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March 12, 2014

## SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held March 12, 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 opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Rose Lyons called an Executive Session and the supervisors left the room.

The meeting resumed at approximately 6:47 PM. Brian Geisel stated the supervisors agreed to have a personnel meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Mark Presley to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

### Visitor Comments:

Bob Layman commented on last month's meeting minutes. He stated the minutes reflected that he didn't agree with the cruiser being at an officer's home every night. He said he did not say that, but was only asking if the cruiser was at the officer's house and why it was there. Brian said this will be discussed at their personnel meeting, but that he and former supervisor Roy Masotto gave the officer permission to drive the car home.

Jason Schenker said he asked the Board ten years ago to repair the catch basin at lot 35 on Hummingbird Lane. He was told at the time that it was not the township's responsibility. Mr. Schenker stated he has proof that it is the township's responsibility to repair the catch basin. He said other residents have been made to install pre-cast catch basins and he would like the same quality catch basin to be installed as soon as possible.

Kurt Toth gave the supervisors some addresses that have potholes. He hopes a third employee is not hired for the road department. Mr. Toth said no employee should be allowed to drive township vehicles home. He thinks a work itinerary should be mandatory for the road department. He also thinks Mark Presley should pay back his vacation taken in January.

Ed Wilson said Trumbull County was patching both sides of the road between Five Points and Orangeville. Mark Presley said that has been a joint venture for twenty-two years.

Lindell Bridges said the fire department asked for and received \$10,000.00 of tax dollars without any information as to what the money will be used for. He said the money given to the fire department had been ear-marked for much needed repairs to the ball field. Mr. Bridges stated the township will be liable if someone gets hurt due to the unsafe condition of the ball field. He said ten years of financial statements were requested from the fire department and only two years were received, along with two receipts representing last year. He said the supervisors should require a standardized form to be turned in by a certain date each year before any money is disbursed to the fire department. He said a chain of custody form should be signed when financial statements are presented so no one can say they weren't received or that they were lost.

Laurel Alexander said one of the two receipts from the fire department is an insurance policy showing a vehicle being insured. She said she has been asking for a couple of months what that is for. Rose Lyons told her to call the fire department and talk to the president, Steve O'Brien. Ms. Alexander would like to know what the township is getting for the additional money that was given to the fire department. She asked the supervisors if they have looked into joining with another fire department in a surrounding community.

Bill Klumph said that Wynwood Drive is deteriorating at the intersection of Route 18 and he would like Winslow Engineering to look at it.

Martha Stambaugh said that years ago, the fire department reports listed who showed up for the calls. Mrs. Stambaugh said the supervisors should be commended for starting the year in the black, with a lot of new equipment and a brand new cruiser that is paid for.

Don Morrow said that even though a "No Engine Brake" sign was posted on Buckeye Drive, there are still truckers who don't abide by the sign. Mr. Morrow thanked the EMT's from the fire department who responded to his house recently.

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Luanne Salaga said she read January's minutes where the fire department asked for a one mill tax increase, and she wondered if action was taken on that. Brian said it was not done. Ms. Salaga said she agrees with previous comments about accurate documentation being important.

Dennis Sump asked if anyone spoke with Mr. Resele about plowing township roads and Brian said he was told not to do it again.

Tom Lyons asked if there were any updates on the water wells in his neighborhood. Brian said they were going to try to reapply for a grant. Rose Lyons said she talked to Morrie Waltz and a grant was not applied for last year. She talked with DEP and a water line extension was recommended to approximately thirty-five homes because the quality of the water is bad. Brian said he will speak with Morrie Waltz.

Don Morrow said DEP will push water and sewer connections in the near future.

Jason Schenker said the sewer authority has a problem collecting fees in that neighborhood, and he said if there was public water, they would have the option to shut water off to get paid for the sewer.

Tiffany Masotto wanted to thank the police officer who responded to a medical call at her house.

Luanne Salaga is interested in curbside recycling in the township.

Laurel Alexander said that encasing the wells in question may solve the problem of glacial gas in the water. She said if the sewer or water lines are extended, it should be where there could possibly be future growth in the township and where it would benefit the most people.

Steve O'Brien introduced himself as the president of the fire department and invited anyone who had questions about the fire department to talk with him after the meeting.

Police, fire, and zoning reports were read.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Mark Presley to pay the bills totaling \$64,403.57. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian announced that Tri-County Industries has scheduled a leaf pick up for the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> on normal collection days.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Mark Presley to authorize advertising jointly with Sharpsville Borough an ordinance dealing with floodplain regulations and permitting. Motion passed unanimously.

The supervisors talked about an ordinance requiring address numbers to be visible on homes. Rose Lyons will ask Dan Gracenin from Mercer County Regional Planning Commission to attend the next township meeting to discuss the 9-1-1 addressing situation.

Rose Lyons said Kirk Rupp called in January to report his mailbox being knocked down and said no one called him back. She said Crestview Drive and Madeline Road need to be plowed wider.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons for Karen Presley to not get paid an hourly wage nor comp time for attending the township meetings. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons for no township vehicles to be taken home by any township employee effective 03/12/14. The motion died for lack of a second. Brian Geisel said the issue will be discussed at the personnel meeting.

A motion was made by Mark Presley and seconded by Brian Geisel to hire J. T. Palovsky at \$12.00 per hour for a full-time position on the road department. Brian then made a motion to table Mark's motion and Rose seconded it. Motion to table passed with Mark Presley voting no.

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A motion was made by Brian Geisel to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Brian reopened the meeting.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel to set the compensation for the Board of Auditors' attorney at \$175.00 per hour. Mark Presley and Rose Lyons abstained. Motion died for lack of a second.

Brian Geisel adjourned the meeting.

Visitors in attendance:

Laurel Alexander	Tom Lyons	Martha Stambaugh	Pat Layman	Bob Layman
Dennis Sump	Guyla Sump	Don Morrow	Kurt Toth	Troy Titus
Sam Bacich	Ed Wilson	Beth Anzur	Frank Bertolasio	Barb Vranich
Chuck Vranich	Bill Klumph	Mike Derr	Sheryl Wilson	Luanne Salaga
Joyce Geisel	Roy Masotto	Tiffany Masotto	Don Doddato	Steve O'Brien
Lindell Bridges				

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley  
Treasurer