possible. Chief Carney stated not all of their officers have radios yet and is working on a solution.

Mr. Scheck thanked Manager Leindecker for agreeing to be an assistant coordinator.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4
LAURA DENGEL**

Expressed concerns over the MS4 portion of the website being outdated.

5a. TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

**5b. ADOPT RESOLUTION #01-24 –
POLICE PENSION**

Motion by Retsch to adopt Resolution #01-24, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Manager Leindecker confirmed the resolution is for the contribution to the pension.

**5c. ADOPT RESOLUTION #02-24 – FIRE
DEPARTMENTS**

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution #02-24, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**5d. ADOPT RESOLUTION #03-24 – DECLARING
NST A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY**

Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution #03-24, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**5e. ADOPT RESOLUTION #04-24 – RECORDS
DESTRUCTION**

Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution #04-24, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

5f. STATE CONVENTION

Chairman Bonzo asked the board to inform the staff as to who will be attending state convention on April 14th – 17th.

5g. AUDITOR REORGANIZATION

The auditor will reorganize on January 3, 2024

**6a. POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

**6b. BIG KNOB AND PINE RUN FIRE
DEPARTMENTS**

The monthly reports were submitted.

Jim Hendrickson stated the departments will be having an interdepartmental merger meeting and will keep working towards their goal.

Brian Perry stated the addition to the Big Knob station is underway and coming along nicely.

**7a. ROADS
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Road Department monthly report was submitted.

**8a. ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

Kevin Brett informed the Board the award letter was sent out for the Willowmere Park stormwater project.

Chairman Bonzo asked Mr. Brett about next steps and a map that will show the sewage needs. Mr. Brett will attend the January 30th agenda meeting to go over the steps in more detail.

SOLICITOR

Nothing new to report.

9. PLANNING

Nothing to report.

9a. RECREATION BOARD

Nothing new to report.

**9b. BUILDING & ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.

GRANTS

Manager Leindecker received a request asking for additional information in regards to the park grant that he applied for.

10. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary