
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday – October 10, 2023 - 4:00 pm

CONDITIONAL USE PUBLIC HEARING – October 10, 2023

A public hearing was held on October 10, 2023, at 3:45 pm to hear public comments on the Conditional Use application for ground mounted solar panels on parcel 70-124-0266.P00. In attendance were Supervisor’s Emmett Santillo and Tom Roush (John Axtell, late). The Ordinance was properly advertised and posted on the property. Mr. Rhule explained his array of solar panels. No neighbors have complained to him, it is compliant with all Township setbacks. Public comment was available to be received by North Sewickley Township via email at nst@zoominternet.net. The Planning Department had no comment. At this time there was no public comment. Ryan Long will issue the letter of approval. **Emmett Santillo made the motion at 3:56 pm to adjourn the public hearing. Tom Roush seconded, all in favor.**

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 4:00 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, 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:

PennDOT – Notice of Estimated Allocation – 2024 Municipal Liquid Fuels - \$219,356.29

MINUTES:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of the September 12, 2023, and the budget meeting minutes of September 19, 2023, as written. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer’s Report as of October 10, 2023
 - Current General Funds Balance \$483,641.93
 - Liquid Fuels Balance: \$204k356.48 as of September 30, 2023
- B. Building Permit Report & Address Assignments - September 2023
 - 5 building permits were issued– 1 Shed, 1 Roof Mounted Solar Panels, 1 Fence, 1 Addition and 1 Demo.
 - 0 building permits were denied and there were 2 addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal.

C. Police Report/ACO Report September 2023

Criminal Activity- Part 1 Offences- 1, Part II Offences- 14. Total Police Service Activity- 78, Citations Issued, Moving- 8 with 7 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 3,848 - fuel consumed 328.2 gallons. Animal Control Report- 2 incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report September 2023

Paved some bad spots on the following roads: Gillen Rd., Edgewood Rd., Sunset Dr., Collins Rd., Bologne Valley Rd., Constitution Ave., and Brown Rd Graded some ditches on Bologne Valley Rd., and Glendale Rd. Started to trim trees on Foster Rd., until the woodchipper broke down. Put new bushings and some bearings in the woodchipper and cleaned it up. Made two new barricades for when we need to close roads. Cut some dead leaning trees on Shaffer Rd., and Gillen Rd. Used 402.8 gallons of diesel fuel and 64.3 gallons of gasoline. Submitted by Wayne Young, Road Foreman. Lisa is to post on the website, on Facebook and use TextMyGov to put out there that there will be fines associated with violating the road closed signs for the Bologne Valley Road.

E. Engineer Report October 2023

Monthly Engineer's Report was presented and is attached with meeting packet.

- a.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Youngblood Pay Request No. 1 – Final in the amount of \$150,700.00. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- b.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Youngblood Change Order No. 1 – Final in the amount of \$4,200.00. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- c.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the adoption of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Douglass Plan of Lots. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- d.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Prisuta Plan No. 3 pending all County and DEP approvals. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

Emily Palmer informed the Supervisors that Bologne Valley Bridge replacement is seeing progress and Bologne Valley is closed. Emily will have a resolution for the Leech Ln. grant at the November 2023 meeting. Emily informed the Board that the road project came under budget. There is a reduction from the original contract proposal in the amount of \$4,200.00 to bring the project total to \$150,700.00.

F. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Condition Use application for the ground mounted solar panels subject to all listed conditions and without the screening language in the ordinance. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor. Ryan Long asked if the Road Department could post the property with the notice once he has prepared it.

ACTION ON BILLS:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$154,245.74. Tom Roush seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to update the approval date for the MRA Subdivision to October 10, 2023. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **John Axtell made the motion to list the Police 2014 Ford Interceptor on Municibid for sale once it is ready. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- B. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the VFD 1 mill Tax Disbursement Agreement subject to Ryan Long's comments/approval. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve a spending limit of \$2,500.00 for all departments for emergency purchases. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Emmett Santillo wanted to remind the public that it is election season, and it is not okay for the political signs to be removed or stolen from property. Charges of theft will be filed for anyone caught removing the signs. This will be posted on the Township website, the Facebook page and sent out through TextMyGov. None of the Supervisors support this behavior from our community.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:30 pm. Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. Tom Roush seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk

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BUDGET MEETING
Tuesday – October 17, 2023 - 7:00 pm

The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 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, Tax Collector, Lauren Trozzo, Lisa Crespo, Jamie Wolf, and Chief Becze and Sergeant Watkins.

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

2024 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

1. Police Department

- Discussion on the camera system at the PD. We are waiting on one more quote from New Castle Lock and Key.
- The Ford Taurus is ready for MuniBid, pending de-lettering from Bill Daufen. We will approve the sale at the regular business meeting.
- Reviewed the quotes for a new Durango, upfitting that was changed to add features. We will look at First National Bank for additional rate quotes.
- Discussion on the taser quotes. We are out of contract on the old ones. They are working fine, and we have cartridges. Once we run into issues with the current system or need maintenance, we can look in to purchasing the new tasers and maintenance packages.
- Decision not to purchase new lockers, the current staff can clean the ones they have and open up lockers for other officers.
- It is budgeted for a new full time police officer.

2. Road Department

- A grant application will be submitted for the repairs to the back road department garage.

3. Tax Collector

- Lauren is going to get a quote for a panic button for her tax collection office.
- Lauren asked for an additional \$1,000.00 to the Tax Budget for a new software package.

4. Fire Department

- None

5. Township Business

- Set the next budge meeting for November 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30 pm. Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. Tom Roush seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk