
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday – March 13, 2024 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 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 via phone, Engineer, LSSE, Secretary/Treasurer, Lisa Crespo, and various members of the public regarding Bradshaw Park and the Bologne Valley Road Closure.

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

Prior to roll call, Tom informed the public that when we discuss the agenda item for Bradshaw Park Lighting, we would let the public speak at that time for that project.

ROLL CALL:

Tom Roush	Present
Emmett Santillo	Present
Brian Seeger	Present

PUBLIC SPEAK:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Beaver County Assessment/Tax Claim Office – 3 Corrections on 2024 Tax Duplicate
Court of Common Pleas – 2 Tax Assessment Appeals
PennDOT – Liquid Fuels Deposit - \$221,526.09, March 1, 2024
SMCA Student Letter – Letter to Chairman

MINUTES:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2024. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer’s Report as of March 12, 2024
Current General Funds Balance \$301,483.57
Liquid Fuels Balance: \$24,486.84 as of February 29, 2024
- B. Building Permit Report & Address Assignments – January 2024
4 building permits were issued– 1 pole barn, 1 roof mounted solar panels, 1 update to Riversides gym, science and offices and 1 separate permit for Riverside’s boiler/HVAC upgrades. There were no building permits denied, there was 1 zoning permit issued for a non-impact home-based business, there we no addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and no public hearings.
- C. Police Report/ACO Report January 2024
Criminal Activity- Part 1 Offences- 1, Part II Offences- 13. Total Police Service Activity- 29, Citations Issued, Moving- 11 with 7 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 2,858.6 - fuel consumed 224.3 gallons. Animal Control Report- No incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report February 2024

Cleaned ditches on Old Concord Circle, Gillen, Schaffer Rd, Collins Rd, and Czar Rd
Fixed and washed out headwalls of pipes at intersections of Marshall, Sewickley, Collins and Czar
Replaced street sign brackets on Collins Rd and Barrisville Rd as well as replaced stop sign at Wises Grove and Foster Rd
Patched potholes and cleaned out drains throughout the Township
Replaced hydraulic hoses on Freightliner plow and fixed control valve leak
Boom mowed on Collins Rd, Czar Rd and Brown Rd
Started tree trimming at Bradshaw Park
Investigated bottom garage floor drain problem
Dug up catch basin beside Township building to replace 3ft of pipe to repair floor drain problem
Red Garage ceiling repairs
Used 228.6 gallons of diesel fuel
Used 82 gallons of gasoline.
Road report by Josh Syphrit, Road Foreman.

E. Engineer Report March 11, 2024

Monthly Engineer's Report was presented and is attached with the meeting packet.
Update on the Bologne Valley Bridge replacement progress. The contractor is working on the submittals, and they should be getting the culvert ordered. We are looking at 6 weeks for any construction to be started. We are still looking at 2-4 months, maybe a little longer. Shawn, with LSSE, explained the delays to the residents that are in attendance as well as Tom and Emmet helped shed some light on the delays. Residents of Bologne Valley expressed their concern about safety and the response time of the police. It was explained that the condition of the bridge during inspections was very poor underneath. There was a lot of deterioration which is why it needed to be replaced. Sergeant Watkins informed the residents that the police have a list of residents and where they live in case of an emergency on Bologne Valley. Brian Seeger informed the public that we have the funds to replace the bridge, contrary to comments on social media. Chief Becze mentioned that PennDOT keeps asking what the status is. Any new information that the Township is provided will go on the website and social media pages. Emmett Santillo wanted the public to know that when we propose our road program, the Township is not flying by the seat of their pants. The road foreman has a list of roads that are of concern, and they are placed in the road program as well as taking in to account the prior years repairs. Josh Syphrit explained their procedure for the road updates. There are processes in place, and it is not just done without a plan in mind. Emmett also mentioned that we are not putting a bandaid on our roads, that is is all part of keeping up with the repairs the roads are in need of.

- a) Fairview and Green Lane – no further discussion at this time
- b) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the McQuiston Subdivision Plan, pending County and DEP approvals. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- c) **Tom Roush made the motion to approve the McQuiston Sewage Facilities Module, Component 1. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

F. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

None

ACTION ON BILLS:

Tom Roush made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$128,252.27. Brian Seeger seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Code Enforcement – Emmett Santillo mentioned that we had code enforcement for \$1,500 and now we are looking at potentially \$11,000 per year. Tom Roush said he has an option for \$1,500.00, Brian Speers. The only extra would be mailings. Emmett Santillo as if there was a proposal submitted, Tom replied that it was verbal. The Supervisors would prefer to have a formal submittal. **Tom Roush made the motion to table the code enforcement until the next meeting when we have 3 quotes. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- B. Tom Roush is not interested in time clocks at this time. The remaining Supervisors agree.
- C. Record/Broadcast Township Meetings – Supervisors wanted clarification that it is not live streaming the meetings, it will video, and audio recorded. A resident asked about the quarterly newsletter and stated that those were nice to have. Lisa will investigate the costs of that. **Tom Roush made a motion to approve audio/video equipment not to exceed an amount of \$1,000.00 to be installed in the meeting room for the recording of monthly meetings. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Investments – Discussion on Edward Jones investments. Emmett stated that he is the Financial Advisor for the Township and is also a Township Supervisor. Emmett and Lisa have a conversation and the funds are reinvested at a good rate. This situation was approved by the State Ethics commission with Solicitor, Ryan Long. Emmett Santillo is not a signer on the accounts, but Lisa is. Going forward, Lisa will reach out to Brian and Tom to let them know the rate and when a CD is due for renewal, prior to that happening. **Tom Roush made the motion that there will be 2 supervisors' approval on all investments for reinvesting. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- B. Bradshaw Park Lighting – Tom informed the public that this is an informational meeting only and the Supervisors are not voting tonight. Lisa explained that we could potentially have 2 separate motions at this meeting. We could have a motion to move forward with the lights and then a second motion to start an agreement with the Baseball Federation, keeping the residents involved. The Township Engineer can inspect the light fall to be sure it is in compliance with the zoning ordinance and the lights should not be turned on until it meets the Township zoning. Ryan Long is okay with setting conditions to the lights. Resident Jim Rombold gave concerns about the lights while stating he has no problem with the lights. Mr. Rombold would prefer to see a 4-pole system vs. the proposed 6-pole system. Shawn Martsof with the Riverside Baseball Federation explained in detail what the organization has done to ensure they are using the proper set up. It was discussed on the times they will be using the lights. Pam McCarty was a former 50-year coach and she had lost a playoff game with a 4-pole system and supports the 6-pole system RBF is proposing while being a nearby resident to the field. Residents are concerned with problems that could go on at the park, there are none now but if there are, the police should be called immediately. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the lighting at Bradshaw Park, contingent upon MDIA approval and that it meets all North Sewickley Township Zoning. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor. Motion by Brian Seeger to begin preparing an agreement between North Sewickley Township and the Riverside Baseball Federation, identifying all policies and procedures, with the Douglass Road neighbors in mind. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Tom Roush made the motion to ratify and approve the \$1,000.00 donation to the Riverside Baseball Federation for a donation of a light pole in the park. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- D. **Tom Roush made the motion to table the addition to the security system at the police department so we can get additional quote. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.** It is requested of Lisa to get a quote for upgrading the system to allow additional cameras, from Guardian for comparison purposes.
- E. Discussion on Supervisors being provided cell phones, at this time, no. This can be removed from the agenda.
- F. **Motion by Tom Roush to set 2024 Clean Up Day for May 10 and May 11 from 8:00 am to Noon each day. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- G. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to provide the zoning ordinance changes to Ryan Long to prepare the advertisement and ordinance for adoption. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**
- H. **Tom Roush made the motion to ratify and approve preparing a letter of support to PennDOT for the Route 65 at Country Club Drive, bridge replacement project. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

- I. **Brian Seeger made the motion to ratify and approve the quote from Sitler and Lemmon in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the furnace repairs to the red road crew garage. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- J. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to ratify and approve the extended warranty for the road crew wheel loader, adding 36 months or 1500 hours in the amount of \$4,420.00. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- K. **Tom Roush made the motion to approve the bond release for Kuhn's Logging. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 pm. Tom Roush made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk