

**NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2012 @ 6:30pm**

The North Sewickley Township Supervisors held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In attendance were Chairman Norman Giancola, Supervisors Phil Dent and Linda Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg, Engineer William Hummel and Police Sgt. J.Becze. Solicitor Phillip Clark were absent. Also in attendance were approximately 10 guests and 1 reporter.

VISITORS

Tosha Sterner - gave an update on Community Day which is being held on July 21st by the Neighborhood Watch Committee in conjunction with the Township's Police and Fire Departments. The various activities were listed and it was stressed that everything for the children was free.

Ann & Keith Aiken - (1) asked for an update on when Country Club Driver was being paved - was informed by Mr. Dent that paving will begin on Monday, July 16, 2012. (2) had concerns regarding a neighbor who is planning on burning a large amount of tree branches very close to the property line - was told to call 911 if the burning occurs and is a problem.

Roger Baney - (1) questioned the status of the burned home near his residence - showed the Supervisors pictures of the property. Sgt. Becze stated that he had finally gotten in touch with the attorney for the property owner and was told that the husband was going to tear the remaining building down. (2) is concerned with house on corner of Brighton and Hutter. Mr. Giancola stated that they are making progress cleaning the property up - he passes this property frequently since it is near his residence.

Dan Plassmeyer - Informed the Supervisors that they went over in cost for the electrical work that was done at Bradshaw Park - Mr. Giancola asked that the invoice be given to the Secretary.

Roger Baney - (1) asked the status of action being taken against Russell Standard for their poor paving job on Country Club - he was told that that subject will be discussed later in the meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES

After review, Mr. Dent made a *MOTION* to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2012. Seconded by Ms. Brown.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2012 - Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Anderegg

General Fund \$ 207,878.70 State Fund \$ 157,437.91 CTB-EIT \$13,540.87-June
Berkheimer-EIT \$ 3,547.38-June \$228,892.00-YTD

ZONING/CONSTRUCTION REPORT - report attached

DEMOLITION PERMIT REPORT - June 2012 - none

SEPTIC APPLICATION - June 2012 - none

SUB DIVISION APPLICATION REPORT - June 2012 - none

ZONING HEARING APPLICATION REPORT - June 2012 -none

POLICE REPORT - Sgt. J. Becze - June2012 - report attached

ACO REPORT - Sgt. J. Becze - June 2012

- 1/stray dog reported on Hollywood Drive
- 2/sick cat reported in the 1200 block of Mercer Road
- 3/sick raccoon reported in the 600 block of Mercer Road
- 4/several cows in roadway at Mercer/Sanger intersection
- 5/lost dog reported on Edgewood Road
- 6/black bear spotted on Thompson Run Road
- 7/black bear spotted on 12th St Ext
- 8/stray dog reported on Country Club Drive
- 9/black bear spotted on Linwood Avenue
- 10/sick cat reported in the 3200 block of River Road
- 11/stray dog reported loose on Mercer Road and Brighton Road

ROAD REPORT – Wayne Young, Road Foreman – June 2012

Graded ditches on: Country Club, Grandview, Shaffer and Middle Sunset Drive
Mowed roadsides on: Homesite, our streets in Ellwood City, Rustic Park, Lee, Park Terrace, Thompson Run, Townwood, Railroad, Belton, Gillen, Sunset, Stuber, Foster, Glendale, Bradford, Old Concord Circle and Douglass.
Patch holes on: Orchard Crest, Shaffer, Old Concord Circle, Rustic Park and Grandview
Cleaned drains on: Edgewood, Foster and Shaffer
Replaced some bad 25MPH signs with refaced ones around the Township - also replaced some Stop signs with refaced ones.
Worked on Township equipment
Used 347 gallons of diesel fuel

ENGINEER'S REPORT- William Hummel

- (1) Reported that the work on the bridge on Bologne Valley Road was complete. Commended the Road Department for the job they did removing the poison ivy from the bridge area.
- (2) Reported that he had measured at the Leonard Beegle property and that only 20-25' of the 4 acres is covered by the street light. – it was noted that on Mr. Beegle's mother's property, the tax is being paid by someone other than Leonard Beegle. Ms. Brown did not want to take any action such as relieving Mr. Beegle of the Street Light tax as she did not want to start a problem with more people complaining. Mr. Dent said that Mr. Beegle was the only complaint they had received regarding the Street Light Tax – he felt that the cost for the street lights should be shared by everyone in the Township. Mr. Giancola stated that they need to take a look at the Street Light Tax again. Ms. Brown said that correspondence from Solicitor Clark in 2011 stated that the cost could not be shared by all.

Mr. Dent stated at this time that there was a lot of old business outstanding; such as the Perno and Bentle situations. Mr. Giancola and Mr. Hummell had visited both properties. (1)It was felt that the inlet across the street from the Bentle property on Country Club Drive needs to be raised by 5 or 6"- the Road Department is to do this repair – they are to be told to fix the inlet across from Bentle's property. (2)Perno's problem deals with water running from his driveway onto the roadway – he needs to put in a culvert and dig the ditch out. Mr. Hummell is to do a sketch of the problem and Mr. Perno and his neighbor need to be contacted via a mailed letter to make them aware of the Supervisors' findings. (3)the roof on the municipal building is leaking – the Secretary is to have someone check this out, also the toilet in the Men's Room needs fixed, a plumber is to be called. (4)the Freed property on Brighton Road is still a mess. Sgt. Becze said that Mr. Freed has been fined over 4 times with still no improvements to the property. He is to check to see if after 4 fines and no improvement – could the Township put dumpsters on the property and have it cleaned up at the owner's expense.

Mr. Plassmeyer stated that he and also the residents in his area have not been receiving call backs when they leave messages with Americoal regarding the mining in the area.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Phillip Clark - absent

The Supervisors went into executive session at 7:22pm to discuss personnel matters and returned at 8:00pm.

Mr. Dent stated that the Supervisors had gotten together as they had planned at the last meeting to discuss issues regarding the zoning officer and had also interviewed someone for that position.

Ms. Brown made a **MOTION** to consider Jeff Fry for the position of Zoning Officer pending receiving from him a proposal that includes an outline of his services and fees – Ms. Brown noted that there is a possible beginning date of July 15th.

Seconded by Mr. Dent.

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

Mr. Giancola made a **MOTION** to move forward with the filing of a suite against Russell Standard for losses due to their poor job of paving Country Club Drive in 2010. Seconded by Ms. Brown.

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

It was noted by Mr. Giancola that the air conditioning unit for the municipal building had quit working last week and a new one is to be installed on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 by Sitler & Lemmon. The cost for the unit which includes installation is \$3,700.00.

Ms. Brown stated that after she had done some research, there are no plans at present to purchase a line painter as it was of no benefit to the Township. Mr. Dent stated that they could paint any road lines at any time they wanted if the Township would purchase a line painter – he noted that it could be purchased with Liquid Fuels money and would be an asset to the Township.

Mr. Dent made a **MOTION** to pay off loan#20813 with ESB – this was the tax anticipation loan in the amount of \$60,000. Seconded by Ms. Brown.

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

Ms. Anderegg is set up a meeting with Jeff Pierce of Olsen Engineering to discuss the amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Ms. Brown said that due to the liability for a bike lane on Country Club Drive no action is going to be taken at this time.

Mr. Dent stated that he hoped that the Union Contract negotiations could be handled by the Supervisors themselves with no legal council.

Ms. Brown said that she did not think that the Township needed to do anything more than the state when it came to the Shale Issue – Mr. Dent gave her a model ordinance on the subject.

A discussion regarding the need for a temporary secretary when both the Secretary and Clerk are off on the same day or on vacation took place.

BILLS

Mr. Giancola said that there were a number of invoices that needed signed off on by Mr. Dent – they are for Valley Refuse, Cortez Bros. and Hei-Way. He asked Mr. Dent to sign those invoices. He also said that no one is to order things that are not necessary – such as ordering 2 ink cartridges at one time. A discussion ensued regarding ordering cartridges for the printers and copy machines.

Mr. Giancola made a **MOTION** to pay the bills as presented with the exception of the one for \$135 for IIMC - the PAMA conference that Ms. Anderegg has asked permission to attend. Ms. Anderegg stated that the IIMC was the renewal of her membership to that organization – Mr. Giancola had thought it was registration for the PAMA conference - so Mr. Giancola asked that the motion read as “Mr. Giancola made a **MOTION** to pay the bills as presented,” and he would discuss the PAMA conference with Ms. Anderegg at a later time. 2nd by Ms. Brown.

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

Mr. Giancola asked why Mr. Dent did not approve the bills for payment, to which Mr. Dent replied that he did not agree to paying \$6800 to Craig Baker, Zoning Officer – he said the Board needs to review his invoices – to which Mr. Giancola replied that Ms. Swick reviews the Baker invoices.

Mr. Giancola made a **MOTION** to Adjourn at 8:47. 2nd by Ms. Brown.

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

Cindy Anderegg, Secretary/Treasurer
Tuesday July 10, 2012 Adjourned @ 8:47pm