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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday –May 8, 2024 - 6:00 pm**

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The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 8, 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, 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:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Beaver County Assessment** – 2024 Tax Duplicate Corrections x2

**MINUTES:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 10, 2024. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Treasurer’s Report as of May 7, 2024
  - Current General Funds Balance \$401,194.82
  - Liquid Fuels Balance: \$247,254.29 as of April 30, 2024
- B. Building Permit Report, Address Assignments & Public Hearings – April 2024

14 building permits were issued– 9 new single-family dwellings, 2 additions, 1 sunroom with a crawl Space, 1 8’ privacy fence and 1 re-roof. There were no building permits denied, there were 3 zoning permit issued, there we 2 addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and 1 public hearing.
- C. Code Enforcement Report April 2024

There is a need to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code of 2018. Suggestion to set a maximum grass height of 6”. Ralph Chiappetta has begun to familiarize himself with the Township. Ralph was formally sworn in by the Magistrate. No hours billable for April.
- D. Police Report/ACO Report April 2024

Criminal Activity- Part 1 Offences- 2, Part II Offences- 11. Total Police Service Activity- 48, Citations Issued, Moving- 18 with 5 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 3,177.7 - fuel consumed 318.7 gallons. Animal Control Report- No incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

  - a.) Department Update by Police Chief – The manpower situation is going to get better, there is an interview for a new hire for the PD. Brian Seeger added that there is an access hole cut in the ceiling of the PD for case file storage leaving more room for ammo.
- E. Road Report April 2024
  - Cleaned drains and cleaned up flood damage.
  - Cut and fit new grates for basins on Lower Glendale.

Put french drains in around the salt sheds.  
 Patched potholes all over the Township.  
 Put up handicap and back in only parking signs at Bradshaw Park.  
 Graded on Rustic Park, Gillen, and Collins Rd.  
 Changed fuel filters as well as new turbo actuator on the Ram.  
 Repaired broken bolts and re-mounted the broom.  
 Installed 60' of under drain on Gillen at the woods.  
 '17 International got the radio problem fixed by Lauttamus.  
 Installed new catch basin on Lower Glendale.  
 New broom bristles installed.  
 Used 334.5 gallons of diesel fuel.  
 Used 118.6 gallons of gasoline.  
 Road report by Josh Syphrit, Road Foreman.

a.) Department Update by Road Foreman – The road crew is working on prepping the back area of the property for clean up Day. There is a need for discussion of signage on Shaffer Road.

F. Engineer Report May 5, 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 contractor has mobilized, and the old bridge has been demolished. They are keeping the paperwork moving in the background quickly to keep things progressing. The contractor states the completion date will be June 7, 2024.

a) 2024 Road Program – Emily spent more time on Fairview and Green Lane and there are proposed changes. Emily looked at the stormwater closer and doesn't recommend re-routing the water toward the end of Grenn Ln. It won't be good to send more water in that direction and possibly create flooding. Discussion to crown the road to keep the water where it should be and widen the intersection. The decorative white rocks at the end would have to be removed, a swale put in and then the rocks put back. 1' widening on each side of the road would help and be less invasive to the residents then the shoulder would be paved. The ditches would be left in place to carry the water. Tom stated he thought the goal was to get rid of the ditches. Emily stated we could pipe the whole length, it would just be a lot higher cost, more of an impact to residents and more for the road crew to maintain. The property at the end of Fairview has nice landscaping but it is restricting the flow of water. Emily feels we need to consider taking it out of the of the road program this year or make it a separate project entirely. Emmett wanted to see what the impact was to the Connoquenessing Country Club's gold course. The golf course should not get any additional water, it'll remain the same. Tim Carosi – suggest catch basins and ultimately the golf course is going to receive more water. If you do it, do it the right way. Emily suggests a storm water calculation and potentially some sort of detention. Tim stated that the water off Chapel makes a pond in his back yard. Brian stated that falls on the state because that is from Chapel which is a state road.

Brian (resident) – Stated that if we are going to do it, just do it and stop arguing. Stop spending money and make a decision. Emmett stated all the Supervisors are working together to come to a permanent solution. Emmett also would like to see spreading the liquid fuels money to all the roads. It is a hard decision, and a lot goes into it. The Supervisors are looking for the most economical way to do the job. Emily stated there is no right or wrong answer, we just don't want to move the water to Green Lane. Emmett asked Emily what the best way is to get it done. Emily suggests the 1' widening on each side. It is the least impactful to everyone to do it that way. There is less pipe for the Township to maintain, not much property taken from the residents and crowning the road keeps the water flowing where it is supposed to. Scott Morrow asked if the water and sewer lines are in good condition. Lisa will contact Columbia Gas to see if there are gas lines being replaced any time soon.

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to bid the road program as presented from the road foreman, Josh Syphrit, and adding Fairview and Green Lane as add alternates to see what pricing comes in at. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**

b.) LSSE review the Cornelius and Kohl Subdivision applications. **Motion by Emmett Santillo to approve the Cornelius and Kohl Subdivision plans, pending all County, State and DEP approvals and revisions recommended by LSSE to the Kohl plan. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

G. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

**Motion by Emmett Santillo to ratify the authorization of the publication on the notice of the public hearing for the zoning amendments. Tom Roush seconded.** The hearing will be at 5:45 pm at the June 2024 meeting.

**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. Community Food Pantry – The food pantry has been built and is up and running. Volunteers are welcome to help keep it organized and up to date.
- B. Bradshaw Park Agreement and Lighting Update – Tom Roush informed the residents that the agreement is drafted, and he would send it to Brian for review then to Emmett for discussion, then it would be moved to the residents. Brian Seeger gave an update on the lighting. Additional information was requested from MDIA to continue the permitting process for the lighting. RBF is working on providing that information for submission.
- C. Update on Printing Newsletter – The Fire Department had sent out their newsletter within a week of our last meeting which did not allot for time for the Township to get involved and have a shared newsletter. This will be an effort for the 2025 newsletter

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Wayne Young – Part Time Employment – **Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion at 6:52 pm and reconvened to regular business at 7:00 pm. Motion by Tom Roush to approve Wayne Young to remain a part time/seasonal employee of the township road department pending the union approval and as agreed upon by Township Supervisors and the employee. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roman Kozac introduced himself as a State Representative running for an open seat for Jim Marshalls retirement. He spoke about his campaign and how he entered politics. He was pleased to have the opportunity to attend our meeting and introduce himself to our residents.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:04 pm. Tom Roush made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. All in favor.