

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

November 3, 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, Supervisors Fritz Retsch, Doug Martin and Mike Phipps. Also present were Manager Walter Beighey, Secretary Patricia Pfaff, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Engineer Kevin Brett, Solicitor Chris Reese, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R. J. Kraus, Albert E. Horn, Duane Rape, Amanda Peterson, Thomas Coates, Karen Gdula, Dawn Spolarich, Bill Doyle, Brian Perry, Bob Schwertz, Lorre Schwertz, Kelly Morrow and John Stevens.

PLEDGE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION *At the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on October 6th, 2020 the Board adjourned the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss road department contract negotiations. No Action was taken.*

MINUTES Motion by Applequist, seconded by Martin, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular meeting as written. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS Motion by Phipps, seconded by Applequist, to pay the bills from the General Account, from October 7th through October 31st for \$140,801.83 and as of November 3rd for \$153,263.39 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
MS4 FEES
COATES** Mr. Tom Coates, 139 Pine Street, asked for an exemption for residents who are on Social Security and disabled veterans from paying the proposed stormwater fees. Chairman Happ advised Mr. Coates, the Board still had to discuss the fees before taking any action, and they will include his requests in their discussion.

DOYLE Bill Doyle, 125 Pine Street, questioned why he would be penalized and have to pay a fee, because he has a concrete driveway and all his water drains into a pit. Kevin Brett, the Township Engineer explained what the EPA and the DEP is requiring the municipalities to do and the procedure the Townships have to follow to be in compliance with their permits along with the costs. He advised Mr. Doyle that once the Township adopts an ordinance, he would be able to apply for credits.

GDULA Karen Gdula, questioned if the stormwater fees apply to the gas & oil industry. Chairman Happ advised the Board is still working on how that will be done.

FESSLER Jenny Fessler, 639 Landis Road, attended the agenda meeting on October 29th and asked that the supervisors relay Oak Grove Church's appreciation for the shale that was given to them for their community garden.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Elois Nadzak read her Treasurers Report for the month of October with a beginning balance of \$1,201,311.54 and an ending balance of \$901,317.76.

HEARING SALDO/ZON AMMENDMENTS Motion by Happ, seconded by Applequist, to reschedule the hearing date for public comment to the proposed amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Township Zoning Ordinance to December 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

WORKSHOP MS4 FEE It was agreed that the Board of Supervisors will hold a workshop meeting on November 10th at 6:30, with the Township Engineer to further discuss the stormwater fees and how they will be assessed to the well pads.

POLICE PENSION Motion by Martin, seconded by Happ, to appoint "The Newmeyer Group" (Principal Financial Group) to administer the Police Pension Fund. Vote of 4 to 0 in favor. Supervisors Retsch recused himself.

RESIGNATION BARKLEY Motion by Phipps, seconded by Retsch, to accept the resignation of Savannah Bonzo as part time administrative assistant. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

Chairman Happ wanted it known, that Savannah had recently requested a high percentage of raise. He said it was not personal, but could not be done at this time. He said she got a new job and wished her the best.

ADVERTISE SECRETARY Motion by Happ, seconded by Martin, to advertise for a full-time secretary. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

NO PARKING Chief Leindecker explained that there have been numerous complaints of tractor trailers parking along Tri-County and Commerce, blocking the roads after making their deliveries. Chief Leindecker requested the Board consider adopting an Ordinance prohibiting parking along those two roadways.

Motion by Happ, seconded by Retsch, to have the solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting parking along those roadways. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

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

PRFD Pine Run Fire department submitted their monthly report for October and their yearly point system report. Manager Beighey advised that he and the Township Engineer met with Pine Run and discussed their new building. He said the engineer offered to survey the property and layout the location of the building for them at no cost.

HALL RENTAL Chairman Happ reported he was told that Pine Run was renting out their fire hall for events. He said there were concerns due to the COVID-19.

BKFD Manager Beighey advised he would look into it.
 Brian Perry, President of Big Knob Fire Hall, submitted their department's monthly report for October along with their yearly point system report. Brian also reported that Big Knob and Pine Run have been meeting and working on the departments by-laws.

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

ENGINEER Kevin Brett submitted his monthly written report which included the following:

- Reviewed the revised Bonzo Plan of Subdivision
- Reviewed the revised Zobb Lot Line Revision
- Reviewed the Hockenberry Plan of Lots
- Grant meeting was held on October 23rd

Kevin also advised he attended a pre-construction meeting for the public works building.

SOLICITOR UNPAID INVOICE Solicitor Chris Reese, reported that the Township Secretary has the information that is needed for him to proceed with drafting a letter to Crown Castle for unpaid invoices.

He said he will also be drafting a letter for the change in the Police Departments Pension.

LITIGATION The Brodmerkel litigation is still ongoing. They are waiting for an opinion. When it is finished, they will proceed to go to the Zoning Hearing Board.

PLANNING APP'T MAJORS Motion by Mike Phipps, seconded by Retsch, to appoint Ed Majors to fill the unexpired term of Dan Swartz until December 31, 2021. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

PLAN ZOBB Motion by Phipps, seconded by Applequist, to approve the Zobb Lot Line Revision plan located at 179 Grange Road. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

RECREATION EMPLOYEE There was discussion about keeping the part time park employee on for a couple days a week from November through January to take care of the restroom and garbage bags. It was also mentioned he could help the Road Department with odd jobs.

There was no action taken.

ELECTRICAL QUOTES The Recreation Board received three quotes to install electric at Green Valley Park Amphitheater.

- Braun Services \$4,589.00
- Cody Bonzo \$6,200.00
- Woodlands Electric \$4,219.11

ZONING RPT Motion by Retsch, seconded by Happ, to award Braun Services to run the electric at the amphitheater in Green Valley Park. Braun Services quote included electrical inspection. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

GRANT RPT Supervisors received a copy of the zoning report for the month of October.

BOARD COMMENTS Supervisor Applequist reported on the Grant Meeting that was held on October 23rd. The following items were talked about.

- The Township was awarded \$173,000.00 for the Care Grant
- The Police Department received \$105,000.00 JAG Grant
- We were awarded \$230,000.00 grant for stormwater in the park
- The engineer will look into applying for grants for a generator, bike trail, and if anything is available through DCNR park grants

RETSCH Supervisor Retsch questioned if the Beaver County Care Grant money was not all awarded to the different municipalities, would the Township be able to apply again.

Fritz thanked the entire staff and engineer for all the hard work in applying for these grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion by Retsch, seconded by Martin, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session to discuss Road Department contract negotiations. No action will be taken.

ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully,

Patricia Pfaff
Secretary