

**NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING February 8, 2011 @ 6:30pm**

The North Sewickley Township Supervisors held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in the Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In attendance were Supervisors Norman Giancola, Phil Dent and Linda Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg, Solicitor Phillip Clark, Engineer William Hummel and Police Chief Bryan Landman. Also in attendance were 2 guests and 1 reporter.

Mr. Giancola announced that the Solicitor would give his report next as he had to leave the meeting early.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Attorney Phillip Clark – •with regard to the Crown Communications appeal for the reassessment of a cell tower located in North Sewickley Township, an agreement has been reached and Mr. Clark has been asked by the Court to execute a consent on behalf of North Sewickley Township to an entry of a final order in this matter – Mr. Clark advised that he believed that it was in the Township's best interest if the matter is resolved and the tower in North Sewickley be assessed at the appraised value of \$129,000.

Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to consent to the settlement and the appraised value of the tower located in North Sewickley Township which is owned by Crown Communications. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

VOTE: Ms. Brown – YEA Mr. Giancola – YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

••Mr. Clark presented the Road Bond Agreement and Road Bond Application he prepared for the Supervisors to review per their prior request. After a discussion, Mr. Dent made a **MOTION** to approve the Road Bond Agreement and Road Bond Application with the correction to paragraph 7 of the agreement to delete the word "not" in the first sentence. Seconded by Ms. Brown.

VOTE: Ms. Brown – YEA Mr. Giancola – YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

•••The zoning map amendment request was discussed at this time. It was noted that the Township Planning Commission had held a public hearing regarding the request at their meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - they will announce their decision at their March meeting. After the discussion, Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to instruct Jeff Pierce of Olsen Engineering to include in the amendment to the zoning ordinance that the business district in Homesite be listed as light industrial. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

VOTE: Ms. Brown – YEA Mr. Giancola – YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

••••The status of the Nuisance Ordinance was discussed. Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** instructing Solicitor Clark to advertise the Nuisance Ordinance for adoption at the March Board of Supervisors meeting. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

VOTE: Ms. Brown – YEA Mr. Giancola – YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

VISITORS

Dwight Boehm and Shawn Plassmeyer did not wish to speak at this time.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 11. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

VOTE: Ms. Brown – YEA Mr. Giancola – YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ms. Brown stated that she was going to check further on the letter that had been received from PMRS regarding the requirement for a comprehensive plan for administrative improvements to be prepared by the Township due to the Township's distress score.
2. A request from the BCTCC (Beaver County Tax Collection Committee) for alternates to be designated was discussed. It was felt that Ken Hermann did not need alternates as his attendance has been good. Ms. Anderegg is to complete the resolution to include only Ken Hermann's name as the primary voting delegate and return it to the BCTCC.
3. The problem at Hart's Content Campground was discussed. It was noted that Mr. Craig Baker, Zoning Officer is handling.

TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2011 - Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg

General Fund \$ 115,779.08 State Fund \$ 49,959.84 Berkheimer-EIT \$ 41,945.83 month of January & year to date

ZONING/CONSTRUCTION REPORT – January 2011 - Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg

Donald Cragle	3195 Townwood Road	EC	metal storage structure on gravel base
Kurtis Sniezek	144 Bonzo Lane	BF	1½ story house
Holy Redeemer Cemetary	2900 Brighton Road	EC	mausoleum

SUB DIVISION APPLICATION REPORT – January 2011 – Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg – none

ZONING HEARING APPLICATION REPORT – January 2011 – Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg – none

POLICE REPORT – Chief Bryan Landman – January 2011 – report attached

ACO REPORT – ACO Bryan Landman – January 2011

Total animal complaints – 16

3 barking dog complaints – owners advised of ordinance and warned

2 raccoons in homes – noosed, removed and destroyed

1 stray cat noosed so that the home owner could take to animal friends

1 complaint of 17 horses being abused/neglected – investigation ongoing/6 animals are of old age and being nursed, the other 11 are healthy and well kept

1 dog attacked by coyote – coyote destroyed

1 dog attacked by 2 stray cows – cows were after the dog's hay around his box – no animals injured – cows returned to owner

1 complaint of 2 dogs getting into chicken coup and killing 4 chickens – victim declined prosecution and worked out deal with dog owner

5 stray dogs – all were immediately returned to owners – owners warned for confinement of dogs

1 complaint of dog not allowing owner into home – dog was noosed and owner had the animal euthanized

ROAD REPORT – Wayne Young, Road Foreman – January 2011

Plowed and ashed Township roads – used 115 loads of salt and ashes

Worked on Township equipment – Used 914 gallons of diesel fuel

ENGINEER'S REPORT- William Hummel – • regarding weight limits on Township roads, a road study and core borings would need to be done. Core borings need to be done every 500 to 1,000 feet – 10 per day could be done at a cost of \$900/day. Mr. Hummel is to check to see if the road study cost is covered by liquid fuels.

Mr. Giancola presented information regarding an upcoming Local Government Academy Program – Transparency in PA Local Governments: What the Law Requires to be held Wednesday, February 23, 2011 from 9 until noon at the CCAC Boyce Campus in Monroeville at a cost of \$35 per person. Mr. Giancola and Ms. Brown are interested in attending. Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to permit attendance at the Local Government Academy's "What the Law Requires" program on February 23, 2011. 2nd by Mr. Giancola.

VOTE: Ms. Brown - YEA Mr. Giancola - YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

Mr. Dent brought up the following topics:

1. Sunshine Act
2. Use of downstairs by all residents – release form must be signed before use
3. Interest rates
4. Mail slot use by Karen Trozzo
5. Mr. Baker is too expensive – is to send 1 package of information to Township office and Cindy is to copy to all Supervisors – Ms. Anderegg is to inform Mr. Baker of this again.

The Supervisors went into an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:51pm and returned at 8:39pm.

Mr. Giancola made a **MOTION** to pay the bills as presented. 2nd by Ms. Brown

VOTE: Ms. Brown - YEA Mr. Giancola - YEA Mr. Dent – NO

Police Chief Landman informed the Supervisors that the 2300 copies of the Township's Neighborhood Watch information that is to be mailed by the VFD in their newsletter at no charge to the Township will cost \$144 if printed by Steele Print. The Supervisors thought that this would be less expensive than to do the copies in-house. Mr. Shawn Plassmeyer volunteered to pay for the printing of the information sheets – this would be done in the name of his business, Plassmeyer Towing and would be done in appreciation for recent help received from the Police Department. The Supervisors all thanked Mr. Plassmeyer for his contribution.

Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to Adjourn at 8:45pm. 2nd by Mr. Giancola.

VOTE: Ms. Brown - YEA Mr. Giancola - YEA Mr. Dent – YEA

Cindy Anderegg, Secretary/Treasurer

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 Adjourned @ 8:45pm

"un-approved minutes"