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

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday – November 14, 2023 - 4:00 pm

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The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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:**

Jamie Fryer – 629 Wisers Grove Road – Jamie informed the public that they will be holding their second annual Christmas event this year and they are hoping for the event to be bigger than last year. They collect toys and Money. Jamie was wondering if the Township would consider donating again this year. **Emmett Santillo Made the motion to approve a \$250.00 donation toward the Fryer Excavating Christmas event. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

Brad Kirkham – 466 Country Club Dr – Concerned with the speeding once school is let out. Cars are racing each other, he has videos, they squeal tire around the bend, and nothing is ever done. Police Chief, Jeff Becze, stated that School Resource Officer, James Kline, runs traffic religiously and he will run traffic more near Brad’s home. Tom Roush asked if we could use his driveway to run traffic. Brad agreed and confirmed it is a good hidden place to sit. Police Chief Becze wanted Mr. Kirkham to know that we typically don’t like to use private property for traffic because it can lead to vandalism, Mr. Kirkham is okay with that. Mr. Kirkham also stated there is a catch basin where water is washing out the side of the road. The road crew will look at this.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

LSSE Newsletter – Fall 2023  
Senator Elder Vogel, Jr. – Municipal & Government Leaders Grant Funding Workshop  
Leymarie, Clark & Long – Conditional Use Application Letter  
PSATS – Trustee’s Insurance & Retirement Services  
PSATS – UC Group Trust – Contribution Rate – No Increase for 2024

**MINUTES:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of the October 10, 2023, and the budget meeting minutes of October 17, 2023, as written. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.

**REPORTS:**

A. Treasurer’s Report as of November 14, 2023  
Current General Funds Balance \$420,855.08  
Liquid Fuels Balance: \$197,405.10 as of October 31, 2023

B. Building Permit Report & Address Assignments - October 2023

6 building permits were issued– 3 New Single-Family Dwellings, 1 Driveway, 1 Demo, & 1 Finishing Existing Sunroom. 0 building permits were denied, there were 2 addresses issued/updated in the 911 Portal and there was 1 Conditional Use Hearing.

C. Police Report/ACO Report September 2023

Criminal Activity- Part I Offences- 2, Part II Offences- 12. Total Police Service Activity- 45, Citations Issued, Moving- 27 with 7 written warnings, Non-Moving- 0. Total Miles driven 3,708 - fuel consumed 327.6 gallons. Animal Control Report- 1 incident handled. Submitted by Chief Jeff Becze.

D. Road Report September 2023

Trimmed trees on Foster Rd., Bologne Valley Rd., Palm Dr., Sanger Dr., Grandview Rd., and some on Edgewood Rd. Borrowed Franklin Townships bucket truck to cut down a tree on Grandview Rd., and on Edgewood Rd. Put a new auger and bearings in the asher for the 2018 Ram. Cleaned the 2019 International, 2018 Ram, Loader and the 2 John Deere mowing tractors for Trick or Treat. Patched holes on our street in Eastvale and Railroad St. Made a swale to the catch basin on Shady Dr. Dug out a soft spot on Grandview and filled it with number 4 and 2a limestone. Paved 2 spots on Grandview., Put up a 25-mph sign on Hutter Ave. Graded ditches on Railroad St. Cleaned drains around the Township. Used 206.8 gallons of diesel fuel and 108.9 gallons of gasoline. Submitted by Wayne Young, Road Foreman.

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 LM&R Partial Payment No. 1, in the amount of \$48,780.00 for the water line portion of the Bologne Valley Bridge Replacement. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- b.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve Resolution 11142023 for the Leech Lane Culvert in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the grant application. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- c.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve Resolution 11142023-1 for the Public Works Garage Rehabilitation in the amount of \$198,000 for the grant application. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- d.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Douglass Subdivision. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- e.) **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Vera V. Prisuta Family Land Trust – Plan No. 3 – Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

Emily Palmer informed the Supervisors that Bologne Valley Bridge replacement is seeing progress and progress may not be visible, but it is happening behind the scenes. Emily explained the Leech Lane Culvert repairs that are needed.

F. Ryan Long, Solicitor Report

None

**ACTION ON BILLS:**

Emmett Santillo made the motion to accept the bills as presented in the amount of \$194,544.32. John Axtell seconded. All in Favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Lisa updated the Supervisors that the Ford Taurus is ready to be listed on MunicibiBid.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the monthly payment of \$30.00 for the service fee for the tax collector security system. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- B. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the Repository sale of property at 0 Aqua Dr. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**
- C. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve Josh Syphrit's promotion to Road Foreman effective December 1, 2023, and Wayne Young becoming an Equipment Operator in preparation for Wayne's retirement in June of 2023. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
- D. **Emmett Santillo made the motion of amend the agenda to add to the new business. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor**

- E. **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve Brian Seeger and Jamie Wolf to attend the PSATS Bootcamp for Newly Elected Supervisors and the Township will pay for the class. Tom Roush seconded. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tami Ray – Glendale Road – Asked if the Supervisors would reconsider waiving the fee for the community Events she holds in the social hall. Ryan Long advised to waive it on an individual bases and at the discretion of the Supervisors.

Kurt Fryer – Fryer Excavating – Interested in learning more about the Leech Lane culvert repairs. Emily explained that the concrete pipe that carries the stream under the road is separating at the joints. The Township is addressing an issue that is partially PennDOT's as well. There is a sinkhole and rock is falling through. It is a job that will be bid out and the Township is currently trying to secure grant money for the project. PennDOT will be addressing their issues upstream and that needs to be done first before we do the Township portion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 4:33 pm. John Axtell made a motion to adjourn. Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk

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

**BUDGET MEETING**  
**Tuesday – November 21, 2023 - 7:00 pm**

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The budget meeting of the North Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:02 P. M. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls. In attendance were Supervisors, Emmett Santillo and John Axtell, Tax Collector, Lauren Trozzo, Lisa Crespo, and Jamie Wolf. Tom Roush was absent.

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	Absent

**PUBLIC SPEAK:**

None

**2024 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:**

1. Police Department
  - **Emmett Santillo made the motion to purchase the 2023 Dodge Durango from New Holland, upfitting through 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Services, and a Watchguard camera system through Motorola to be financed through WesBanco with an interest rate of 5.90%. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
2. Road Department
  - **Emmett Santillo made the motion to promote Don Blinn to assistant road foreman, effective December 1, 2023 at the hourly wage as described in the road department union contract. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
3. Tax Collector
  - Lauren is going to work on getting the bill for the security system mailed directly to the Township offices.
  - Emmett asked to see how the 6% tax increase would impact each resident financially.
4. Fire Department
  - None
5. Township Business
  - **Emmett Santillo made the motion to approve the new tax calculations with a 6% tax increase based on the Beaver County Reassessment and to supplement the budget with Township reserves to balance the budget for 2024. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**
  - **Emmett Santillo made the motion to advertise the 2024 Budget and to advertise for a special meeting on December 28, 2023 to approve the 2024 budget. John Axtell seconded. All in favor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:30 pm. Emmett Santillo made a motion to adjourn. John Axtell seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Lisa A. Crespo, Clerk