

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Meeting

January 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held at 233 Miller Road, was called to order by Chairman Martin Bonzo at 7:12 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Mike Phipps, Supervisors Doug Martin, 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 John Valinsky, Township Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, Dave Bauman, Rev Alan Morrison, Albert Horn, Johnny Murtha, Jim Scheck, Amanda Peterson, and Laura Dengel

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| 1 | PLEDGE | The Pledge was recited at the reorganization meeting. |
| 2 | INVOCATION | Pastor Rev Alan Morrison, Unionville Church gave the invocation at the reorganization meeting. |
| 3 | CALL TO ORDER | Chairman Bonzo called the meeting to order and announced the presence of security cameras and announced an Executive Session would be held following the meeting under 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 708(a)(3),(4). |
| 4 | MINUTES | Motion by Retsch to approve the December 30, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 5 | BILLS | Motion by Phipps to approve the bills to be paid from the general and stormwater accounts as submitted, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor. |
| 6a | PUBLIC COMMENT
LAURA DENGEL | Expressed concern over the township not having term limits for the various boards and information on the waterline extension project not being put on the township's Facebook page or website. |
| 6b | PUBLIC COMMENT ON MS4 | None. |
| 7a | TREASURER REPORT | The Treasurer's report was submitted. |
| 7b-e | RESOLUTIONS NO 01-25
THROUGH 04-24 | <p>Supervisor Martin requested the supervisors have an omnibus motion for items 7b through 7e.</p> <p>Motion by Martin to adopt Resolution No. 01-25, 02-25, 03-25, and 04-25, seconded by Retsch. Vote of 5-0 in favor.</p> <p>The resolutions passed are as follows: Res No. 01-25 for the police pension, Res No. 02-25 for the fire department, Res No. 03-25 declaring NST a second amendment sanctuary, and Res No. 04-25 for records destruction.</p> |
| 7f | STATE CONVENTION | Chairman Bonzo requested that any supervisor who wishes to attend the state convention notify the township staff by January 10 th . |

- 7g** **AUDITOR TO REORGANIZE** Chairman Bonzo stated the township auditor will reorganize on January 7, 2025.

- 8a** **POLICE**
 MONTHLY REPORT The monthly report was submitted.

- 8b** **BIG KNOB AND PINE RUN FIRE**
 DEPARTMENTS The monthly reports were submitted.

 Johnny Murtha stated the new fire department will come online as New Sewickley Fire District and will be in service. The buildings for Big Knob and Pine Run will remain, however, they will now be referred to as a single department.

- 9** **ROAD DEPARTMENT** The monthly report was submitted. Supervisor Fritz requested Road Foreman Kraus keep track of any snow and ice removal they complete on state roads. Chairman Bonzo thanked the road department for the work they are doing.

- 10** **ENGINEER**
 MONTHLY REPORT The monthly report was submitted.

- 11** **PLANNING** Al Horn stated there was nothing new to report. Supervisor Spade questioned when the yearly report would be available. Mr. Horn stated the report is due in March as is required by the state. Supervisor Spade requested planning to begin providing a written monthly report. Mr. Horn stated the meeting minutes provide that information.

- 12** **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** The municipal authority was not available to provide an update.

- 13** **RECREATION BOARD** Dave Bauman stated they will hold their reorganization meeting on January 13th.

- 14** **BUILDING/ZONING/CODE**
 MONTHLY REPORTS The building report was submitted.

- 15** **SOLICITOR** Solicitor Wheeler stated the oral argument was held on Meadowcrest Development. The judge made his decision on the bench and the appeal was denied.

 Chairman Bonzo thanked Solicitor Wheeler for her efforts.

 Solicitor Wheeler also stated the Verizon appeal was granted in the township's favor and Verizon did not appeal the decision.

- 15** **BOARD COMMENTS** Supervisor Retsch thanked Jim Scheck for his years of service and for everything he has done for the residents.

 Supervisor Martin thanked Jim Scheck and stated Mr. Scheck was a pleasure to work with and he appreciated that he always responded when asked.

Chairman Bonzo also thanked Jim Scheck for his efforts.

Vice-Chairman Phipps requested the Planning Commission look into a recently signed bill that gives the government authority to change zoning in municipalities.

16 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Retsch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phipps. Vote of 5-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. to go into executive session.

Respectfully,

Lawrie J. Borgman
Secretary