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**NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday –November 13, 2024 - 6:00 pm

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The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were Township Supervisors, Solicitor Ryan Long, Engineers, Jason Stanton and 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:**

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| Tom Roush       | Present |
| Emmett Santillo | Present |
| Brian Seeger    | Present |

**PUBLIC SPEAK:**

A resident wanted an update on the lights at Bradshaw Park and also the status on the paving on Constitution. Lisa asked Leslie, with RBF, the status of the Bradshaw Park agreement, she was going to look into it. Lisa also informed the resident that Penn American Water stated they were going to be paving it this season.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Beaver County Assessment Office – Tax Duplicate Corrections 2024**  
**PSATS – October 2024 News Bulletin**  
**PA DEP – Well Drilling Operation or Alteration – New Sewickley**  
**PennDOT – Fall 2024 Newsletter**  
**LSSE – Fall 2024 Newsletter**

**MINUTES:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 9, 2024, and the budget meeting minutes of October 16, 2024. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Treasurer’s Report as of November 12, 2024  
Current General Funds Balance \$232,771.20  
Liquid Fuels Balance: \$213,387.79 as of October 31, 2024
- B. Building Permit Report, Address Assignments & Public Hearings – October 2024  
7 building permits were issued. There were 2 zoning permits issued. There were no addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and no public hearings. Detailed report is attached with the monthly meeting packet.
- C. Police Report/Code Enforcement Report October 2024  
Criminal Activity- Part 1 Offences- 4, Part II Offences- 18. Total Police Service Activity- 55, Citations Issued, Moving- 17 with 7 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0, Ordinance Violations - 0. Total Miles driven 5,555 - fuel consumed 455.1 gallons. Animal Control Report- No report provided. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.
  - a. Department Update by SRO James Kline – Everything at the school has been good.
- D. Road Report October 2024  
Swept all tar and chipped roads  
Got lines painted on Country Club Dr., Foster and Bologne Valley  
Base repair on 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cleared trees at Bradshaw

New fuel pump installed on the diesel pump  
Graded and fixed bottom of Wildwood  
New hub, axle bearings, and rims for the Freightliner repair  
Cleaned drains and patched holes all over the Township.  
Used 356.7 gallons of diesel fuel.  
Used 80.9 gallons of gasoline.  
Road report by Don Blinn, Assistant Road Foreman.

a.) Department Update by Assistant Road Foreman – They are getting trucks ready for winter and wrapping up the last bit of mowing. They are also looking to do more grading. Tom Roush asked if there were any more issues on Wildwood/Townwood. Don stated it was Davies tree trimming causing problems for the road and the residents are happy with the cleaning.

E. Engineer Report November 11, 2024

David Ritsema updated the Supervisors on the Authority Garage. It was also noted that no LSA grants were awarded to the Township

- a. Monthly Engineers Report – Attached with the meeting packet
- b. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the Youngblood Partial Payment No. 1 (Final) in the amount of \$139,504.75. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- c. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the Youngblood Change Order No. 2 (final) for a project decrease in the amount of \$10,317.75. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- d. Townwood Road – Zoning Complaint - David reported on zoning updates and the complaint he received on Townwood Road. He did the investigation, and his opinion is to move to the next step as the property owner is in violation of the zoning ordinance regarding grazing animals and a shed for dog storage without a permit. The next step is enforcement. The Township Supervisors would like to give a 30-day action on the enforcement.
- e. Zoning Map Change – Parcel 70-013-0519 – Scott Post talked about his parcel and why he would like it changed. Tom Roush feels there are probably more parcels that are zoned wrong, and we should address those while we are making a change. Mr. Post is seeking to change his parcel from MDR to Industrial. Ryan Long suggested David Ritsema look at the zoning map and we can make all the changes at once. If it applies to other properties, we can waive the fee to Mr. Post.

F. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

a. Ryan Long stated that he is working with Lisa on finalizing the union contracts for the Police Dept.

**ACTION ON BILLS:**

Tom Roush made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$144,790.51. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in Favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Bradshaw Park Update – Brian Seeger asked Leslie, with RBF, to get us a copy of the agreement with TEC Electric for our review.
- B. The Supervisors were informed that the diesel pump was replaced.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to accept the resignation letter for Patrolman Justin Warren, effective immediately. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**
- B. **Motion by Tom Roush to accept the resignation letter for Sergeant Brian Watkins, effective November 15, 2024. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to accept the resignation letter from Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, George Patterson, effective immediately. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor. Motion by Tom Roush to temporarily appoint Attorney Nathan Morgan to the Zoning Hearing Board, per George Patterson and Ryan Long's recommendation. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**

- D. Motion by Tom Roush to ratify the purchase of Code 3 Emergency Lighting Quote for a radio that will be programmed with Lawrence County frequencies for the Police Department, in the amount of \$1,815.00 that will be a split cost with Ellwood City Forge. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**
- E. Appointment Consideration to Sewer & Water Authority Board – Motion by Tom Roush to table and post vacancy for 15 days on North Sewickley Facebook page. Seconded by Brian Seeger. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Rombold – Recommended to go back to the original manufacturer of the lighting. Tom Roush stated that it is out of the Townships hands and that RBF is responsible for making changes to be sure that it is correct.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:39 pm. Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. Tom Roush seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk

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**NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BUDGET MEETING**

Wednesday – November 20, 2024 - 6:00 pm

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The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00 P. M. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In addition to three Supervisors were Lauren Trozzo, Lisa Crespo, Chief Becze, Assistant Road Foreman, Don Blinn, and one member of the public.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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|-----------------|---------|
| Emmett Santillo | Present |
| Brian Seeger    | Present |
| Tom Roush       | Present |

**PUBLIC SPEAK:**

None

**2025 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:**

1. Township Building

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to advertise the 2025 Proposed Budget. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

**Motion by Tom Roush to set the meeting for the approval of the 2025 Budget for December 27, 2024 at 12:00 pm. Seconded by Emmett Santillo. All in favor.**

2. Road Department

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the proposed 2025 – 2027 Union Contract with stylist verbiage changes from Ryan Long. Brian Seeger seconded. 2 ayes, Tom Roush opposed, motion carries.**

3. Police Department

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve hiring Tyler Kelosky as a full-time police officer at full rate. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the proposed 2025 – 2027 Union Contract with stylistic verbiage changes from Ryan Long. Brian Seeger seconded. 2 ayes, Tom Roush opposed, motion carries.**

Executive Session – Adjourn to executive session at 7:28 pm and return to the regular meeting at 7:44 pm.

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve Police Chief, Jeffrey Becze’s 1 year contract with a 7% salary increase and the addition of 4 sick days. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

4. Tax Collector

None

5. Fire Department

**Motion by Tom Roush to approve the Fire Department – Fire Protection Tax to be increased from a 2024 millage of 0.12590 to a millage of 0.25 which generates \$128,756.41 at 100% collectible. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None