

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

March 5, 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 Josh Callendar, Township Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, Larry Hough, Mary Lou Lumski, David Bauman, Carrie Costanza, Patti Gerhard, Dan Plunkett, Duane Rape, Jen Fessler, Brian Perry, Albert Horn, Lou Delebosich, Chris Voynick, Don Kretschmann, Tricia Barker, Donald Berbel, Nadine Berbel, Jeff Mason, Larry Spontak, Laura Dengel, Craig Liston, and Terry Marshall

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| 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. |
| 2 | AMENDMENT TO AGENDA | None. |
| 3 | MINUTES | Motion by Martin to accept the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Spade. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 4 | 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 Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 5a | PUBLIC COMMENT LARRY HOUGH | Expressed concern over ongoing noise issue and encouraged hiring noise consultant. |
| | LARRY SPONTAK | Expressed concern over ongoing noise issue and encouraged hiring noise consultant. |
| | MARY LOU LUMSKI | Expressed concern over noise issue and encouraged hiring noise consultant. |
| | DON KRETSCHMANN | Expressed concern over comprehensive plan. |
| | LAURA DENGEL | Thanked Road Department for sign installation; expressed concern over public comment limit, water and sewage, ARPA funding, and waterline extension. |
| | TERRY MARSHALL | Expressed concern over noise issue and encouraged hiring noise consultant. |
| | DON BERBEL | Expressed concern over noise coming from industrial park. |
| | CRAIG LISTON | Thanked the BOS for bringing water to the township. |
| 5b | PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4 LAURA DENGEL | Laura Dengel expressed concerns about the Willowmere Park MS4 project and website. |

- 6a TREASURER REPORT** The Treasurer's report was submitted.
- 6b ADOPT RESOLUTION #07-24 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM PHASE 2** Vice-Chairman Martin asked for the item to be tabled to give time for review and prioritize items. Supervisor Spade stated he did not have the back information on how and why items were selected. Manager Leindecker stated the Board discussed the items during budget meetings in Aug, Sept, Oct, and Nov.
- Motion by Phipps to adopt Resolution #07-24 for Phase 2 of the Strategic Management Planning Program, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 3-2. Spade and Martin voted no. Motion passed.
- 6c ADOPT RESOLUTION #08-24 AMERICA250PA** Supervisor Retsch inquired if the program was going to be politically motivated.
- Motion by Retsch to adopt Resolution #08-24 for America250PA, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 6d APPROVE NO-MATCH GRANT TO FINISH ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDING WITH LSSE SUBMITTING ON A NOT TO EXCEED BASIS** Vice-Chairman Martin questioned if the project qualified for the grant. Josh Callender stated he would confirm prior to a submission. Chairman Bonzo requested the cost estimates that would be budgeted for the project. Mr. Callender stated the Board would need to pass a resolution at the April meeting.
- Motion by Phipps to approve the no match grant submission for the COVID-19 ARPA capital project fund multi-purpose community facilities program to finish the Road Department building and give LSSE permission to apply for the grant on a not-to-exceed basis of \$2,000, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 6e APPROVE NO-MATCH GRANT TO ADD AN ADDITION TO AND REMODEL THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING WITH LSSE SUBMITTING ON A NOT TO EXCEED BASIS** Motion by Retsch to approve the no match grant submission for the COVID-19 ARPA capital project fund multi-purpose community facilitates program to add an addition to and remodel the Municipal Building and give LSSE permission to apply for the grant on a not-to-exceed basis of \$2,000, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 6f REQUEST TO SET A NON-QUORUM MEETING TO DISCUSS SEWAGE** Chairman Bonzo stated he would like to hold a non-quorum meeting with members of the Board, Planning Commission, and the Municipal Authority to discuss sewage needs in the township. The meeting will be scheduled for March 12th at 9:00 a.m.
- 6g MOVE MARCH AGENDA MEETING** The board discussed moving the March Agenda meeting since a Zoning Hearing will be held at the same time. In the past, the Board met in the administration office. Since attendance has been greater, discussion was held on moving this meeting and asking the Zoning Hearing Board if hearings could be set for a different day in the future.
- Motion by Martin to move the March agenda meeting to March 25th at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

- 7a POLICE MONTHLY REPORT** The monthly report was submitted. Patrolman Brown was struck by a vehicle during a traffic stop. SRO Jones performed the Heimlich maneuver on a choking child during lunch hour.
- Chairman Bonzo offered prayers for quick healing for Patrolman Brown and thanked the officers for all of their work.
- 7b BIG KNOB AND PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENTS** The monthly reports were submitted. Brian Perry stated the Resolution for the merger has been sent for review and he expects the merger to be final in 5-6 months.
- Tickets for the Purse Bash and Sportsman's Bash are currently being sold.
- 8a ROADS MONTHLY REPORT** The Road Department monthly report was submitted. Road Foreman Kraus stated the John Deere should be back by mid-month. Vice-Chairman Martin asked if the wood chips could be made available to the residents rather than taking them to the county. Foreman Kraus will look into the request.
- 8b APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND BID LIQUID ASPHALTS AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Motion by Martin to approve to advertise and bid liquid asphalts and rental equipment, second by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 8c REQUEST FOR BOILER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT** Supervisor Retsch suggested the Board replace the boiler and also the water heater.
- Motion by Retsch to approve replacing the road department boiler and water heater with Alberts Heating for \$6,500, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 9a ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT** The monthly report was submitted.
- The Willowmere MS4 construction is complete. A couple of adjustments were made at no additional charge to the township.
- 9b ENGINEER RESEARCH FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SEWAGE AND WATER LINES UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** Josh Callender stated the program will be open in a couple of weeks. Chairman Bonzo stated he feels the township needs to pursue the program. Vice-Chairman Martin stated he heard the funding opportunities may be large.
- 10 SOLICITOR** Solicitor Wheeler discussed temporary parking at polling locations. The ADA sets the guidelines for temporary handicap parking. Solicitor Wheeler believes the current noise ordinance is enforceable, but it does not address tonal noise. She suggests working with Buncher to address the ongoing noise issue. Chairman Bonzo stressed the importance of addressing the situation and suggested waiting until the April meeting to consider hiring the consultant.

Supervisor Spade requested Solicitor Wheeler look into invocation at the beginning of the meeting.

- 11aai** **PLANNING**
REQUEST TO HIRE
THORNTON ACOUSTICS &
VIBRATIONS Motion by Martin to table the authorization to spend \$2,900 for Thornton Acoustics & Vibrations to consult on the noise ordinance until after the solicitor has an opportunity to work on the issue, seconded by Spade. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 11aaii** **PLANNING**
ACCESSORY
STRUCTURES/SHIPPING
CONTAINERS Jen Fessler stated she hopes to have the shipping container/accessory structure ordinance sent on to the supervisors next month.
- 11b** **RECREATION BOARD** Monthly report submitted.
- 11b a** **RECREATION BOARD**
LOGAN LARRICK
PRESENTATION Logan Larrick, Freedom High senior, gave a presentation on his graduation project. Logan built and donated four solar panel phone charging stations to Green Valley Park.
- 11b b** **APPROVE PITTSBURGH**
POWER CONTRACT Motion by Martin to approve the contract for the Pittsburgh Power Tournament July 5th – 7th, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
- 11 c** **BUILDING & ZONING**
MONTHLY REPORTS The Building and Zoning monthly reports were submitted.
- 11 d** **ZONING HEARING** A Zoning Hearing is scheduled on March 26th at 7:00 p.m. for 751 Glen Eden Road.
- 13** **BOARD COMMENTS** Supervisor Retsch thanked the administration staff for their work with the residents.

Supervisor Phipps thanked the Police Department for making the township proud.
- 14** **ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary