

## REGULAR MEETING September 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 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, Thom Portman, Solicitor Ryan Long, Engineer, Emily Palmer, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, Police Chief, Jeff Becze, and 2 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
Thom Portman	Here

### **PUBLIC SPEAK:**

Carissa Neary – 101 Leech Ln – Here to ask about the culvert situation on her property. Emily Palmer explained that she had been in touch with PennDOT and working to come to a solution, they are currently missing each other's calls. Emmett Santillo informed Carissa we are familiar with the situation and actively working on a solution. Carissa wants the Township to acknowledge it is not her issue. Ryan Long stated that may be PennDOT's position to tell her it is not her responsibility but that is not the opinion, at this time, of the Township until it is researched fully. Emily and Ryan both feel we cannot confirm at this point that it is not her issue. Carissa informed the Supervisors of her concern of the safety issue it is creating. Ryan Long does not advise the Township take care of it at this time until it is resolved with PennDOT. Emmett Santillo informed Carissa that this culvert has been there for 50 years plus, and we are trying to get it addressed. Ryan asked if it is on her property and she stated, yes. Ryan suggested getting private representation if she is concerned about the safety on her property. Emmett originally wanted to fill the hole, PennDOT was not okay with that. Carissa advised that if she is told to take care of it, she is going to fill it. There are school busses that drop off small children and animals can fall into it as well. Emily asked for the week to get an answer from PennDOT.

Justin Dougherty – 108 Tulip Tree Lane – Emmett let Justin know that he tried to call him after the last meeting he has attended. He would like to know where we stand with the internet situation on his road. He was informed that we contacted Armstrong and waiting for their call back. He let us know that we have to push them to get responses, from his former experience with them. Also, Lisa informed him of the County survey that was posted on the Township Facebook page. Emmett Santillo asked Ryan Long to send something to Armstrong directly since there is a relationship with an Armstrong employee. Ryan will ask them to move this along sooner than later.

### **SUPERVISOR STATEMENT:**

Emmett Santillo wanted the social media community to know that the comments about speeders on Chapel Drive were seen and if anyone has any questions or complaints, they should call the office at 724-843-5826. Unfortunately, the Township has been blocked from the social media site where concerns are addressed, and we do not have direct access to be able to answer residents questions and concerns. We will continue to get the concerns and questions from others and get them answered. Emmett asked the police chief if we have pulled over speeders on Chapel, and the response is yes we have. Speeders are not being ignored. Police Chief, Jeff Becze, wanted to let the public know that if they are requesting signs on Chapel, those requests need to be directed to PennDOT as it is a state road.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Beaver County Assessment – Notice of Change of Assessment
- Beaver County Assessment – Notice of Change of Assessment
- Beaver County Assessment – Corrections on Tax Duplicate
- Columbia Gas –Emergency Preparedness Letter
- PSATS – 2021 Proposed Bylaws Changes, Nominations Report & Resolutions
- Beaver County Auxiliary Appeal Board – Notice to Appear
- Riverside High School Boys Basketball – Advertisement

**MINUTES:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the minutes as written of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2021. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Financial Report as of September 2021
  - Current General Fund Balance \$1,027,111.56
  - Liquid Fuels Balance \$239,569.04
- B. Permit Report August 2021
  - 3 Permits issued – 1 – fence around perimeter of property, 1 – demo of trailer on property, 1 – demo of house, garage and shed
- C. Police Report/ACO Report August 2021
  - Criminal Activity, Part I Offenses - 6, Part II Offences - 17, Police Service Activity - 101, Citations-moving - 12, Citations-non-moving - 4 and Ordinance Violations -0. Total Miles driven 3,567 - fuel consumed 271.2 gal. Animal Control Report- 3 incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Becze.
- D. Road Report August 2021
  - Mowed the Township road sides. Patched holes on roads to be sealed. Cut up downed trees on various township roads. Worked on the Peterbilt sandblasting and sanding rusty areas, primed and painted the frame and wheels. Trimmed trees on Collins Rd up high. Cleaned drains around the Township. The road department too the flagging training course. Used 342.9 gallons of Diesel fuel and 68 gallons of gasoline. Report presented by Wayne Young, Road Foreman.
- E. Engineer Report
  - The monthly Engineer’s Report was presented by Emily Palmer. Emily presented an update on the road improvements project. Youngblood still needs one day to finish tar and chip and the guiderail on Foster still needs put in. Emily reported she is working with PennDOT on the Leech Ln issue. Emily informed the Supervisors that all components are back for the O’Hare subdivision. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the O’Hare Sewage Facilities Planning Module via Resolution number 09142020-1. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor**
- F. Ryan Long- Solicitor Report
  - None

**ACTION ON BILLS:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$105,114.32. John Axtell seconded. All in Favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to reapprove the Paul Woods/Lemoncelli Subdivision. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor.** The 90-day recording time frame has surpassed and this will get fresh dates for recording at the courthouse.
- B. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to reapprove the Hummel/Bentley Subdivision. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor.** The 90-day recording time frame has surpassed and this will get fresh dates for recording at the courthouse
- C. Discussion on the updates to the Police Department, one quote has been provided by RG Construction, we are working on get 2 additional quotes and will present once quotes are in.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the Consent to purchase parcel 70-113-0183.004 from Repositor of Unsold Properties. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.** It was explained that this will enable the property to be put back on the tax records for the Township.
- B. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve Resolution 09142021 for the purchase of the 2019 International dump truck and spreader with WesBanco with the explained terms. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to proceed with the creation of the Timber Harvesting Permit with John Hudson. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- D. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to set Trick – or – Treat for October 30, 2021, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor.**
- E. Proclamation – A proclamation by North Sewickley Township was read aloud by Chairman, Emmett Santillo, honoring Sergeant James G. Boots, Sr., U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran having been awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Purple Heart. The proclamation will remain in Township records and is signed by the Supervisors.
- F. Discussion on the computer in the public library. Originally it was thought that the digital sign could not be upgraded to a new operating system on the computer. Computer IT informed he was able to make it work with another municipality and if we get a new computer, he can make the sign work for us. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to purchase a new computer for the public library with a rough cost of \$500.00 through Randy VanHorn. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor.**
- G. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to accept the resignation presented for Donald Lusby, patrolman. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor.**
- H. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the hire of Matthew J. Smock for part time work for the Police Department. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor**
- I. **Motion by Emmett Santillo for hire a part time office assistant at \$15.00 per hour. Thom Portman seconded. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:27 pm Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. John Axtell seconded the motion. All in favor.

## BUDGET MEETING September 21, 2021

The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 P. M. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were Supervisors Emmett Santillo, John Axtell, Thom Portman, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, Police Chief, Jeffrey Becze, Road Foreman Wayne Young, and Tax Collector Karen Trozzo with Lauren Trozzo.

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
Thom Portman	Here

**PUBLIC SPEAK:** None

### **SUPERVISOR STATEMENT:**

Emmett Santillo would like to address the Facebook community. Emmett would like to give as much information as possible and he would also like to reiterate that a candidate that is on the ballot for Township Supervisor and as of this date... Thom Portman, have you seen him here? No, I have not. Mr. Axtell, have you seen him here? I have never seen him other than at the polling place at the primary. Emmett would like everyone to remember that when you're out voting in November, remember that the people who come here and actually spend some time, those are the people you need to be talking to. Also, the other thing is, if there is any information or questions that were out there on that social media site, since we have been blocked, we didn't get any information so I would like to apologize upfront if we didn't answer a question, it's that we're not aware of anything.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

### **MINUTES:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the minutes as written of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021. Thom Portman seconded, all in favor.

### **2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Lisa is working on the compensation side, still gathering information as well as leases for road crew. Health insurance rates are not yet out and are supposed to be out end of September, beginning of October. Karen Trozzo provided some information on the taxes. Discussion on the cameras at spotlight 88 and costs associated. Lisa would like to reach out to John Hudson to get a broken-down detail on how this will impact us annually as far as costs are concerned. Balance on the street light account is \$27,274.11, Emmett feels we will be fine, and we need to watch to see if it drops below \$15,000 in that account. Karen is still working on what 1 mill brings into the Township. Discussion on the Fire Department on funds distributed from the Township. Lisa informed the Supervisor's that we were working with John Trozzo to see how they receive their funds and that we have not distributed anything to date. The only other item to consider is the subdivision application fee. The County requires the Township to bring the plans to be signed by the Planning Department. Due to the administrative work into the subdivisions, we may want to increase the charge.

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to increase the subdivision fee from \$50.00 for up to three parcels to \$100.00 for up to three parcels, effective immediately. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.** Emmett would like to discuss increasing the fee for clean up day. He would like to see us collect a little more. Lisa will put together the total fees and what we collect to give a better discussion point regarding clean-up day passes. Emmett understands we aren't going to make money, but we need to get a little less of a loss. Emmett would like us to review all our permit fees to see if anything else needs updated while we are talking about the budget. Another small item is 1 junk yard permit, Emmett said to remove that from the budget. It is no longer applicable and not being used as a junk yard.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:26 pm Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. Thom Portman seconded, all in favor.

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Jamie Wolf