

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

March 3, 2020

Bank Balance 02/01/20	Receipts & Credits	Expenditures	Bank Balance 02/29/20
\$545,530.94	\$329,788.19	\$326,574.97	\$548,744.16

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 Tom Applequist, Supervisor Doug Martin and Fritz Retsch. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Administrative Assistant Savannah Barkley, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R. J. Kraus, Lisa Bauman, Dave Bauman, Duane Rape, Mike Phipps, Jenny Fessler, P.J. Moldovan, Brian Perry, Mark Harding, Cody Bonzo, Dan Swartz, Albert Horn, Chris Koop, Bob Schwertz, Lorie Schwertz and Austin Bailey.

- PLEDGE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- ABSENT** Supervisor Brian Giles
- MINUTES** Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular meeting as written. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- BILLS** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to pay the bills from the General Account, February 5th through February 28th for \$163,719.84 and as of March 3rd for \$60,432.80 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- PUBLIC COMMENT**
PHIPPS Mike Phipps explained that the Township has made as much effort as possible to make all residents aware of the MS4 Program throughout the last few years.
- FESSLER** Jenny Fessler, a member of New Hope Church, asked if the Youth Group from the Church can perform a community service project at Green Valley Park for Earth Day. The Board members agreed the Park would benefit from this event. This will be held on Sunday April 19th.
- TREASURERS REPORT** Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak, read the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2020.
- CPA 2019 AUDIT** Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to authorize Mark Turnley, CPA to complete the 2019 Township Audit. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- MS4 PUBLIC MEETING** Chairman Happ reminded everyone the MS4 Public Meeting will be held at the Big Knob Grange on March 23rd at 6:30.
- AMENDMENTS**
ORD NO 206 Motion by Happ, seconded by Applequist, to authorize Randy Rhoades to make amendments to Ord No. 206 for Police Pension. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- RESIGNATION**
GILES Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to accept the resignation of Supervisor Brian Giles effective March 3, 2020. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.

- RESIGNATION DOBSON** Motion by Applequist, seconded by Happ, to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Donald Dobson, effective February 28, 2020. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- HIRE POLICE** Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to authorize Chief Leindecker to advertise to hire Part Time Police Officers. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- FIREARMS** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to approve the purchase of new firearms at the cost of \$5,416.80. The money will come out of the police major equipment account in the 2020 budget. Holsters and magazines are included in this price. The Police Department has the option to trade the old firearms in at a value of \$275.00 per firearm or the Officers have the availability to purchase their firearm at the same cost.
- BVCPA WEBSITE MARTIN** Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, that the Board is aware Linda Martin will design a website for the Beaver Valley Chiefs of Police Association and would not be a conflict of interest to this Board. Chief Ronald Leindecker is the President of the BVCPA. Vote of 3 to 0 in favor. Doug Martin abstained as he is a family member of Linda Martin.
- DIGITAL SERVER** Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to approve the purchase of a server for digital video at the cost of \$16,645.00 that is to come out of the drug account. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- WORKSHOP** The Supervisors set a workshop to meet with the Police Department on April 14th at 6:30P.M.
- MONTHLY REPORT** Police Chief Ron Leindecker read the police department's monthly report for February 2020, which included the number of police calls, vehicle maintenance, arrests and citations issued.
- MONTHLY RPT BKFD** PJ Moldovan Big Knob Fire Department read their February report which included all the calls they responded to, incident statistics and firemen's response percentages.
- WORKSHOP** Chairman Happ reminded that the Fire Departments will be having a workshop on March 17th at 6:30P.M. at the Big Knob Fire Station.
- ROAD MONTHLY RPT** Foreman R. J. Kraus read his department's monthly report for February which included all the tasks they performed and are currently working on.
- EQUIPMENT REPAIR** R. J. also reported that the Road Department will need to replace the mower head on the John Deere Tractor as it will not last through this season. Kraus stated that he priced this at many distributors, but the best price will be through Costars.
- Motion by Happ, seconded by Applequist, to approve the purchase of a new mower head for the John Deere Tractor not to exceed the amount of \$12,490.24.

- PARK DRAINAGE** R.J. compiled a pipe & basin report for the drainage needed to install the amphitheater. He presented it to the board with a total of \$31,759.00 NOT including stone.
- ENGINEER** Engineer Kevin Brett reported on the following tasks performed by their office during the month of February 2020.
- Discussed the implement of the Stormwater Fee
 - Provided the update on the Road Department's Garage Plan
- MS4 TRAINING** Kevin gave a presentation addressing the public and the Board of Supervisors on the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). He explained where the Township is currently at with its MS4 project as well as the needs of completion in the next two years. He advised that DEP has started their second auditing of municipalities.
- SOLICITOR** Solicitor Chris Reese advised he has the draft plan for the Police Pension. He said he will meet with Manager Beighey and Supervisor Retsch and have something for next month's meeting.
- SWARTZ** Resident Dan Swartz asked what the update was with the Big Knob Elementary School. Walt advised he will meet with the code enforcement officer.
- ANNUAL RPT** Albert Horn Chairman of the Planning Commission advised the Supervisors received the 2019 Annual Report.
- GRAHAM PLAN** Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to re-approve the John Graham Plan of Lots due to the 90-day recording requirement. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor.
- RECREATION** Lisa Bauman, Representative of the Recreation Board Reported on the following:
- Posts were ordered for the Amphitheater
 - Zero turn mower needs fixed/look at by the Road Department
 - Community Days - 10x10 spot increased to \$35 and an additional cost of \$15 for electric
- GRANT WRITING** Vice Chairman Tom Applequist stated that the grant writing meeting was very productive and motivating to apply for more grants.
- Chief Leindecker advised the Police Department has applied to the Department of Justice for a Technology Update Grant up to \$175,000.00 for computers, cameras and a server.
- Walt reported the Township will be receiving an additional \$11,000 from the 2018 DEP 902 Recycling Grant.
- RETSCH** Supervisor Retsch recognized the hard work that was done in the Road Department Building by the Road Crew and thanked them for their work.

ADJOURN

Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary