

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

October 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Chairman Martin Bonzo at 6:30 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Doug Martin, Supervisors Mike Phipps, Fritz Retsch, and Steve Spade.

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Road Foreman R.J. Kraus, Township Engineer Josh Callendar, Township Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, Dave Bauman, Patti Gerhard, Dan Plunkett, Jim Hendrickson, Jack Brooks, Duane Rape, Amanda Peterson, Albert Horn, Larry Hough, Kenya Jones, and Laura Dengel

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| 1 | CALL TO ORDER | The Pledge was recited and the meeting was called to order. Chairman Bonzo announced the presence of security cameras in the building. |
| 2 | INVOCATION | Pastor Jack Brooks, New Life Community Church gave the invocation |
| 3 | AMENDMENT TO AGENDA | None. |
| 4 | MINUTES | <p>Supervisor Phipps expressed concerns over adding anything to the meeting minutes that may not have been said during the meeting. Solicitor Wheeling stated there are various ways the meeting minutes could be written and it is a decision of the board.</p> <p>Motion by Retsch to approve the September 3rd meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor.</p> |
| 5 | BILLS | <p>Supervisor Spade had questions regarding invoices from Turnley, the SEO, and Pella Consulting.</p> <p>Motion by Spade to approve the bills to be paid from the general and stormwater accounts as submitted, with the signing of the checks following the meeting, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.</p> |
| 6a | PUBLIC COMMENT | Expressed concern over the ongoing noise problem not being resolved. |
| | LARRY HOUGH | |
| | KENYA JONES | Stated she is running for State Representative and welcomes discussion with the township and residents. |
| | LAURA DENGEL | Thanked the supervisors for moving forward on invocation and Pastor Brooks for providing the invocation. She also questioned the progress on the cell phone tower. |
| | FRITZ RETSCH | Asked Solicitor Wheeler to explain why the cell tower would be permitted to move forward while under litigation. Solicitor Wheeler explained it would be at their risk. |

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| 6b | PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4 | None. |
| 7a | TREASURER REPORT | The Treasurer's report was submitted. |
| 7b | APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO FILL THE OPEN POLICE PENSION SOLICITOR POSITION | Motion by Martin to advertise a Request for Proposal to fill the open police pension solicitor position, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 7c | ACCEPT THE 2025 MMO | Motion by Phipps to accept the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 8a | POLICE MONTHLY REPORT | The monthly report was submitted. Chief Carney stated they filmed educational videos with PennDOT and students on driver and school bus safety. Chairman Bonzo stated the hiring video was well done and appreciates the effort. |
| 8b | POLICE APPROVAL TO BEGIN THE PROMOTION PROCESS | Motion by Martin to begin the promotion process to promote one Lieutenant and one Sergeant effective January 1, 2025 and two Corporals effective September 15, 2025, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 8c | BIG KNOB AND PINE RUN FIRE DEPARTMENTS | <p>The monthly reports were submitted.</p> <p>Jim Hendrickson stated they attended the Liberty Hills fundraiser. There was over \$4,300 raised to be split between the two departments. He thanked Liberty Hills for what they do for the fire departments.</p> <p>Pine Run had one member begin the EMT training course.</p> <p>Chairman Bonzo thanked Mr. Hendrickson and the fire departments for all of their efforts on the merger.</p> |
| 9 | ROAD DEPARTMENT | The monthly report was submitted |
| 10 | ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT | The monthly report was submitted. Vice-Chairman Martin asked the progress of the road rating report. Road Foreman Kraus stated they are in the process of scheduling a meeting with LSSE to finalize the report. |
| 11 | SOLICITOR | Solicitor Wheeler provided the supervisors with her monthly report. |
| 12a | PLANNING | Al Horn stated there is a workshop scheduled to review Meadowcrest Development. At the next meeting, they will either forward to the Supervisors or ask for an extension. |
| 12b | RECREATION BOARD | The monthly report was submitted. Chairman Bonzo extended his appreciation for the work the Recreation Board did for the Fall Fest. |
| 12c | BUILDING & ZONING MONTHLY REPORTS | The building and code monthly reports were submitted. |

- 12d** **ZONING HEARING** The zoning request for 548 Zeigler Road was granted.
- 12e** **ZONING HEARING** A Zoning Hearing will be held on October 24 for 1270 Freedom Crider Road
- 13** **BOARD COMMENTS** Chairman Bonzo asked Larry Hough for the progress on the waterline extension. Mr. Hough stated it is going as planned with a November deadline.
- Chairman Bonzo thanked Lawrie Borgman for her efforts on the newsletter.
- Supervisor Retsch thanked Lawrie Borgman for her efforts on the newsletter. He also thanked Jim Hendrickson for attending the Liberty Hills benefit. He stated he was happy to see Duane Rape attending the meetings again.
- Supervisor Spade stated he would like to have a workshop meeting on October 8th at 6:30 to discuss various items regarding the Recreation Board.
- 14** **ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary