

6:00 PM

January 28, 2014

## SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held January 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the municipal building with Chairman Brian Geisel, Supervisors Mark Presley and Rose Lyons, Secretary R. Glenn Adams, Treasurer Karen Presley, and Solicitor William McConnell, Jr. in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Geisel and was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Mark Presley called an Executive Session and the supervisors left the room.

The supervisors returned at 6:16 PM and the meeting resumed.

The purpose of the meeting was to talk about amending the budget and Brian Geisel asked visitors to keep their comments to that subject.

### Visitor Comments:

Ed Wilson talked about the spike in earned income tax in 2012 and 2013 and thought it may be due to individuals signing gas leases. He stated the township should not expect that money every year.

Mark Hoffman would like the fire tax raised to 1 mill.

Tom Lyons said to consider giving the fire department the money that was budgeted for the ball field grant match, since we did not receive the grant.

Laurel Alexander recommended looking into how the fire department spent the money given to them. She said she has given them Right-To-Know requests and has not received answers. Ms. Alexander also stated that insurance rates are lower with certified firemen.

Lindell Bridges said he does not have a problem with giving the fire department more money, but that the issue is accountability. He said wanting to know where the township's money goes is a reasonable request. Mr. Bridges would also like to see more firemen certified.

Attorney McConnell quoted sections of the township code dealing with amending the budget. He said it is a requirement for the fire department to provide an annual itemized listing of all expenditures of township funds before the township may consider budgeting additional funding to the organization.

Rachel Doddato said that since the township has given the fire department money every year, either the fire department provided the itemized list or the township has been in violation of the law for providing money to the fire department without the annual accounting. She also said additional training for firemen would be excellent, but the funding is needed to provide it.

Rose Lyons said the Board of Supervisors was promising the fire department additional money since October.

Cathy Sabo said the insurance rates will increase without a local fire department.

Several firemen discussed the different certifications for fire fighters.

There was continued discussion about increasing the funding for the fire department.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to transfer \$10,000.00 from the ball field line item and move it to the fire department line item in the budget pending solicitor approval. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Mark Presley to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Visitors in attendance:

Laurel Alexander  
Troy Titus  
Frank Bertolasio  
Rachel Doddato

Lindell Bridges  
Jim Keating  
Ed Wilson  
Sam Bacich

Cathy Sabo  
Bob Layman  
Sheryl Wilson  
Don Perrine

Bob Sabo  
Dennis Sump  
Andy Bush

Erica Titus  
Tom Lyons  
Mike Derr

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley  
Treasurer