
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday – March 12, 2025 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the basement Social Hall of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were Township Supervisors, Solicitor Ryan Long, Engineers, David Ritsema, Secretary/Treasurer, Lisa Crespo, Clerk, Jamie Wolf, and various members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tom Roush, followed by the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Tom Roush	Present
Emmett Santillo	Present
Brian Seeger	Present

PUBLIC SPEAK:

Mike Safreed – Little Leage – Discussion on Fleetwood Road off 588

Karen Lotz – 155 Glenda Dr – Discussion on fees for zoning hearings

Richard Christy – Mercer Road – Discussion on Ordinance changes that are upcoming, particularly campers

Jim Rombold – 191 Douglass Road - Discussion on zoning relating to Broadway zoning changes.

Julie Goehring – 282 Foster Road – Thank the Road Department for the speed limit signs on Foster Road

Todd Rhule – Barrisville Rd – Discussed Speeding on Barrisville Road

Harold Davis – Discussion on Code Enforcement

Dan Norton – 387 Collins Road – Discussed speeding on Collins Road

Carissa Neary – Leech Ln – Discussion on an abandoned vehicle at Brush Creek Park.

****For complete details on the discussions during the Public Speak portion of the meeting, please review the meeting recording on our website at www.northsewickleytownship.com, under the meeting minutes tab.****

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session was held from 6:39 pm to 7:17 pm to discuss volunteer positions and a personnel matter

CORRESPONDENCE:

NSTVFD – 2025 Chief's Report

Court of Common Pleas –Settlements

Beaver County Assessment – 2025 Correction on the Tax Duplicate

PSATS – 2025 Conference

Liquid Fuels – 2025 Liquid Fuels - \$221,809.73 Received

All Aboard Ellwood, Inc – Thank you

MINUTES:

Tom Roush made the motion to accept the organization meeting minutes and the regular meeting minutes of February 12, 2025, Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS:**A. Financial Report as of March 12, 2025**

Current General Funds Balance \$236,350.34

Liquid Fuels Balance: \$13,353.15 as of February 28, 2025

B. Building Permit Report, Address Assignments & Public Hearings – January 2025

3 building permits were issued. There were no zoning permits that were revised or issued. There were no addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and there were no public hearings. Detailed report is attached with the monthly meeting packet.

C. Police Report/Code Enforcement Report February 2025

Criminal Activity- Part I Offences- 4, Part II Offences- 17. Total Police Service Activity- 41, Citations Issued, Moving- 14 with 5 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0, Ordinance Violations - 0. Total Miles driven – 3,876 - fuel consumed – 372.8 gallons. Animal Control Report- No report provided. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

- a. Department Update by Chief Jeff Becze – Chief Becze informed the Supervisors that there was a lot of equipment that was ordered for the Department so they can have throw bags for each cruiser. Jeff Becze makes a recommendation that Tyler Kelosky is promoted to Lieutenant and Caden Ochsenhirt is promoted to Sergeant. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the Chief's recommendation to promote Tyler Kelosky to Lieutenant and Caden Ochsenhirt to Sergeant and pay to align with the appropriate wage as stated in the Union Contract. Brian Seeger seconded, all in favor.**

D. Code Enforcement Report – No report provided**E. Road Report February 2025**

25 mph signs added to Foster

Full service to both tractors and backhoe

New power angle cylinder for 1-ton plow

'17 International cutting edge installed

New deck on the utility trailer

Patched potholes and cleaned drains all over the Township

Began yard cleaning from plowing all over

Repaired signs on Emily St, middle Sunset, Concord Circle and Howard Dr

Used 322 gallons of diesel fuel.

Used 77 gallons of gasoline.

Road report by Josh Syphrit, Road Foreman.

- a.) Department Update – The Road Department is getting the winter stuff cleaned up and they have had a couple pipes collapse they are working on as well.

F. Engineer Report March 6, 2025

David Ritsema presented the Engineer's Report to the Supervisors.

- a. Monthly Engineers Report – Attached with the meeting packet

- b. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to provide conditional approval of the Beaver River Ranch Subdivision, pending approvals from DEP and Beaver County Planning Commission. Tom Roush seconded, all in favor.**

- c. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the 1441 S. Broadway Zoning Map Change Request to change the zoning to Business. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

- d. David went over the lighting at Bradshaw Park and stated that it is in compliance with the zoning ordinance at this time since the correction to the lighting. The Federation has not signed the Agreement at this time. Jim Rombold asked if the neighborhood could review the Agreement. Brian Seeger will get a copy to Jim Rombold and meet up with him on it.

- e. Last month, the DCNR application was table. **Motion by Tom Roush to move forward with the application process for the DCNR Grant opportunity. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.**

G. Solicitor's Report

- a. **Motion by Brian Seeger to advertise the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the districts that commercial solar is permitted, and to conduct a public hearing on 4/9/2025 at 5:45 pm. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**
- b. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the Exoneration of Concord Church Cemetery Taxes based on the letter of request from Attorney Greg Douglass. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**
- c. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to advertise the Pension Ordinance Update. Tom Roush seconded, three ayes, all in favor.**

ACTION ON BILLS:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$166,379.53. Tom Roush seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Volunteer Applications – **Motion by Tom Roush to appoint the following positions to the Zoning Hearing Board: Carissa Neary as the Board Member, San North as the first alternate and Brian Cooper as the second alternate. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.**
- B. **Motion by Tom Roush to appoint Brian Speer as Code Enforcement Officer for the term of 1 year with an annual salary of \$2,000.00. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration for a \$0.25 fee per page for digital copies – **Motion by Tom Roush to table the discussion of the \$0.25 fee per digital copy. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor, motion carried.**
- B. **Motion by Tom Roush to ratify the purchase of the Franklin Police Cruiser in the amount of \$9,000.00 Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**
- C. **Motion by Tom Roush to put the sale of the North Sewickley Township Police Cruiser, Ford Explorer on MuniBid. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.**
- D. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the purchase of an oil transfer kit for the Road Department, not to exceed \$1,500.00. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.**
- E. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the 2025 BCRCOG Summer and Winter Commodities Worksheet. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.**
- F. **Motion by Tom Roush to advertise for an administrative assistant for additional office help. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Morrow – Would like the Supervisors to appoint a candidate to the Water/Sewer next month and not delay it.

Jim Rombold – Asked what the COG is – Beaver County Regional Council of Government.

Beth Meteney – Pointed out 2 errors in the meeting minutes from the Org meeting and the regular business meeting of January that she would like corrected. **Motion by Tom Roush to correct the meeting minutes. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.** Discussion on wages and 3 EIN's. Discussion on Supervisor compensation. Penny Morrow stated he makes \$35.00 per meeting. Discussion on Ordinance regarding dogs in a public building, a letter omitted from a resident. Julie Goehring wanted to get clarification of they are registered pets and her dog can come in the building any time because it is registered.

Brian Cooper – Discussion on Lisa's wages and who votes on how the employees are paid through Sewer and Water.

Alexis Pflugh – Discussion on Right to Know Law, Supervisor compensation being addressed, the February executive session relating to the Right to Know Law. Bylaws for Sewer/Water and the Township, discussion on the Authority building and ownership.

Brian Seeger stated that anyone that wants to go in the building can come in. The building is public, they just sign

in and state what their business is. Tom Roush stated there are cameras and residents should be respectful to employees.

Ron Reagle wanted to point out that there are no conspiracies, and that Facebook is not your friend.

Brian Cooper would like to get 1% of the residents to come to the meetings.

Discussion on the flooring and paint. They were 2 separate contractors and 2 separate jobs. There were leaks in the ceilings and the carpet was 15 years old. The workers' boots tracked a lot of mud and debris into the building daily. We have called many contractors and were only able to get 2 quotes. Elmer Krall felt it should have been posted.

**Please review the meeting recording on the Township website at www.northsewickleytownship.com for more in-depth information on the content of the public input from the meeting. **

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 pm. Tom Roush made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk