

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

March 5, 2019

Bank Balance 03/01/19	Receipts & Credits	Expenditures	Bank Balance 03/31/19
\$632,232.65	\$526,580.59	\$280,404.39	\$878,408.85

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at the Township Municipal Building, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:30 P.M. Present were Vice-Chairman Duane Rape, Supervisors Tom Applequist, Brian Giles and Fritz Retsch. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey Jr., Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman Tom Milligan, Bob Tatko, Dave Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Mike Phipps, Dan Swartz, Brian Perry, Lisa Lewis, Amy Gonzalez, P. J. Moldovan, Becky Kretschmann, Bob Schwertz, Lorie Schwertz, Bill Gass and Barry Grafton

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES Motion by Rape, seconded by Giles, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 regular meeting as written. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Rape, seconded by Retsch, to pay the bills from the General Account, February 6th through February 28th for \$126,768.34 and as of March 5th for \$86,557.69 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
PERRY Brian Perry, President of Big Knob Fire Department, questioned whether the Supervisors decided if there were any funds available to put towards the fire departments rescue tool.
Brian was advised it had not been discussed any further.

Brian also informed the Board that Station No. 2, on Route 68 will soon be empty and wanted to know what the Board's wishes were of taking over the electric bill which is approximately \$2,500.00 per year.

Motion by Happ, seconded by Applequist, to take over the utility payments for Station No. 2. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

ORDINANCE
NO 213
GRAFTON Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to adopt Ordinance No. 213 "Emergency Responder Rapid Access Entry Box". Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

Barry Grafton, owner of New Sewickley Supply, 1305 Route 68 and William Gass, owner of G & G Repair, 1300 Route 68, questioned if they are required to purchase an entry box and have it installed in their business.

They were advised that they are both grandfathered in and would not have to have one installed, only if they would expand their existing buildings or construct a new commercial building.

P.J. Moldovan said that all the boxes will be kept at Big Knob's Station.

TREASURER'S REPORT Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak, read a Treasurer's report for the month of February.

CLEAN-UP Motion by Happ, seconded by Giles, to set Clean-Up Day on May 4th at the Big Knob Grange from 8am to 12pm with the use of the Township backhoe and one road department employee working. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

TIRE COLLECTION Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to set Tire Collection on May 11th at the Township Municipal Building from 9am to 12pm with one road department employee working and the Township purchasing lunch. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

CEMETERIES Motion by Retsch, seconded by Giles to approve a three year Agreement with Simon Landscaping, 675 Landis Road, to maintain the Township's three cemeteries (Brethren, Bethel and Boggs) four (4) times a year at a cost of \$500.00 per cutting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

PENNDOT Manager Beighey reported that PennDOT is requesting the Township name the two proposed loop roads off of Freedom Crider Road. It was discussed to talk to residents who live in that area for suggestions.

RECYCLING CONTAINER Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to purchase an 8 yard front load recycle container from Valley Can Custom Container, Hadley, PA., for a cost of \$945.00. This container falls under the 902 Recycling Grant. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

ADVERTISE AMPHITH Motion by Retsch, seconded by Giles, to authorize the solicitor to advertise for bids for the Amphitheater. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

POLICE MONTHLY RPT Police Chief Ron Leindecker read the police department's monthly report for February 2019, which included the number of police calls vehicle maintenance, arrests and citations issued.

MONTHLY RPT BKFD P.J. Moldovan, Big Knob Fire Department read their monthly report which included all the calls they responded to, incident statistics, firemen's response percentages and their 2019 roster.

RD DEPT Road Foreman Tom Milligan explained that they will be demonstrating two gas wood chippers, one from Vermeer and one from Stephenson Equipment to see which one will work best for their needs.

Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to purchase a wood chipper not to exceed \$62,000.00. This chipper falls under the 902 Recycling Grant. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

MUNICIPAL CHIPPER Motion by Happ, seconded by Giles, to sell the Badger wood chipper on Municipal. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**RENTAL
EQUIP
LIQ ASPH**

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to authorize the advertising of Liquid Asphalts and Rental Equipment. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**ROAD DEPT
BUILDING**

Supervisor Applequist reported that he met with the Road Department employees and discussed the status of building the new garage. He said he told them that once the CPA is completed with the audit, the Township would have a better idea if we can afford it. He said the Township has until May to decide if they are going to use the loan that they were approved for.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Chris Reese reported on the following:

- Once the Beaver County Planning Commission reviews the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance and submits their comments, he will then advertise for the public hearing after next month's meeting.
- He has reviewed the Franchise Agreement with Armstrong Utilities and found it to be in order. He said Armstrong is not permitted to give any more than 5% of all the revenue. He said that the Supervisors could request a five year agreement instead of a 10 year agreement. He also said if they wanted to negotiate more, they could contact Dan Cohen's firm, who would help with the contact.

ENGINEER

Township Engineer Heather Dodson reported on the following:

- An updated inspection of the Freedom Compressor Site in January included the discrepancies between the on-site construction and the final plans from March 2018 that did not include three facilities already built. Baker attended the Planning Commission meeting and agreed to complete further inspections on the direction of the Township. An inspection will be completed within the next week. A final inspection will be done once the project has been completed that will include building, lighting and landscaping.
- Heather reviewed the Plan of Subdivision of Remainder of Lot No. 6 in the Modrak Plan No. 2 and submitted a letter with minor comments. Heather spoke with Walley Nero, the surveyor and discussed the comments and agreed on the minor updates that would be required on the Mylar set.

**GREEN
VALLEY PARK**

Manager Beighey advised that there is still the ongoing problem with the drainage issues at Green Valley Park and he is not getting any response from PennDOT. Manager Beighey asked the Township Engineer to look into the matter.

RECREATION

Lisa Bauman reported on the following:

- They submitted an annual report which included projects for future consideration.
- They will be discussing the set up fees for the vendors at community day at their next meeting.

- They are working towards submitting a monthly treasurers report to the Supervisors

FIREWORKS Motion by Rape, seconded by Happ, to approve a three year contract with Zambelli Fireworks for Community Days as follows:

- 2019 - \$5,750
- 2020 - \$6,000
- 2021 - \$6,000

PLANNING The Board of Supervisors received a copy of the Planning Commission's 2018 Annual Report. Chairman Happ thanked Art Craig, Mike Phipps and Dan Swartz, for all the additional tasks they take on that helped save the Township money.

MODRAK PLAN Motion by Happ, seconded by Applequist, to approve the Remainder of Lot No. 6 in the Modrak Plan No. 2, contingent upon DEP approval. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BOARD COMMENTS RETSCH Supervisor Retsch commented on how well attended the fundraiser was tonight at the Big Knob Grange for Samantha Vinson and Michael Winkle. He said how proud he is to be a member of our community.

APPLEQUIST Supervisor Applequist thanked the Police Chief for a job well done during the drug raid last month.

HAPP Chairman Happ presented Vice-Chairman Duane Rape with a plaque from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors for his 29 years' service as a Township Supervisor. Chairman Happ thanked Duane for all that he has done for the Township and being a mentor to him.

RAPE Supervisor Rape suggested that the solicitor look into writing an Ordinance for allowing fire departments to charge insurance companies for vehicle accidents.

ADJOURN Motion by Giles, seconded by Applequist, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary

