

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

December 3, 2019

Bank Balance 11/01/19	Receipts & Credits	Expenditures	Bank Balance 11/30/19
\$902,919.83	\$1,096,188.06	\$454,799.72	\$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 and Fritz Retsch. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey Jr., Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Administrative Assistant Savannah Barkley, Solicitor Chris Reese, Engineer Shawn Wingrove, Police Chief Ronald Leindecker, Road Foreman Tom Milligan, R. J. Kraus, Lisa Bauman, Dave Bauman, Mike Phipps, Don Hadfield, John Hayes, Daniel Swartz, Albert E. Horn, Val Dietrich, Morgan Swab, Representative Jim Marshall, Don Fessler, Matthew Castelli, Doug Martin, Larry Hough, Chris Furbee, John Murtha, Brian Perry, Jenny Fessler and Addison Fox

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ABSENT Supervisor Brian Giles

MINUTES Motion by Rape, seconded by Applequist, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019 regular meeting as written. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, to pay the bills from the General Account, November 6th through November 30th for \$208,952.33 and as of December 3rd for \$66,356.87 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT State Representative Jim Marshall was in attendance. He told the Supervisors if they needed assistance or had questions on anything to contact him and he would be happy to help.

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

RES #09-19 Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to adopt Resolution No. 09-19 approving the 2020 Budget. Vote of 3 to 1 in favor. Rape voting NO.

Resident Albert Horn, 132 Paige Drive, questioned if the budget included the promotion of rank in the police department. He was advised that it did not, that the matter will be discussed after the beginning of the year so they can include the new board member, Doug Martin.

RES #10-19 Motion by Rape, seconded by Applequist, to adopt Resolution # 10-19 setting the tax millage at 11.5 and the fire tax at 2 mills for the year 2020. No tax increase for 2020. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

RES #11-19 GRANT Motion by Happ, seconded by Rape, to adopt Resolution # 11-19 for a \$255,000.00 grant from the Small Water and Sewer Program for Stormwater improvements in Green Valley Park. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

RES #12-19 Motion by Rape, seconded by Applequist, to adopt Resolution # 12-19
RES #13-19 for a \$425,000.00 grant (Matching fund \$75,000.00) and Resolution
GRANTS # 13-19 for a \$1,300,000.00 grant (Matching fund \$700,000.00) from the Small Water and Sewer Program for Pine Run Road Sewer Extension. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

PROPOSED The Board members received a copy of a proposed resolution that would
RESOLUTION declare New Sewickley Township a Second Amendment Sanctuary. Chairman
2ND AMEND Happ said he was asked by several sportsmen clubs and the District Attorney to present the Resolution to the Board. Solicitor Chris Reese advised this can also be done through a Proclamation. Supervisor Rape stated the Resolution states the Second Amendments Rights. When asked, Chief Leindecker advised he supports the Resolution.

Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to authorize the Solicitor to rewrite the Resolution with replacing Lake County with New Sewickley Township. Vote of 3 to 1 in favor. Rape voting NO

POLICE Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, authorizing the police department
FITNESS to create a Health & Fitness Program where if an officer chooses to
PROGRAM participate and passes a 1.5 mile run in 16 minutes, he will receive 4 hours of compensatory time and if he completes a 300-meter run, push-ups and sit-ups will receive 4 hours of compensatory time. The maximum amount of compensatory time that an officer could received would be 8 hours.

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, authorizing the Police Department to create a Health & Fitness Program permitting a police officer to receive a maximum of 8 hours compensatory time for completing the proposed physical agility tests. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

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

MONTHLY RPT Johnny Murtha from Big Knob Fire Department submitted their monthly
BKFD report for November which included all the calls they responded to.

PRFD Chairman Happ read Pine Run Fire Department's November report that was submitted to the Township Office.

WORKSHOP The Board members were reminded of the workshop scheduled on December 10th at 6:30 to meet with representatives from both fire departments and Nick Sohyda from the Governor's Center to discuss his feasibility study on Consolidation.

MONTHLY RPT Road Foreman, Tom Milligan, read his department's monthly report for
ROAD DEPT November, that included projects they completed and are currently working on.

Tom updated the Board members on the status of the new truck. He said prior to it being delivered, he will travel to Somerset to inspect it.

KRAUS R.J. Kraus, Equipment Operator, reported that he attended a Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road class last month. He stated he contacted the instructor and scheduled a meeting with her on December 16th to discuss a project on Park Quarry Road. He said this project may be used for an MS4 grant.

ENGINEER Engineer Shawn Wingrove submitted a written report that included the projects his office completed in the month of November.

- Reviewed and submitted comments on the following Plans
Craig Rombold Plan of Lots
Doughty/Gromacki Plan of Lots
Pauline Ruth Roncevich Plan of Lots.
- Reviewed and submitted comments on Energy Transfer Lovi Road Driveway.
- His office submitted a grant application for improvements to the intersection of Lovi Road and Freedom Crider Road
- His office is currently working on completing a grant application for a pump station and sewer extension on Pine Run Road
- They have begun drafting the Stormwater Fee Analysis and working on the mapping tasks

SOLICITOR Solicitor Chris Reese advised that he and the Township Manager has spoken with the Township's Actuary regarding the process in changing the financial institution. Chris stated it is a complicated process and they agreed to have a third party look into it.

PLANNING ROMBOLD PLAN Motion by Happ, seconded by Rape, to approve the Craig Rombold Plan of Lots, contingent upon DEP approval. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

RONCEVICH PLAN Motion by Happ, seconded by Rape, to approve the Pauline Ruth Roncevich Plan. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

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

- Santa will be at the Grange on December 15th
- The Recreation Board is requesting that any remaining funds left in their budget at the end of the year be transferred into their Freedom United Credit Union account
- Mike Phipps advised he has written a letter to the Freedom School District requesting they donate the sign at Big Knob School to the Recreation Board to place in Green Valley Park.

ZONING The Supervisors received a copy of November's zoning and building report.

**BOARD
COMMENTS
RETSCH**

Supervisor Retsch commented that he was never a supporter of a new road department building. Recently after going into their current one, he apologized and said he was wrong and one is needed.

APPLEQUIST

Supervisor Applequist talked about creating a Capital Reserve fund that would be used for the following:

1. Road Department Building
2. MS4
3. Flooding in the park
4. Technology Updates
5. Official Map of the Township

He said he would like to put money away each month to help cover increased costs such as wages, insurance and any other miscellaneous expenses. He said if those funds are not used, he suggested we could pay off the loan.

FESSLER

Planning Commission member, Jen Fessler, reported that Tim Hazel and Chris Hoke who spoke at the last Planning Commission meeting on possible development were very impressed with our Township. The lack of water and sewage is their main concern, but are very interested in future developing.

ADJOURN

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary

