

REGULAR MEETING November 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 9, 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 (absent), 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	Absent

**PUBLIC SPEAK:**

Road Foreman, Wayne Young, wanted to inform the Supervisor's that the Road Department is doing a great job.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Beaver County Board of Assessment** – Notice Change of Assessment - 2023

**Beaver County Assessment** – 2 - Notice Change of Assessment

**PSATS** – 2023 Contribution Rate

**Beaver County Board of Assessment**– Notice of Change of Assessment - 2022

**PennPower** – Direct Energy Cancellation as Supplier on all Accounts

**RGAA** – Donation request – **Emmett Santillo made the motion to donate the same amount to RGAA that was donated in 2021. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

**LSSE Newsletter** – Fall of 2022

**Act 57 of 2022**- Informational Letter

**Fryer Excavating** – Pictures with Santa – Donation Opportunity – **Emmett Santillo made the motion that the Township donate up to \$250.00 toward the Fryer Excavating, Pictures with Santa Event. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

**MINUTES:**

John Axtell made the motion to accept the minutes as written of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022, and the Budget Meeting minutes of October 18, 2022. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.

**REPORTS:**

A. Financial Report as of November 2022

Current General Fund Balance \$753,828.87

Liquid Fuels Balance \$72,755.21 as of October 31, 2022

B. Building Permit Report October 2022

4 Permits issued – 1 single family dwelling, 1 solar panels for roof of home, 1 demo mobile home, 1 change of use

C. Police Report/ACO Report October 2022

Criminal Activity, Part I Offenses - 4, Part II Offences - 13, Police Service Activity - 57, Citations-moving - 12, Citations-non-moving - 3. Total Miles driven 3,228.8 - fuel consumed 249.7 gal. Animal Control Report- 3 incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report October 2022

Graded ditches on Wildwood Rd. Cleaned drains around the Township. Paved a small spot on Edgewood hill that had a bunch of holes in it. Put a new seat in the 2005 Freightliner. Took the 2005 Freightliner to Keystone spring to have the rear springs replaced and built up. Cleaned the tar off the 2019 International and washed and waxed it. Sanded and painted the frame on the 2017 International. Sanded and painted

the frame on the 2018 Ram, also washed and waxed it. Washed the case loader. Washed, waxed, and cleaned the interiors on the two John Deere tractors. Used 390 gallons of diesel fuel and 70.4 gallons of gasoline. Road report submitted by Foreman, Wayne Young.

E. Engineer Report

The monthly Engineer's Report was presented by Emily Palmer and is attached with the meeting packet. The permit application for the Bologne Valley Bridge Replacement has been submitted. Emily Palmer had a second meeting with PennDOT regarding the Leech Ln project. Emily informed the Supervisors that the Road Program needs closed out. The MS4 permit application waiver was approved by DEP for another five years. Emily informed the Supervisors that she was working on the short-term rental ordinance on the Planning Department side.

F. Ryan Long- Solicitor Report

**Emmett Santillo made the motion to authorize Ryan Long to prepare and forward to the County Planning Department, an amendment to the Township Zoning Map regarding the Douglass properties, as discussed. John Axtell seconded. All In favor. Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve Ordinance 1011 of 2022 that was advertised last month regarding the waiving of penalties for real estates tax when a taxpayer has not received notices of taxes. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

**ACTION ON BILLS:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$38,109.97. John Axtell seconded. All in Favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to advertise the resolution for the Appointment of a CPA. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- B. **Motion by John Axtell to approve the transfer for \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to yield a higher interest rate in a 6-month CD with Edward Jones. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve Resolution 11092022 authorizing an application to the PA Municipal Assistance Program for the Comprehensive Plan with Franklin and Wayne Township, committing municipal resources in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a match for the project. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:16 pm Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. John Axtell seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Lisa A. Crespo

BUDGET MEETING November 15, 2022

The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 15, 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, and Jamie Wolf.

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

**2022 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:**

Police Department -  
None

Road Department –  
None

Tax Collector –

**Motion by Tom Roush to increase real estate taxes by 2 mills for the 2023 tax rate. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.** This tax increase is being considered a Safety Tax, internally, as the Township brought on two new full time police officers that were not previously budgeted for. The cost of the tax increase will offset the cost of the two new officers, but it does not take in to account the general overall costs increases to supplies, etc. that the Township has seen over the last couple years.

Fire Department –

General Township Discussion –

Discussion on the current situation since COVID-19 and the impact of costs to the Township. There is still going to be a deficit in the Township budget, but it is just a projection, and we continue to try to save money the best we can. We are proactively trying to cut costs and handle more tasks internally rather than outsourcing. Discussion on employees. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the hourly wage for Jessica Chaney to \$17.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2023. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.** Lisa is still going to work on getting closer figures on the revenues and will update the budget accordingly, but the Supervisors would like to approve the advertising of the 2023 budget for public review and approval at the December 13, 2022 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:03 pm John Axtell made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.