

NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday – June 12, 2024 - 6:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING CHANGES – June 12, 2024, at 5:45 pm

A public hearing was held on June 12, 2024, at 5:45 pm to hear public comments on the proposed zoning changes regarding Mobile Food Facilities, Ground and Roof Mounted Solar Panels and Brewery/Micro Brewery, Distillery/Micro Distillery as well as some number rearranging to clean up the original ordinance. Engineer, Emily Palmer, gave a recap of the proposed ordinance changes. In attendance were Supervisor’s Tom Roush, Emmett Santillo and Brian Seeger. The Ordinance was properly advertised and available for review at the Township building. There was discussion on permitting Breweries and Distilleries. Ryan Long was concerned about the Township allowing it without State approval. Brian Seeger would prefer to see sale and consumption on the property. Scott Morrow stated that North Sewickley Township is a dry Township. Ryan Long said it would be best to approve the Ordinance as presented and amend it. Anyone applying for a brewery/distillery would still need permitting through the Commonwealth. Emily will work on a further amendment to the Ordinance. **Tom Roush made the motion at 6:01 pm to adjourn the public hearing. Brian Seeger seconded, all in favor.**

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 12, 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, Engineer, Emily Palmer, 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:

Tom Roush	Present
Emmett Santillo	Present
Brian Seeger	Present

PUBLIC SPEAK:

Doug Young – Discussion on Bologne Valley Road. He wanted to thank someone for moving the signs and stopping traffic again. He is concerned that Bologne Valley is going to be a freeway once it is opened. Police Chief, Jeff Becze, stated he will put extra coverage to regulate the traffic. Emily is hoping for the week of the 24th of June for opening the bridge. Brian Seeger asked the contractor to move the signs on Bologne Valley.

Roger Radevski, Connoquenessing Country Club – Roger is concerned about the water coming on to the golf course with the discussion of Fairview and Green Lane. Tom Roush explained the drainage. Roger would like to be sure this is the best solution. Emily stated the intent is not to put extra water on the Golf Course. Paul MacMurdo stated that it does not help the flooding. Emily informed the public that this is not to solve a flooding problem, water will continue to go where it is going. Emily explained the water comes off Chapel to Fairview, the intent is to reprofile Fairview to keep the water where it belongs by adding a crown to the road. Roger just wants clarification and to be sure there will be no extra volume. He is working under DEP and the NPDES permits.

Paul MacMurdo – Paul asked what the problem is that this needs done? He asked if there are families at risk, and if this is a safety concern.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- PSATS – 2024 Adopted Resolutions
- Beaver County Assessment – 2024 Tax Duplicate Corrections
- Court of Common Pleas – Notice of 2nd Pre-Trial Conference
- Court of Common Pleas – Tax Assessment Appeal
- Kawneer – Downstream Notification
- Leymarie Clark Long, PC – Solicitor Letter Regarding 2023 Audit Report
- Herrmann & Loll – 2023 Audit Report

MINUTES:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2024. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer’s Report as of June 12, 2024
 - Current General Funds Balance \$609,949.59
 - Liquid Fuels Balance: \$243,863.15 as of May 31, 2024
- B. Building Permit Report, Address Assignments & Public Hearings – May 2024

3 building permits were issued– 1 Bradshaw baseball field lighting, 1 roof mounted solar panel, 1 In-ground pool & fence There were no building permits denied, there was 1 zoning permit issued, there were no addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and no public hearings.
- C. Code Enforcement Report May - June 2024

Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the resignation letter from Ralph Chiappetta as the Code Enforcement Officer. Tom Roush seconded, all in favor. Adjourn to Executive session at 6:23 pm to discuss Code Enforcement. Adjourn to Regular Business meeting. Motion by Tom Roush to approve Police Chief, Jeff Becze, as the Code Enforcement Officer and to be paid \$150.00 per month. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.
- D. Police Report/ACO Report May 2024

Criminal Activity- Part 1 Offences- 2, Part II Offences- 15. Total Police Service Activity- 63, Citations Issued, Moving- 18 with 5 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 4,060 - fuel consumed 350.6 gallons. Animal Control Report- No incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

 - a. Department Update by Police Chief – manpower has been short for 6 months, but he has an officer in training and another officer graduating on the 22nd of June that will be coming on.
- E. Road Report May 2024

Graded on Orchard Crest, Perry, Lower Davidson, Aiken, 5th Ave, Fleetwood and Barrisville
Fixed sinkhole on Homestead St, base repair to bottom of Grandview hill
Fixed washout on Schaffer
Took guardrail out on Old Frisco Hill for PennPower project
Replaced broken cutting edge on loader and changed hydraulic filter
Mowed road sides all over Township
Fixed signs on East 2nd Ave and Collins/Czar, put up bend ahead and arrow chevrons on Schaffer bend, new speed limit sign on Howard and Douglass
Cleaned drains and patched potholes all over Township
Hauled in concret chunks from Blanks
Used 568.9 gallons of diesel fuel.
Used 73.3 gallons of gasoline.
Road report by Josh Syphrit, Road Foreman.

 - a.) Department Update by Road Foreman – Brian Seeger asked what the gate was at the bottom of Old Frisco Hill Road. Josh explained it was for Penn Power to replace a line. The road crew is ready for the road program. The gas company is working on Longvue. They are halfway through grading, and they are working on the fuel tank cleaning.
- F. Engineer Report June, 2024

Monthly Engineer’s Report was presented and is attached with the meeting packet. Emily Palmer updated on

the Bologne Valley Bridge replacement progress. The bridge should be opening sooner than later. The guiderail needs to be installed and there will be a walk through, and punch list created. There is a pay request for the bridge. The zoning list was presented with an update on activity. The LSA grants will be opening on September 1st and be due in November. This grant is good for any project with no match.

- a) Award 2024 Road Program – Update on the road program, there were 2 contractors that took specs. Only one contractor put in a bid, Youngblood paving. The base bid came in at \$82,525.00. Fairview came in higher than expected, followed by discussion as to potential reasons why. Brian Seeger has an issue with the utilities, he would like to see everything replaced so the road doesn't get torn up. Brian is in favor of pushing Fairview and Green off until next year. Lisa will find out if there are any utility updates planned for the area. Paul MacMurdo stated the situation in his neighborhood is dangerous. People can't get out when it floods and to please consider drains and backflow preventers. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the base bid for the road program, add alternates 3-9 and only the tar and chip for add alternates 1 and 2, based upon a change order making the approval of the entire project contingent upon Youngblood approving that change order for add alternates 1 and 2. Brian Seeger seconded, all in favor.** Emily will send everything to the contractor and get a change order request.
- b) LM&R Bologne Valley Bridge Partial Payment Request No. 2 - \$192,960.00 – **Motion by Tom Roush to approve Partial Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$192,960.00 to LM&R. Brian Seeger seconded, all in favor.**
- c) Speed Bumps – Little League Dr. – Discussion as to what type of speed bumps should be placed. If you own the road, you can do whatever you want. There must be fair warnings painted on the road before the bumps. Emily will make a recommendation and get specifications as to what type of speed bumps. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the installation of speed bumps on Little League Dr pending the advice of the Engineer as to the specifications of the speed bumps. Seconded by Brian Seeger, all in favor.**

G. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the Ordinance amendments as advertised and presented. Seconded by Tom Roush, all in favor. Motion by Brian Seeger whereas the Supervisors will direct the Planning Commission to consider amendments to the same Ordinance with respect to micro-breweries and breweries allowing for the sale and consumption of alcohol on the premise subject to is being permitted by the Commonwealth. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.

ACTION ON BILLS:

Tom Roush made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$122,977.03. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Bradshaw Park Agreement and Lighting Update – **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the draft agreement for Bradshaw Park present by Ryan Long. Brian Seeger seconded. 2 ayes, 1 nay. Tom Roush is not in favor and does not agree with it.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. PMRS Plan Amendment and Resolution 06122024 – **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the non-uniform PMRS Plan Amendment and Resolution 06122024. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- B. Tax Collector – Year of Exoneration, 2023 – **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the Exoneration letter for Lauren Murphy for Tax Year 2023. Emmett Santillo seconded, all in favor.**
- C. Diesel Tank Cleaning – **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the quote from Environmental Specialists in the amount of \$1,350.00 to clean the diesel tank at the Township building and treat with chemical to stop algae growth. Seconded by Brian Seeger, all in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:23 pm. Tom Roush made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk