

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

April 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at the Big Knob Grange, was called to order by Chairman Greg Happ at 6:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Tom Applequist, Supervisors Douglas Martin, Fritz Retsch and Mike Phipps. Also present were Manager Brian O'Malley, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Treasurer Elois Nadzak, Township Engineer Kevin Brett, Township Solicitor Philip Lope, Police Chief Ron Leindecker, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Alice Loomis, Arthur Loomis, Paul Eichner, Carol Eichner, David Bauman, Lisa Bauman, Duane Rape, Thersa Magness, Wess Magness, Nellie Snell, Dolores Stead, Michael Stead, Ray Bearer, Becky Bearer, Albert Horn, Leslie Leonberg, Vivian Leonberg, Jenny Fessler, Melody Kelly, Marty Cron, Amanda Peterson, Barbara Cox, John Kaufman, David Kaufman, Raymond Illar, John Teft, Harold Christie, Ethan Brown, Orrin LeFebvre, Avery Creegan, Jane Lewis, Michael Lewis, Sandra Temperante, Vanes Temperante Roy Yeck, Craig Liston, Carl Young, Dan Brunner, Jessica Tatko, Buzz Tatko, Nathan Novak, Roger Novak, Dan Swartz, Steve Spade, William Bearer, Dave D'Atri, Neil Bonzo, Dale Bonzo, Martin Bonzo, Sue Vogel, Zac Bonzo, Bob English, JoAnn Worthing, Mark Worthing, John Petrocelli, Lonnie Vodenichar, Nancy Prest, Tony Prest, Dave Yeck, Tom Belsterling and Annette Belsterling

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Motion by Martin, seconded by Applequist, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Regular meeting as written. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

BILLS

Motion by Retsch, seconded by Phipps, to pay the bills from the General Account, March 3, 2021 through March 31, 2021 for \$208,131.50 and as of April 6, 2021 for \$115,220.27 with the signing of the checks following the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dan Swartz was present to express his concerns over the amount of anti-skid material placed on Paige Drive, and requested that salt only be placed on the road. Chairman Happ stated the township could not treat Paige Drive differently.

Resident Barbara Cox was present to request the Township look at Oak Road to evaluate for township ownership and maintenance. Chairman Happ requested the Road Department look at the road during road inspection and explained it must meet all road specs to be adopted.

MS4 REVIEW

Kevin Brett (LSSE), Township Engineer reviewed the Township Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The purpose of his presentation was to educate residents on what MS4 is, the DEP

requirements, how the fees are calculated, and the appeal and credit process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MS4

Resident Becky Bearer expressed her displeasure over the billing for properties over 10 acres. Mr. Brett explained the ERU and how they were determined.

Resident Jessica Tatko expressed concerns over fees given to businesses in the township. Mr. Brett asked that she go through the appeal and credit process.

Resident Sue Vogel stated she had asked for the breakdown on how her property was calculated. Mr. Brett confirmed that she will be given the breakdown.

Resident Dolores Stead expressed her displeasure of the fees.

Resident Tony Prest expressed concerns over a storm line and collection box he had installed to prevent flooding of his property and with the road improvements flooding is a problem again.

Resident Ray Illar expressed displeasure over the MS4 fees. Mr. Brett informed Mr. Illar he can apply for a credit.

Resident Roger Novak expressed concerns over the commercial fees and that gravel areas shouldn't be considered impervious. Mr. Brett explained why in the DEP MS4 regulations gravel is considered impervious. Mr. Brett asked him to fill out a credit form, and confirmed that more than one form can be filled out, even if there was an error. The Township will help residents with the process if needed.

Resident Roy Yeck expressed his disapproval over the calculations being done via aerial view and also that he lives on a State Rd that the Township doesn't maintain. Mr. Brett told him he should contact the state over storm water concerns on state roads, and they are required to investigate.

Resident Barbara Cox expressed her concerns over the MS4 fees.

Resident Sue Vogel spoke again to receive assurance LSSE would be sending the breakdown of calculations for her properties. She also suggested the breakdown be included in future bills. Mr. Brett confirmed those breakdowns will be sent.

Resident Dave Yeck stated when he served on the BOS the DEP informed them that gravel is considered pervious. Mr. Brett explained the procedure in order for gravel to be considered pervious.

Mr. Brett stated that anyone wanting to challenge the fees can submit the challenge form and Manager O'Malley and he are happy to meet with residents to explain the breakdown.

Resident Sandra Temperante asked if residents go through the appeal process would they still be able to pay at a discounted rate after the 60 day window. Manager O'Malley stated that for the first year, the Township will permit anyone in the credit or appeal process to pay the discounted rate.

Resident JoAnn Worthing asked how the pollution reduction plan works when there are so many farms. LSSE will begin with small areas throughout the Township.

Resident Sandra Temperante inquired if campers or cars were counted against the calculations. Mr. Brett stressed that if a resident feels something on their property could have been counted incorrectly, they need to apply for a credit.

Resident John Kaufmann expressed his concerns over long standing gravel driveways being considered impervious.

Resident Lonnie Vodenichar inquired about the fire department's fees when they complete the new building. Chairman Happ stated the Township agreed to pay the fire departments MS4 fees.

Resident Nathan Novak expressed his concerns over gravel being impervious, and DEP's requirements for tanks. Mr. Brett explained the DEP requirements for stormwater management and that those requirements are not the same as with standing tanks.

Resident Jessica Tatko inquired if LSSE went by DEP's requirements or those of the Township. Mr. Brett explained they used requirements of the DEP as put forth in their ordinance.

Resident Neal Bonzo asked what areas defined New Sewickley as urban. Mr. Brett asked that he put the request in with Manager O'Malley and he would get that answer for him.

Resident Dan Brenner asked where the fee money would go. Chairman Happ stated that all MS4 money is in a separate account and can only be used for MS4 related expenses.

Chairman Happ thanked everyone for their comments and reminded residents they are able to file an appeal. LSSE and Township staff will help with that process if needed. Residents may also make an appointment to meet with Manager O'Malley, and can attend Board of Supervisors' meetings the first Tuesday of each month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Township Treasurer Elois Nadzak, read the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2021.

TAX EXONERATION

Martin made a motion to give tax exemption to disabled veteran Melva Devin, 742 Rt 68, New Brighton, Retsch seconded. A vote of 5-0 in favor.

Martin made a motion to give tax exemption to disabled veteran Donald Wolfe, 4 Barton Dr, Freedom, Phipps seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Chairman Happ reminded the residents in attendance this tax exemption is given to those veterans disabled during their service to our County.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

Happ made a motion to appoint Lawrie Borgman as Township Secretary, Applegquist seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

APPROVE ADMIN COPIER/PRINTER/FAX/SCANNER

Phipps made a motion to accept a lease agreement of \$107.58 per month for a replacement copier/printer/fax/scanner for the administration office, Retsch seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

POLICE - MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Leindecker read the March 2021 monthly report which included all accidents, arrest, calls, citations, field interviews, incidents and property related incidents.

POLICE - FULL-TIME SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Martin made a motion to approve the full-time school resource officer agreement for the years 2022-2025, Retsch seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

POLICE - APPROVE COPIER/PRINTER/FAX/SCANNER

Retsch made a motion to approve a copier/printer/fax/scanner for the Police Department at \$84.52 per month, Phipps seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**POLICE
APPROVAL TO HIRE PART-TIME
OFFICER**

Happ made a motion to hire a part-time officer from the part-time police list and start the process to create a new part-time list if necessary, Phipps seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ROADS -
MONTHLY REPORT**

Foreman Kraus read his monthly report for March 2021 that included road work, vehicle maintenance, tree trimming, and work on the garage.

**ROADS -
HIRE NEW EMPLOYEE**

Happ made a motion to advertise to hire a new employee for the road department, Phipps seconded.

Resident Duane Rape wanted to remind the residents of how much money the road department saves the township by working on the police vehicles.

Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**AWARD BIDS FOR RENTAL
EQUIPMENT & LIQUID
ASPHALTS**

Happ made a motion to accept the bids from Youngblood for rental equipment at \$2,305 per hour and liquid asphalts at \$566,600, Martin seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

ENGINEER REPORT

Kevin Brett submitted the engineer's report from LSSE dated April 2, 2021.

**REAPPROVAL OF SPADE/ODELL
PLAN**

Martin made a motion to reapprove the Spade/Odell Plan due to the 90 day expiration, Phipps seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**REAPPROVAL OF HOCKENBERRY
PLAN**

Happ made a motion to reapprove the Hockenberry Plan due to the 90 day expiration, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**ZONING ORDINANCE
SET UP PUBLIC HEARING**

Phipps made a motion to set a public hearing for May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the amended Zoning Ordinance 224, Retsch seconded. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

**GRANTS -
RESOLUTION 04-21 FOR TRAIL
IMPROVEMENTS**

Happ made a motion to pass resolution 04-21 for a 50/50 grant for trail improvements, Retsch seconded. After continued discussion, the Vote was 0-5 to not accept the resolution. All five supervisors voted No.

**GRANTS -
RESOLUTION 05-21 FOR UPPER
PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

As this too is a grant requiring a 50-50 split, it was decided to table any discussion or vote at this time.

BUILDING

The Board of Supervisors received a copy of the building/zoning permits issued in March 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Happ, seconded by Martin to adjourn the meeting. Vote of 5 to 0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary