

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

November 5, 2019

Bank Balance 11/01/19	Receipts & Credits	Expenditures	Bank Balance 11/30/19
\$902,919.83	\$191,141.46	\$452,672.95	\$641,388.34

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, Supervisor Tom Applequist, Fritz Retsch and Brian Giles. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey Jr., Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Administrative Assistant Savannah Barkley, Solicitor Chris Reese, Engineer Kevin Brett, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman Tom Milligan, Mike Phipps, Dan Swartz, Lisa Bauman, Brian Perry, Don Fessler, P.J. Moldovan and Michael Lewis

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES Motion by Rape, seconded by Applequist, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 regular meeting as written. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Happ, seconded by Giles, to pay the bills from the General Account, October 2nd through October 31st for \$119,625.65 and as of November 5th for \$243,809.90 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
PHIPPS Mike Phipps, Secretary of the Planning Commission reported that he, Al Horn and Jenny Fessler attended an open house at Cranberry Township municipal building regarding Cranberry implementing an MS4 fee. He said they were all in agreement that not having public water is the biggest difference between our two municipalities. Mike said that New Sewickley is approximately 6 months behind Cranberry Township.

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

BUDGET Manager Beighey read a proposed budget for the year 2020. Final adoption will be on December 3, 2019.

RES #08-19 Motion by Rape, seconded by Retsch, to adopt Resolution No. 8-19 to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for \$2,256,500.00 from the Department of Transportation for road improvements to the intersection of Freedom Crider Road and Lovi Road. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

TAX EXON
VANRYN Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, on a request from the Department of Military Affairs to exonerate real estate taxes for Mr. Edward B. VanRyn, 16 Holly Hill Drive, through the year 2023. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

GREEN
VALLEY Kevin Brett advised that once the surveying is completed in the park, he will submit the profile to the Township. He will also be sending the Turnpike Commission the parking plan.

- BIG KNOB SCHOOL** Manager Beighey advised he was approached by the Freedom School Superintendent to see if the Township had interest in purchasing Big Knob School. The school is deteriorating and possibly has asbestos. The school district is going to have an appraisal. The Supervisors agreed to take a tour of the building before any decisions are made.
- Mike Phipps, requested if the Supervisors and the school district decide they have no interest in the building, have the school proceed with the destruction of it, to prevent it from becoming an "attractive nuisance".
- CLOSE OFFICE** Motion by Rape, seconded by Giles, to close the Township Office on December 26th. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.
- HIRE CHUNCHICK** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Giles, to hire Chayme Chunchick as a part time police officer. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.
- GRANT** Motion by Happ, seconded by Giles, to accept a \$1,500.00 grant from Norfolk Southern for the purchasing of a copy machine and cameras that will be placed in the police department foyer.
- AAA AWARD** Chief Leindecker announced that the police department received the 2019 AAA Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award for their outstanding service, dedication and the significant impact made by improving the quality of life through traffic safety.
- MONTHLY RPT** Police Chief Ron Leindecker read the police department's monthly report for October 2019, which included the number of police calls vehicle maintenance, arrests and citations issued.
- MONTHLY RPT BKFD** P.J. Moldovan from Big Knob Fire Department submitted their monthly report for October which included all the calls they responded to. P.J. also submitted their Annual Points Report for attending fires, QRS calls, Training, Meetings, Work Points and Earned Money.
- WORKSHOP MONTHLY RPT ROAD DEPT** Manager Beighey advised that Nick Sohyda from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services has completed his study on Fire Service and Feasibility of Consolidation and would like to meet with the Board and several members of each fire department.
- It was agreed to set a workshop for November 12th 6:30 to discuss the matter.
- TRUCK** Road Foreman, Tom Milligan, read his department's monthly report for October, that included projects they completed and are currently working on.
- SEMINAR** Tom updated the Board members on the status of the new truck. He said he was told it should be delivered at the end of this month.
- RD DEPT BUILDING** There was discussion about starting the construction of a new garage for the Road Department by putting up the shell and the doors next year. Tom Milligan asked to meet with the engineer sometime to discuss their options.

ENGINEER

Engineer Kevin Brett reported on the following tasks performed by their office during the month of October.

- Reviewed and submitted comments on Energy Transfer Pike Compressor Station Control Building
- Reviewed and submitted comments on the Wrobel-Burkhart Plan of Lots
- Reviewed and submitted comments on both the Doughty/Gromacki Plan of Lots
- Reviewed and submitted comments on the Pauline Ruth Roncevich Plan of Lots
- Reviewed the Energy Transfer Lovi Road pipeline project and submitted comments. Kevin reported he has been receiving information from them piece by piece. He said he has advised Energy Transfer to send everything at one time. Solicitor Chris Reese and Kevin were both in agreement that the landowner needs to sign off on the HOP. Dan Swartz, Planning Commission member recommended that the Township require Energy Transfer to provide an Irrevocable Letter of Credit.
- A Grant Meeting was held on October 17th. The next one is scheduled for January
- Kevin's staff is in the process of completing a grant application for improvements to the intersection of Lovi Road and Freedom Crider Road
- The staff is also completing a grant application for pump station and sewer extension. The application is due in December.
- Currently working on the mapping tasks for the Stormwater Fee Analysis

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Chris Reese advised in order to comply with the new pension laws, he spoke with the Township's Actuary regarding the process in changing the financial institution. It was agreed that he, the Township Manager and Supervisor Retsch would meet to discuss the matter.

PLANNING

At the next Planning Commission meeting on November 21st, there will be two gentlemen attending to discuss residential and office development in the Township. The members of the Planning Commission invited the Board of Supervisors to attend.

RECREATION

Lisa Bauman, Representative of the Recreation Board reported on the following:

- The Trick or Treat Trail was a success
- Mike Phipps advised that Planning Commission member, Al Horn, spoke with representatives from PennEnergy and the Pointer Setter Club regarding using the entrance to Well Pad B11 located on Whites Hill Road as an entrance to access the upper park. He said both were in agreement, but would need a request in writing. Mike said our Road Department would have to extend the roadway at the bend another 150 feet.

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, to send a letter to PennEnergy and the Pointer Setter Club requesting an easement. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

- Manager Beighey advised that Chris Palmer applied for a variance for his wedding venue to permit alcohol on the premises.

ZONING

The Supervisors received a copy of October's building report.

**BOARD
COMMENTS
HAPP**

Supervisor Happ advised he received a phone call regarding the Lewis Wedding venue on Zeigler Road. He said the complainant said there were loose floor boards and no handicap bathrooms at their events. Supervisors Happ said an inspector should be sent to the site. Michael Lewis, who was attending the meeting, advised that when an applicant schedules an event, they are asked if they need handicap bathrooms and if not needed, they don't have them brought in.

ADJOURN

Motion by Giles, seconded by Applequist, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary

