

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

September 1, 2020

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 Fritz Retsch, Doug Martin and Mike Phipps. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Administrative Assistant Savannah Bonzo, Engineer Kevin Brett, Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R. J. Kraus, Lisa Bauman, David Bauman, Jenny Fessler, Frank Pelino, Corey Sterrett, Amanda Sterrett, Wes Sterrett, Cody Bonzo, Albert E. Horn and Daniel Swartz.

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES Motion by Applequist, seconded by Retsch, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 regular meeting as written. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Retsch, seconded by Applequist, to pay the bills from the General Account, August 5th through August 31st for \$135,387.92 and as of September 1st for \$65,883.04 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT Treasurer Elois Nadzak read her Treasurers Report for the month of August with a beginning balance of \$1,218,499.13 and an ending balance of \$1,183,164.92.

2021 GOALS Supervisor Applequist reported on the goals listed below for 2021.

- Continue to improve the safety at the intersection of Route 68 and Glen Eden Road
- Continue construction of the Public Works Building
- If available, apply for grants to fund generators for all buildings
- \$50,000.00 cash reserve to be carried over at the end of the year
- Set \$7,000.00 aside for administrative technology updates
- Expand public water in the Township

MEETINGS DEPT HEAD Manager Beighey mentioned that the 2021 Budget discussion began at the Department Head Meeting. He asked for each department to submit their needs.

FASD Supervisor Applequist reported on a meeting he, Supervisor Mike Phipps and Manager Beighey had with several School Board Members and Superintendent Dr. Fuller. Discussion included:

- Why the School District chose virtual school VS. in school
- The school's budget for 2021
- Why the school taxes increased so much in a short time period

BIG KNOB ELEMENTARY Applequist also mentioned the School Board is willing to take offers on the old Big Knob Elementary School. The gas royalty rights would not be included in the sale of this property. Chief Leindecker

SCHOOL questioned if we could hire an expert contractor to thoroughly assess the building in its current condition. Manager Beighey offered to go and assess the building himself, Supervisor Retsch also requested to attend. Manager Beighey will contact the School to meet and walk through the old Big Knob Elementary School.

**AG MUSEUM
EISENBROWN** The Board received information from property owner Jim Eisenbrown, requesting if an Agricultural Museum in the Township would be opposed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board agreed it would be a great addition in the Township. Chairman of the Planning Commission Al Horn stated the Planning Commission will review it at their next meeting.

**REPOSITORY
STERRETT** Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to approve Wesley Sterrett's request to exonerate the taxes for parcel number 69-164-0255-000 located adjacent to 350 Locust Lane. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**POLICE
SELL
FIREARMS** Motion by Phipps, seconded by Martin, to sell the old firearms to the police officer at a cost of \$275.00 each with the officer being responsible for transfer fees. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

SPEED TRL The Board was notified the Speed Trailer was not placed on Municibid to sell, it was donated to the Recreation Board to repair and use in the park.

HALLOWEEN Motion by Applequist, seconded by Happ, to set Halloween on October 29th from 6-8pm. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**TRICK OR
TREAT TRAIL** Motion by Happ, seconded by Phipps, to set the Halloween Trick or Treat Trail at Green Valley Park on October 24th from 6-8pm with proper social distancing. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

MONTHLY RPT Police Chief Ron Leindecker read the police department's monthly report for August 2020, which included the number of police calls, vehicle maintenance, arrests and citations issued.

**CARES ACT
GRANT** Chief Leindecker also reported he applied for a grant through the CARES ACT Grant Program. He explained this grant is for municipalities who have been affected by COVID-19. It includes expenses lost during this period and it will also cover loss of fundraising. He applied for \$892,901.42.

**NORFORK
SOUTHERN** Emily Hunter from Norfolk Southern Foundation presented the Police Department with a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 for General Funding. Chief Leindecker advised the money will be used for a portable speed trailer.

**BIDS PUBLIC
WKS GARAGE** Motion by Phipps, seconded by Happ, to table the bids on the public works garage and re-bid the building with modifications as outlined by the Engineer for alternative materials. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**LINE
PAINTING** Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to receive quotes for Line Painting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**ROAD
MONTHLY RPT**

Road Foreman R.J. Kraus read the Road Department's monthly report for August which included all the tasks they performed during the month.

ENGINEER

Kevin Brett submitted his monthly written report. In addition, he reported the following:

- The Township received the \$230,000.00 grant for Stormwater Water Improvements in Green Valley Park
- The draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision have been emailed.
- Energy Transfer has been working along Baker and Landis Road and other areas in the Township to address DEP's comments. They are still working on obtaining the HOP for Lovi Road. He and Walt met with Chris Koop to discuss a proposed driveway they intend to construct on Freedom Crider Road
- Now that the MS4 public meeting was held, his office will prepare a standard ordinance for the stormwater fee. The Board will need to decide on the amount of the fee. Once that is completed it could be ready for adoption at the November meeting and implemented in January

**SOLICITOR
PENSION**

Solicitor Chris Reese reported on the following:

- He has advertised the Request for Proposals for the Police Pension.
- Chris reported the hearing for the Brodmerkel case will probably be scheduled sometime in September.

PLANNING

Al Horn, Chairman of the Planning Commission, advised the Board they should be receiving documents of the amendments to our Ordinances for next month's meeting.

**RECREATION
REPORT**

Lisa Bauman, Chairman of the Recreation Board reported on the upcoming events scheduled in the Park.

**ELECTRIC
AMPTH**

The Township manager will forward the engineer a copy of the electrical plans for the amphitheater.

ZONING RPT

Supervisors received a copy of the building report for the month of August.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion by Happ, seconded by Phipps, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session to discuss several personnel matters. No action will be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

ADJOURN

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary