

REGULAR MEETING May 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 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, Solicitor Ryan Long via phone, Engineer, Emily Palmer, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, Police Chief, Jeff Becze, Brian Watkins 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:

Beth Metney – 416 Concord – Comments regarding better advertisement, suggesting a Facebook page for the police department. Chief Becze stated it is a good thing however, people cannot report anything through the Facebook page. Comments on microphones and equipment we should have to better hear the meetings.

Paul MacMurdo – 155 Country Club Dr – Discussion on ongoing flooding issue. Proposed a possible solution to the problem. Mr. MacMurdo was asked to submit his solution in writing for review and Emmett Santillo asked that the Road Department verify that all aspects of our right of ways and equipment are functioning properly.

Juston Dougherty – Provided an update on the Connect Beaver County scenario and let him know he is in the first round of people being provided internet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

PennDOT LTAP – Newsletter

North Sewickley Cemetery – Donation Request – Discussion on the costs to maintain the cemetery. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to donate \$1,000 to the North Sewickley Cemetery. John Axtell seconded. All In favor.**

Beaver County Assessment – Notice of Change of Assessment

Beaver County Assessment – Correction on Tax Duplicate

LSSE – Spring 2022 Newsletter

Steelworkers Pension Trust – Annual Funding Notice for 2021

Boy Scouts of America – Bankruptcy Information

Ellwood Chamber of Commerce – Membership Thank you

PA Dept of Labor & Industry – 2022 Annual Conference

Kinder Morgan – Informational Packet

MINUTES:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the minutes as written of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2022. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS:

A. Financial Report as of May 2022

Current General Fund Balance \$919,321.00

Liquid Fuels Balance \$229,351.70 as of April 30, 2022

B. Permit Report April 2022

4 Permits issued – 1 driveway permit, 1 demo and new porch, 1 house demo, 1 16x20 utility shed

C. Police Report/ACO Report April 2022

Criminal Activity, Part I Offenses - 2, Part II Offences - 16, Police Service Activity - 66, Citations-moving - 13, Citations-non-moving - 4. Total Miles driven 2,395.2 - fuel consumed 253.2 gal. Animal Control Report-3 incident handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report April 2022

Finished sweeping the Township roads. Made a new grate for a catch basin on 3rd Ave in Eastvale. Patched some potholes on Frisco Hill and Rustic Park. Greased the bed pins on the '05 Freightliner. Also replaced 2 rear rims that were cracked and the wheel studs. Greased the 2019 International, 2019 International, Loader and Backhoe. Put new rear brakes and drums on the 2017 International. Dug out the old washed-out headwall on Bologne Valley Rd and rebuilt it with 2'x2'x6' concrete blocks. Removed a tree down on Grandview Rd. Put up some 35 mph signs on River Rd. Saw cut Sunset Dr to dig out 2 soft spots. Saw cut Upper Davidson St. to replace a cross drain. Graded ditches on Bradford St and Christopher Gist St. Raised up a curb on Kindale St. and cut the ditches. Used 414 gallons of diesel fuel and 50 gallons of gasoline. Road report submitted by Wayne Young, Road Foreman.

E. Engineer Report

The monthly Engineer's Report was presented by Emily Palmer and is attached with the meeting packet. Discussion on the Bologne Valley bridge replacement. Surveys are scheduled for end of May. Leech Ln survey will be done on the same day. Leech Ln will have to be separate from the Road program because there are too many factors to be able to have it prepared in time. Discussion on the James Dr. repair of the road. The Supervisors would rather replace with asphalt and a wedge curb rather than leave what is there and match elevation. The bid opening for the road program is scheduled for June 8th.

F. Ryan Long- Solicitor Report

Solicitor, Ryan Long spoke about the logging ordinance.

ACTION ON BILLS:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$107,587.57. Tom Roush seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to accept the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the full time hire and part time vacation, as presented. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion on the three quotes for the Township meeting room upgrades. Tom Roush stated that there is a problem. There was no formal bidding, and it is above the bidding threshold. Ryan Long stated it should be bid based on the amount, regardless if it is in phases. Lisa is to work on getting the project out for bid.
- B. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to accept the resignation letter from Don Barnhart. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the hire of James Primerano for the Township cleaning position at an hourly wage of \$16.00 and up to 20 hours per week. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- D. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve an early set up rental for the downstairs social hall with a fee of \$25.00 and a 4 hour maximum rental on the day prior to the scheduled party. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- E. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to include the Certificate of Liability Insurance Example provided by Baily Insurance within the Building Permit Packet for reference. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- F. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the purchase of Police radios through the County digital upgrade program in the amount of \$947.90. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- G. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve Resolution 0510 of 2022 to amend the articles of Incorporation of the North Sewickley Sewer Authority. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- H. Discussion of live meeting platforms. It is the Supervisors preference to move forward with Teams meetings since the Township already pay for Microsoft 365 and it is inclusive of Teams.

- I. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the First National Bank payoff letter for the 2019 Durango that was totaled in the amount of \$21,411.26. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul MacMurdo – stated that online meetings should be left without comments at first and then let the residents give advance notice of public comment to be submitted prior to the meeting.

Juston Dougherty – stated that live Q&A for public meetings online is a bad idea.

Beth Metney – Stated that Facebook has the option to set up for no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:52 pm Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. John Axtell seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo