

REGULAR MEETING September 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 13, 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, 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:**

Moody & Associates – Water Source Notification  
Boy Scouts of America – Bankruptcy Chapter 11  
TC Energy – Pipeline Emergency Response Information  
Beaver County Assessment – September 13, 2022, Upset Sale

**MINUTES:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the minutes as written of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2022. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Financial Report as of September 2022  
Current General Fund Balance \$1,402,610.26  
Liquid Fuels Balance \$213,386.61 as of August 31, 2022
- B. Building Permit Report August 2022  
9 Permits issued – 1 pool with plumbing and electric, 1 deck, 1 inground swimming pool, 1 garden shed, 1 above ground pool, 1 foundation for a dining hall, 1 shed on a limestone base, 1 basement door addition and 1 20x30 pole building.
- C. Police Report/ACO Report August 2022  
Criminal Activity, Part I Offenses - 3, Part II Offences - 14, Police Service Activity - 55, Citations-moving - 15, Citations-non-moving - 4. Total Miles driven 3,825.5 - fuel consumed 302 gal. Animal Control Report- 3 incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.
- D. Road Report August 2022  
Put new batteries in the 2017 International, took the new International to Hunter's for a problem with the DEF system. Put #4 limestone in some washed out ditches on the hill on Czar Rd. Finished building the wall along Wildwood Rd. and replaced the cross drain on Townwood Rd. Built head walls over the ends of the pipes with concrete blocks. Put blacktop along the wall and cross cuts. Planted grass on the other side of the wall and covered it with straw. Also put reflectors on the wall. Cut up some downed trees on Country Club Dr., Thompson Run Rd., Wildwood Rd., and Collins Rd. Cut weeds along the north side of 65 at Bologne Valley and the south side of Rt. 65 and Sunset Dr. so people could see better to pull out. Mowed and cut weeds at Country Club Dr., and Rt. 65 and mowed Country Club before school started. Cut back trees and mowed roadsides on Bologne Valley. Finished the landscaping around the picnic shelter.

Used 304.7 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. Emily has the permit applications for signature this evening. Emily reported that she thought the Leech Ln project was going to be the easy one, it turns out the PennDOT side has some bad issues. She is going to talk to PennDOT to let them know they also have a problem at the site. Tom Roush asked if the Township could do it. Emily reported it is too large of a job for our crew to handle, PennDOT would be subbing it out as well. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to have Emily reach out to PennDOT to let them know about the problem on their end to have a discussion.** Emily presented a pay request from Youngblood paving; they completed the tar and chip part of the job. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve Pay Request 1 in the amount of \$135,895.50 to Youngblood Paving for the tar and chip portion of the 2022 Road Program to be paid from Township Liquid Fuels. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.** James Drive paving has not been completed yet, it is anticipated to begin in about a week, weather depending. Emily prepared the DEP MS4 Waiver Application for review. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve Emily Palmer submitting the MS4 Waiver Application with a check payment in the amount of \$500.00 for submission to DEP. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.** Emily updated the Supervisors of the Douglass subdivision, and the Smith subdivision are under review.

F. Ryan Long- Solicitor Report

Ryan Long informed the Supervisor's that he will be preparing Act 57 paperwork for the Supervisor's to review at the October meeting. This will be reviewed in October and the Ordinance can be prepared for adoption in November 2022.

**ACTION ON BILLS:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$119,737.26. Tom Roush seconded. All in Favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the bond application for Lauren Murphy with Traveler's Insurance with a yearly \$969.00 premium. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- B. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the 2021 Exoneration paperwork for former Tax Collector, Karen Trozzo. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the 2023 MMO Worksheet for the Uniform Pension Plan. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- D. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the 2023 MMO Worksheet for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- E. Discussion on the Mean Bean Coffee Truck and Electricity – Emmett Santillo explained that is a service the Township is providing to our residents, as is the low-cost hall rental, trunk-or-treat and other public activities. The Supervisors approved the Coffee Truck and would also consider any other food trucks that may be interested in providing services to resident. The Supervisors are going to let him utilize the outlet for his LED light and small refrigerator at this time.
- F. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the pavilion quote from Rudy Hostetler in the amount of \$8,790.00. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.** There will be a final dedication in the Spring of 2023.
- G. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the quote in the amount of \$2,340.00 from Brad Altzman for seal coating a front portion and rear portion of the Township Building. The areas that are most recently paved. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- H. Additional new business – Township Christmas Party – December 16, 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeff Becze – Police Chief – With temperatures dropping, Jeff wanted to see if there is anything Emily, with LSSE, can do to help with the situation. Since Emily is touching base with PennDOT, she will add that in as an item for discussion

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 pm Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. Tom Roush seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Lisa A. Crespo

## BUDGET MEETING September 20, 2022

The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 20, 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, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, Jeffrey Becze, Wayne Young, and Don Blinn.

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

### ROLL CALL:

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| Emmett Santillo | Here |
| John Axtell     | Here |
| Thom Portman    | Here |

**PUBLIC SPEAK:** None

### 2022 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

Police Department -

Discussion on purchasing guns for the school. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to purchase two rifles for the school, per the Memorandum of Agreement, in the amount of \$1,558.72. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.** Discussion on the potential for an additional full-time officer, that would make 4 full time North Sewickley Township police officers. At this time, and based on the budget, there is not room financially for an additional full-time police officer. Lisa is to look in to getting financing terms from WesBanco on \$27,700 for the purchase of the new Ford Explorer that replaced the Dodge Durango that was totaled. The insurance paid \$17,125.00 of the \$44,859.00.

Road Department –

Road Foreman, Wayne Young, presented a list of items for discussion. It was determined not to purchase a new Ford/Chevy pick up to replace the 2010 Ford, due to the financial deficit we are looking at for 2023. Wayne is to get costs on purchasing a new air seat for the Freightliner. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to purchase a new seat air seat for the Freightliner up to \$1,300.00. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.** Wayne presented getting airbags in the rear suspension on the Freightliner. Tom Roush would like to look at it to be sure he feels that is the best option before we decide on that. Wayne can work on getting costs in the meantime. Discussion on piecing out the parts for the grader and selling good parts on Facebook Marketplace. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to sell any salvageable parts from the grader motor on Facebook Marketplace. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

Tax Collector –

The Supervisors would like to see what a 2-mill tax increase would cost each resident and what it would generate for the Township as a whole. Lisa will reach out to Lauren Murphy to get that question answered.

Fire Department –

Lisa is to look into what the 10% cost for the radio upgrade will be. The Township motioned previously in the year to commit 10% of the cost. Emmett asked Lisa to look in to how an additional \$10,000 contribution to the Fire Department would impact the budget.

General Township Discussion –

Emmett Santillo would like to look at Engineering costs and see if there is anything that can be done to help save money on Engineering costs. Since the passing of Bill Hummel, the costs have been higher, which is expected but Emmett just wanted to see if there is anything we can do. Lisa will talk with Emily Palmer. Generally, Tom Roush would like to see if we can save costs in fuel by shutting vehicles off more frequently and not letting them run if they are not being used.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:07 pm Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. John Axtell seconded, all in favor.

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Lisa A. Crespo