

NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday – February 14, 2024 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were three Township Supervisors, Solicitor Ryan Long, Engineer, Emily Palmer, Lisa Crespo, 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 Board of Assessment – Appeal of Tax-Exempt Status
Beaver County Assessment – Notice Change of Assessment
PennDOT – Quarterly Review of News and Information
Fell Township Board of Supervisors – Awareness and Assistance Letter
Penn Energy Resources – Assessment
Beaver County Assessment – Corrections to Tax Duplicates for 2024

MINUTES:

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the organization meeting minutes of January 2, 2024. Brian Seeger Seconded. All in favor.

Tom Roush made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 2, 2024. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer’s Report as of February 13, 2024
Current General Funds Balance \$289,419.15
Liquid Fuels Balance: \$26,482.38 as of January 31, 2024
- B. Building Permit Report & Address Assignments – January 2024
3 building permits were issued– 1 movable handicap ramp and 2 roof mounted solar panels. There were no building permits denied, no addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and no hearings.
- C. Police Report/ACO Report January 2024
Criminal Activity- Part 1 Offences- 2, Part II Offences- 13. Total Police Service Activity- 59, Citations Issued, Moving- 14 with 2 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 2,314 - fuel consumed 172 gallons. Animal Control Report- No incidents handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report January 2024

Installed 22' of 15" plastic pipe, 2 catch basins, and 1 concrete riser on Constitution Ave
Had Paffs Welding cut new plow brackets and repaired the plow frame on the '18 Ram
Fixed O2 sensor and ignition coil on F-150
Patched potholes throughout the Township
Salted and plowed roads
Fixed blown hydraulic line on '17 International truck
New tires on '18 Ram
Started sanding and painting on all truck frames
Had '18 Ram aligned, replaced CCV filter, and replaced collant jug and sensor
Ordered new hydraulic pump for spinner on '19 International
Used 585.5 gallons of diesel fuel
Used 50.5 gallons of gasoline.
Road report by Josh Syphrit, Road Foreman.

E. Engineer Report February 12, 2024

Monthly Engineer's Report was presented and is attached with meeting packet.
Emily Palmer updated the Supervisors on the Bologne Valley Bridge replacement progress. The culvert is not ordered, comments on the submittals are being answered and there are four left. The Contractor wouldn't give a schedule, it is six weeks for the culvert to be delivered. Other suppliers are having the same issue. The Contractor is aware that the Township is unhappy and have shared the emails with the supplier to the Engineers for transparency.
Discussion on the Fairview/Green Lane widening project. The first step is to get the surveys. Emmett discussed that last year the whole road program was \$220,000.00 and Fairview and Green Lane will take almost as much. Tom asked what the minimum width requirement is. Emily is not sure off the top of her head, it's in the SALDO. Tom would like to start with the cheapest roads because at the end of the day, they all cost money to fix them. Emmett would like to get the cost and feels that residents may disagree that two dead end streets should be paved that we should look at throughways that will benefit more residents. Tom said that is one way to look at it but the residents on Fairview and Green would disagree. Emmett stated that paving a Supervisors road looks bad. Tom stated the intention is to do all paving of roads. Many roads are in need of repair, Fairview and Green came in the cheapest and we would still have money leftover to put toward other roads. Emily suggests getting the surveys and those can be done relatively quickly. **Tom Roush made the motion for LSSE to get surveys of Fairview and Green Lane to get a cost on widening the roads. Brian Seeger 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 \$165,436.95. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Lisa updated the Supervisors that Cintas waived the \$200.00 cost for the buyout of our contract, it is officially cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion during the Engineers report.
B. Discussion on time clocks for all departments. Tom would like to see consistency, fairness and ease of payroll processes and the 99% of employers are implementing time clocks. Emmett asked Lisa and Josh if they had any issues with employees being late, to which the answer was no. Emmett had previously as Chiefe Becze if he was having any problems and he responded no. Tom stated that there are deiscrepancies brought up and that is the reason for it. Emmett stated that the issue should be solved with that particular department if there is a problem. Ryan Long stated he represents seven municipalities and none of them have time clocks, and

they rely on the good faith of the employees. Ryan stated that is his experience but ultimately it is up to the Supervisors. Time clocks have been tabled until next month.

- C. Discussion on the live streaming/recording meetings. Tom mentioned it was voted on last year and we are just putting it on public record as a formality to re-address it. Emmett asked what this process and equipment would look like and Tom said he would work with Lisa to get more information. **Tom Roush made the motion for the Township to begin live streaming/recording the meetings for the public. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**
- D. **Tom Roush made the motion to sell the Taurus through MunicBid to the highest bidder for \$3,200.00. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- E. Discussion on Code Enforcement. Ryan Long confirmed we want a solid arrangement, and he suggests that we pay \$18.00 per hour to Ralph Chiapetta for Code Enforcement services to the Township. Tom would like to see a flat number versus an hourly rate. Emmett stated that we had code enforcement and now we don't have anyone. Ryan Long stated there aren't many reasonable options out there. Lisa will work on three quotes by the next meeting. Brian talked to PSATS and Supervisors can be a temporary solution until we get it resolved. Lisa will reach out to Eric Bock for a quote.
- F. **Motion by Tom Roush to approve the Police Defined Benefit Plan and the accompanying Resolution for PMRS. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- G. **Tom Roush made the motion to appoint Jim Trozzo as Fire Police per request of Mark Sutherland with the NSVFD. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- H. **Tom Roush made the motion to give a current date approval on the Prisuta Subdivision Plan for recording at the Recorded of Deeds. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- I. **Tom Roush made the motion to accept the three police resignations. Ken Gawly, Chris Arthur and Royce Deyber. They approved the date request by Royce and thanked him for his service for North Sewickly Township PD. Brian Seeger seconded. All in favor.**
- J. **Tom Roush made the motion to approve the CoStars Salt Request for 2024 for 722 tons, remaining the same from the previous year. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**
- K. **Tom Roush made the motion to approve the Douglass Subdivision pending the completion and approval of the Water Authority Developers Agreement. Emmett Santillo seconded. All in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Zallon – Edgewood Road – Asked if there is an Ordinance against junk cars? There has been a truck sitting on the side of the road for 3 years. Ryan Long informed Mr. Zallon there is a certain number of cars before it is a violation. Don Blinn with the road department knows who owns the truck and will try to get him to move it.

Justin

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:39 pm. Tom Roush made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. All in favor.