

**NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2012 @ 6:30pm**

The North Sewickley Township Supervisors held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 6:30pm 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, Engineer William Hummel and Police Sgt. Jeff Becze. Solicitor Phillip Clark was absent. Also in attendance were 13 guests and 1 reporter.

VISITORS

Emil Low – asked the Supervisors what his status on the Planning Commission was. Ms. Brown stated that he had not been reappointed, therefore he was no longer on the Planning Commission Board. Mr. Dent said that he was not dismissed and inquired if he had attended the January meeting of the Planning Commission – Mr. Low said that he had. Mr. Dent said that Mr. Low was still a member of the Planning Commission and Mr. Giancola agreed.

Brad Kirkham – Informed the Board that speeding and running the stop sign near his home was getting out of hand again by the school traffic at the end of the school day. Mr. Dent said that the Police are aware and asked where the Franklin and Marion Twp Police were – they should be aiding North Sewickley with the school traffic as the school is comprised of students from all three Townships. Sgt. Becze will contact the other police departments regarding the situation.

Tosha Sterner – reported that the Neighborhood Watch Committee meeting that was held on February 7th was a success and thanked Supervisors Giancola and Dent for attending. She also announced that July 21st will be the date of the committee's "Safety Day". Numerous speakers and activities will be available at the Safety Day for the residents. The next meeting of the committee will be on April 3rd at 7:00pm at the Fire Hall.

Mr. Dent recognized Patrolman Landon Stahl for his efforts with the Neighborhood Watch Committee – he has become a valuable asset to the committee.

Mr. Dent informed those in attendance of the passing of Allen Hamilton. Mr. Dent stated that Mr. Hamilton was a life member of the Fire Department and was also a business owner in our Township. He had aided the Police Department and offices over the years with their computer problems. Condolences to the Hamilton family were sent by Mr. Dent. Mr. Giancola stated that he also knew Mr. Hamilton and sends his condolences also.

Rick Christy – Asked the Supervisors the status of the nuisance ordinance – was informed by Ms. Brown that the Supervisors are working on the Zoning amendments at this time – no changes to the nuisance ordinance are being discussed at this time.

Brad Kirkham – wanted to add that there is a problem with noise in his neighborhood due to the Bed & Breakfast near him. He stated that there are late parties and loud music disturbing the neighborhood. A discussion regarding how to monitor such problems followed – Ms. Brown stated that the Board hopes to address this in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Ms. Anderegg read a letter from the Sewer Authority's solicitor, Greg Douglass requesting exoneration from paying the 2011 Township tax in the amount of \$117.66. The County has approved tax exempt status beginning with the year 2012. Mr. Giancola is going to have Solicitor Clark check into the request.
- (2) An invitation to attend a meeting to be held at the Emergency Center on February 22nd was read – Mr. Giancola said he would attend.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2012 and also the reorganization minutes of January 3, 2012. **Seconded by Mr. Dent.**

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

Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to approve the special meeting minutes of December 15, 2011. **Seconded by Mr. Giancola.**

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2012 - Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg

General Fund \$ 42,832.04 State Fund \$ 32,627.15 Berkheimer-EIT \$ 20,932.40 - January & YTD

ZONING/CONSTRUCTION REPORT – January 2012 - Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg - none

DEMOLITION PERMIT REPORT – January 2012

Richard Young 821 2nd Avenue/Eastvale BF mobile home

SUB DIVISION APPLICATION REPORT – January 2012 – Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg – none

ZONING HEARING APPLICATION REPORT – January 2012 – Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg - none

POLICE REPORT – Sgt. Becze – January 2012 – report attached

ACO REPORT – January 2012 – no report

ROAD REPORT – Wayne Young, Road Foreman – January 2012

Trimmed trees on: Shaffer, Sunset, Highland, Brandt and Gillen
Patched some potholes on: Edgewood, Sunset, Sylvia, Fleetwood, Barrisville and Country Club
Cut up downed trees on Foster and Thompson Run
Ashed and plowed roads – used 80 loads of ashes and salt
Put the Midway Drive sign back up that had been knocked down
Put up a new Knoll Avenue sign
Put up a new 25MPH sign on Glendale by Dale Acres
Worked on township equipment
Used 689 gallons of diesel fuel

ENGINEER'S REPORT- William Hummel - none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Phillip Clark – no report/absent

BUSINESS

Ms. Brown made a *MOTION* to appoint Mark Turnley to audit township records for 2011 – this had been advertised as required. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

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

Ms. Brown made a *MOTION* to appoint Mr. Dent as alternate representative to the COG. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

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

Mr. Giancola spoke with the director of the COG regarding the Road Sign Management Assessment Plan. Mr. Dent stated that the Township has been updating the street name signs and that the deadlines for these updates keeps changing. We are currently in compliance with the requirements and by 2015 stop and speed limit signs will be included in the plan.

Mr. Dent reported that he and Engineer Hummell were checking on the replacement/need for the flashing warning light just south of the traffic light at the Rt 65/588 intersection. An estimate was received from Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies – no action was taken on this item.

The Felician Sisters plan was reviewed at this time. The plan includes changing the current gymnasium into a meeting room, building a garage to hold 6 to 8 vehicles, window replacement, landscaping and a parking area that allows for 52 parking spaces.

Mr. Dent made a *MOTION* to approve the plan submitted by the Felician Sisters for improvements. Seconded by Ms. Brown.

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

After a discussion, Ms. Brown made a *MOTION* to approve the bills as presented with the addition of \$320 for postage for the Neighborhood Watch, addition of \$700. For a FCC license for the Road Department radios, and 10% off the invoice submitted by CW Smith for their replacement of the handicap ramp for a total of \$65,977.33. Seconded by Mr. Giancola.

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

Mr. Dent discussed the Township's financial situation and said the 2012 budget was under-budgeted. He asked if any grants were applied for – Ms. Brown stated that Chief Landman had submitted an application for a police grant – no interest was shown for the BCBG for this year.

Tosha Sterner – felt the financial state of the Township was a big problem – the employees need to be paid. Ms. Brown and Mr. Giancola replied to Ms. Sterner's concerns.

Ms. Brown made a *MOTION* to Adjourn at 8:15pm. 2nd by Mr. Giancola.

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

Cindy Anderegg, Secretary/Treasurer
Tuesday, February 14, 2012 Adjourned @ 8:15pm