

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

December 30, 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 Supervisors Mike Phipps, Fritz Retsch, and Steve Spade.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Doug Martin

Also, present were Manager Ronald Leindecker, Treasurer Nicole Liston, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Police Chief Gregory Carney, Township Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, Pastor James Richwine, Patti Gerhard, Dan Plunkett, Duane Rape, Jim Henrickson, Barbara Mahoney, Amanda Peterson, Samantha Vinson, Hunter Bock, Tori Fuchs, Cara DeNapoli, Ethan Fuchs, Markus DeNapoli, Jenny Fessler, and Laura Dengel

1	PLEDGE	The Pledge was recited.
2	INVOCATION	Pastor James Richwine, Burry's Church
3	CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Bonzo called the meeting to order and announced the presence of security cameras.
4	POLICE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY	Officer Nathan Coonfare was sworn in as a full-time officer by Chairman Bonzo. Supervisor Fritz thanked Officer Coonfare on behalf of the supervisors and staff.
5	AMENDMENT TO AGENDA	None.
6	MINUTES	Motion by Phipps to approve the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.
7	BILLS	Motion by Retsch 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 Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor.
8a	PUBLIC COMMENT PATTI GERHARD	Patti Gerhard inquired about agenda item 9a.
	PUBLIC COMMENT LAURA DENGEL	Laura Dengel requested an update on the waterline extension project.
8b	PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4	None.
9a	PENNDOT AGILITY AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION #23-24	Supervisor Spade stated the list of services to be traded is not clear as to what services are provided. Chairman Bonzo stated the services to be traded will be in part 2 and is not what is being considered at this time. Supervisor Spade asked who would go through the specs to make sure our road department is in compliance as required. Solicitor Wheeler stated it

the township engineer would give guidance with anything outside of routine duties such as cutting grass.

Chairman Bonzo stated the agreement is with Harrisburg and is required before any traded services with Rochester PennDOT can be discussed.

Manager Leindecker explained the trade agreement would be an even trade service for service. No money would be exchanged. Each traded service would have its own agreement and resolution that would be considered by the board. He stated the document in front of the supervisors states the township is willing to talk about trading services and is not a commitment to any trades.

Supervisor Retsch stated he shares Supervisor Spade's fears of the agreement but now understands it.

Solicitor Wheeler stated the agreement is a 5-year agreement and can be terminated at any time, by any party with a 30-day notice.

Motion by Phipps to approve the PennDOT agility agreement and Resolution #23-24, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

9b EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bonzo stated an executive session under 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 708(a)(3),(4) will be held following the January 6th meeting. The executive session to discuss the Meadowcrest treatment plant will include the Board of Supervisors, Municipal Authority Board, and both.

9c SMALL FLOW TREATMENT PLANT LETTER

Manager Leindecker explained there are approximately 40 small flow treatment facilities in the township. The residents are required to provide the township with the annual testing report. Currently, only one resident follows the requirement. Chairman Bonzo stated a letter is being sent out to the homeowners with the treatment facilities reminding them of the requirement by the DEP. He wanted to announce the letter publicly before sending it. Supervisor Spade suggested the DEP requirement be stated in the letter and asked if this is a township or sewage enforcement officer's responsibility. Chairman Bonzo stated the township needs to track the information. Supervisor Spade also asked who would be sending out the violation notices. Solicitor Wheeler will need to look over the agreements and stated sending out a warning letter is an option. Manager Leindecker stated moving forward the office will set up clear procedures to be followed when such facilities are approved. Supervisor Spade requested the agreements be included with the letters and requested to review some of the agreements before anything is sent out.

10 BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Bonzo thanked the township staff for their work over the past year. He also thanked Chief Carney and the police force for their work and service.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Retsch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 4-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary