

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

March 4, 2025

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 Mike Phipps, Supervisors Fritz Retsch, Doug Martin and Steve Spade.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Township Engineer Josh Callender, Township Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, David Bauman, Duane Rape, Dan Plunkett, Albert Horn, Dan Swartz, John Mohrbacher, Austin Spade, Amanda Peterson, Greg Happ, Steve Joy, Matt Johnston, Jenny Fessler, Alex Meeder, Patty Gerhard, and Laura Dengel

1	PLEDGE	The Pledge was recited.
2	INVOCATION	John Mohrbacher, Skybacher Ministries gave the invocation.
3	CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Bonzo called the meeting to order and announced the presence of security cameras.
4	AMENDMENTS	None.
5	MINUTES REGULAR MEETING	Motion by Phipps to approve the February 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
6	BILLS	Motion by Phipps to approve the bills to be paid from the general and stormwater accounts as submitted, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
7a	PUBLIC COMMENT DAN SWARTZ	Expressed concern over ashes being placed on Paige Drive during the snow and ice events and stated Paige Drive should only receive salt.
7b	PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4	None.
8a	TREASURER REPORT	The Treasurer's report was submitted.
8b	ADOPT ORDINANCE #238	Motion by Martin to adopt Ordinance #238 Closing Out the PNC Road Pension Account, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
8c	APPROVAL TO BID THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	Manager Leindecker explained he wanted to change the contract to have the mowings occur monthly on the last week of the month and to include pole saw trees and bush trimming in April and July. Motion by Spade to advertise and bid the cemetery maintenance with a 3-year contract, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.
8d	COMCAST AUDIT BY COHEN LAW	Manager Leindecker said Cohen Law submitted a new proposal for \$7,900 for franchise renewal negotiations and \$5,900 for a franchise fee audit. If the township contracts for both projects a discount will be applied for a total of \$11,730.

Solicitor Wheeler advised the supervisors to contract with Cohen Law because it is their expertise. However, her firm can negotiate the contract if the supervisors prefer.

**8e ZONING HEARING BOARD
FUTURE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Bonzo stated he wants the Zoning Hearing Board to move the alternate member of the board to a full member should anyone resign.

Solicitor Wheeler said that is an internal operating procedure and since the supervisors approve the appointments, they could state that in the approval.

**8f WORKSHOP REQUEST
MARCH 11TH**

Manager Leindecker requested a workshop on March 11th to discuss 2025 road projects and requested LSSE attend also. The supervisors agreed. The workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m.

**9a POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

**9b POLICE
UPDATE ON ROUTE 68 & GLEN
EDEN ROAD INTERSECTION**

Chief Carney said PennDOT will be installing eight solar flashing lights warning of the intersection. The Road Department will place the current flashing stop signs in another location at the Chief's direction.

**9c NEW SEWICKLEY FIRE
DISTRICT**

The monthly report was submitted. Steve Joy, President, said the merger was completed in January and requested a future workshop. Chairman Bonzo asked Manager Leindecker to coordinate the workshop.

10a ROAD DEPARTMENT

The monthly report was submitted.

Chairman Bonzo thanked the Road Department for their work during the snow and ice events and said they need to discuss putting a roof over the salt pile currently covered with tarps. Supervisor Spade asked that the monthly report list any tasks performed on police cars. Supervisor Phipps thanked the Road Department for helping on PennDOT roads when requested by the police.

**10b APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE/BID
LIQUID ASPHALTS & RENTAL
EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Phipps to advertise and bid the liquid asphalt and rental equipment contracts, seconded by Martin. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**11 ENGINEER
MONTHLY REPORT**

The monthly report was submitted.

Josh Callender reviewed the monthly report. They will attend the grant workshop on March 19th. He said the next MS4 VMP project will have to be completed by September 30, 2031. Supervisor Spade requested LSSE submit a waiver.

12 SOLICITOR

The monthly report was submitted.

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| 13a | PLANNING | Jenny Fessler said the Planning Commission is continuing to work on various ordinances at the request of the Zoning Hearing Board. |
| 13b | MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY | Manager Leindecker said they would be extending the waterline to Dollar General and hopes it will continue to Knobvue Estates. |
| 13c | RECREATION BOARD | Dave Bauman said the Recreation Board is currently scheduling concerts and movies for the summer season. |
| 13d | CODE/BUILDING/SEO/ZONING
MONTHLY REPORTS | Reports were submitted. |
| 14 | BOARD COMMENTS | Supervisor Spade asked Amanda Peterson, Penn Energy about the gas line being installed. Ms. Peterson said the line belongs to Energy Transfer, not Penn Energy. |
| 15 | ADJOURNMENT | Motion by Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. |

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary