
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday – September 12, 2023 - 4:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 4:00 P. M. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were Supervisors, Emmett Santillo, John Axtell, Tom Roush, Solicitor Ryan Long, Engineer, Emily Palmer, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, and various members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Emmett Santillo, followed by the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Emmett Santillo Here
John Axtell Here
Tom Roush Here

PUBLIC SPEAK:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

PennDOT – Quarterly Review of News/Info about PA Local Roads

Pipeline Safety Resources – Informational Packet

Riverside High School Basketball- Donation Request – **Emmett Santillo made the motion to provide a \$180.00 donation to Riverside High School Basketball. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

PSATS – 2023 PSATS Legislative Priorities Booklet

MINUTES:

John Axtell made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting as written. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS:

A. Treasurer’s Report as of September 7, 2023

Current General Funds Balance \$501,542.33

Liquid Fuels Balance: \$204,284.43 as of August 31, 2023

B. Building Permit Report & Address Assignments - August 2023

6 building permits were issued– 1 Roof Replacement Pump, 1 Pole Building, 3 Rooftop Mounted Solar Panels, and 1 Addition. 0 building permits were denied and there were 2 addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal.

C. Police Report/ACO Report August 2023

Criminal Activity- Part I Offences- 1, Part II Offences- 22. Total Police Service Activity- 70, Citations Issued, Moving- 40 with 12 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 4,451.1 - fuel consumed 363.7 gallons. Animal Control Report- 2 incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report August 2023

Put a catch basin in on existing cross drain on Country Club Dr. Cut trees back on Townwood Rd., Belton Rd., Wildwood Rd. and Country Club Dr. Mowed the Township road sides. Made brackets for the springs on the '05 Freightliner to keep the leafs straight. Changed the oil and filter and fuel filters on the '18 Ram. Patched some potholes on Edgewood Rd., Shaffer Rd., Sunset Dr., and Czar Rd. Cut up trees that were down on Country Club Dr., Wildwood, Glendale, and Grandview. Cleaned up washed out stone on

Brown Rd., Emily St., Townwood Rd., Wildwood Rd., and Czar Rd. Used 574 gallons of diesel fuel and 129 gallons of gasoline. Submitted by Wayne Young, Road Foreman.

E. Engineer Report August 2023

Monthly Engineer's Report was presented and is attached with meeting packet.

a.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to authorize the Notice to Proceed for the Bologne Valley Bridge Replacement. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

Emily Palmer informed the Supervisors that Bologne Valley is scheduled to close around October 1, 2023, in preparation for the waterline replacement piece of the project then beginning the bridge, the first week of November. Emily informed the Supervisors that LSSE is currently working on the Leech Ln. and there has been no additional movement. Emily reported that Youngblood paving is done with the 2023 Road Program. Wayne reported that there are no issues with it. Discussion of the LSA grant and putting in a grant for the road department garage. Lisa will get Emily the details of what we are looking for.

There was discussion of a new grant, but our population is over by 1.

F. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

Emmett Santillo made the motion to advertise for the Conditional Use hearing at 3:45 pm on October 10, 2023, regarding the ground mounted solar panels on Barrisville Road. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor. Ryan Long asked if the Road Department could post the property with the notice once he has prepared it.

ACTION ON BILLS:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$154,245.74. Tom Roush seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Lisa and Emily will work on the details of the garage to get a grant application prepared through the LSA grant application process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to set Trick-or-Treat and the Township 4th Annual Trunk-or-Treat event for 2023, on October 31, 2023, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- B. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve North Sewickley Township Police Department to provide and off-duty officer to provide traffic details for State Route 65, Section B35 for Lindy Paving with a \$60.00 per hour officer rate and \$15.00 per hour Township rate and a daily \$25.00 fuel charge. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- C. Emmett Santillo read the Commendation Letter for Officer James Kline aloud during the public meeting, recognizing two separate incidents in which two separate individuals with criminal homicide arrest warrants were brought into custody. North Sewickley Township is proud of Officer James Kline for his achievements and would like this to be publicly recognized for his outstanding performance.
- D. **Emmett Santillo approved the 2024 MMO Worksheet for the Police Pension, the 2024 MMO Worksheet for the Non-Uniform Pension, and approved the Plan Amendment for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan from the Adoption Agreement Effective date April 1, 2020. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- E. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the resignation letter from Ken Chute from the Sewer and Water Authority Board as Chairman, effective immediately. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- F. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to appoint Scott Morrow to the Water and Sewer Authority Board effective immediately with a pay rate of \$100.00 per meeting. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:18 pm. Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. John Axtell seconded the motion. All in favor.

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BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday – September 19, 2023 - 7:00 pm

The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 7:00 P. M. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were Supervisors, Emmett Santillo, John Axtell, Tom Roush, Tax Collector, Lauren Trozzo, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, Chief Becze, Officer Watkins, and Officer Ochsenhirt.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Emmett Santillo, followed by the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Emmett Santillo	Here
John Axtell	Here
Tom Roush	Here

PUBLIC SPEAK:

None

2024 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

1. Police Department

- **Emmett Santillo made the motion to purchase an inmate holding bench for prisoners in the police department. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- Approve a \$2,500.00 emergency spending limit for all departments without prior approval. All purchases will be ratified at the following meeting from the purchase date.
- Get a quote on a new camera system for the PD
- **Emmett Santillo made the motion to purchase two portable breathalyzers for the cars, at \$450.00 per unit. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- Place the 2014 For Taurus on MuniBid to approve the sale at the October 2023 meeting.
- Lisa will work on the financial side a new police vehicle; the officers will work on the vehicle we are purchasing and a price.
- It was discussed that we do not want the state police on call, we want the community protected in a timely manner. A new full-time officer would reduce the state police coverage.
- Obtain pricing on lockers for the PD
- **Emmett Santillo made the motion to purchase one additional desktop computer for the Police Chief office. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- **Emmett Santillo made the motion to purchase a digital camera for crime scenes and accident documentation not to exceed \$250.00. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

2. Road Department

- Discussion on the repairs to the garage at the back of the property, assuming \$100,000.00 may be an estimated cost.
- Discussion of putting money into a capital savings, approximately \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00 per year toward vehicles, etc.
- Discussion on looking at a budget projection for the next 5 years or more.

3. Tax Collector

- Lauren is to get the percentage collectible and what we collect in a year.
- Lauren is to look into a different software program, Lauren stated that may be for 2025.

- Lauren is going to look into the reassessment and how we are to figure out what the millage will be and how we change it based on the county wide reassessment.
- Look into security system/panic button for the Tax Collectors office.

4. Fire Department

- Pay the balance of the Fire Protection account to the Fire Department to hold in their accounts as the money is allocated for the Fire Department.

5. Township Business

- Purchase a new soap dispenser for the Family Restroom in the Township Building.
- **Emmett Santillo made the motion to set the next budget meeting for October 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:42 pm. Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. Tom Roush seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk