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SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held April 9, 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.

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

An Executive Session was called and the supervisors left the room.

The meeting resumed at approximately 6:26 PM.

Brian announced that Tri-County Industries has scheduled a bulk pick up for the week of April 13th on normal collection days. He also announced that Executive Sessions were held on March 17, 2014 and April 1, 2014 to discuss personnel issues.

Public Comments:

Bob Layman asked how residents are notified about the bulk pickup. He was told it is advertised in the newspaper.

Dennis Sump said Sharpsville Borough is applying for a grant for water lines. He wondered if South Pymatuning is pursuing a grant. Brian said the supervisors have to contact Morrie Waltz. Mr. Sump then asked if the police department is using the lines that were painted on some roads. Brian said the report from the police department will be read later in the meeting.

Bill Klumph asked if supervisors had a chance to talk with Ed Winslow about Route 18 at Wynwood Drive. Brian said they did not speak with him yet.

Don Morrow again said trucks do not obey the "No Engine Brake" sign on Buckeye Drive.

June Vodenichar asked if anyone spoke with her neighbor about putting an extension on his outside wood burner pipe. Mark Presley said several attempts were made and a message was left for him.

Kurt Toth asked how many citations were issued in March. Brian told him nineteen traffic citations were issued. Mr. Toth asked whether a water grant was applied for last year. Brian said the supervisors didn't follow through with the application last year because Morrie Waltz advised them it probably wouldn't go through. Mr. Toth thinks Karen Presley should not get paid to attend the meetings. Mr. Toth talked about a meeting between the supervisors and the fire department that was not advertised. He said there is still speeding on Orangeville Road.

Sheryl Wilson said there are speeders on Tamarack Drive and urged the police officers to sit in her driveway to observe.

Don Morrow suggested using CareerLink for hiring new employees. Mr. Morrow asked if something could be put in the bylaws to prevent a supervisor from becoming an employee. Attorney McConnell said the Second Class Township Code mandates that a township can have working supervisors.

Laurel Alexander said she agrees with the recycling comments from last month's meeting and would like the township to participate in a recycling program. She then said when choosing an area for a water line extension, it should be an area that would help the township grow and attract new residents. Ms. Alexander said she knows that some people are complaining about their water quality, but if someone's well is bad, it is the homeowner's responsibility. She said a water line was put in for a supervisor in the past and that led to an ethics violation. Ms. Alexander said based on past experience, even if a grant is applied for, it may take a couple of years to receive the money. She said the residents that have bad water should re-case their well or drill a new one. She stated that at last month's meeting, one of the supervisors spoke with disrespect to the public and especially to a senior citizen.

Roy Masotto asked if a grant would be applied for again for the ball field. Brian said nothing has been done yet. Mr. Masotto then asked about the agenda item to pay Steele Schneider \$5575.79. He asked why the township was paying that bill. Brian said the supervisors have not addressed the issue yet. Then Mr. Masotto said we have had a lot of bad weather

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which may be the reason there weren't too many traffic citations on previous monthly police reports.

Luanne Salaga said there is a group of people at the meeting that are not necessarily representative of the entire township. Ms. Salaga said the Road Department and Fire Department have done a good job. She suggested giving each department what they need, move on with the business of the township, and come together as a community.

Martha Stambaugh said there are many roads that have speeders and the police can't be everywhere. She thinks it is dangerous for one employee to patch holes in the roads without traffic control and believes we need a third employee in the Road Department. Mrs. Stambaugh thought the next water line extension was supposed to be on Birch Street.

Kurt Toth said if we need another person on the Road Department, it should be a part-time position.

Mike Derr said that Mark Presley was a hard worker when he worked for the township. Mr. Derr then said that since Mark is against the water line expansion and Rose Lyons wants it, the decision rests with Brian Geisel. Brian said he feels we should expand the water line, but the question is where and how.

Chuck Vranich commented on the three minute public comment rule. He said it is usually not enforced and thinks it should be abolished.

Jim Keating asked if the last three homes on Crestview Drive would be added to the sewer system. Mark Presley said Mr. Keating should talk with our municipal authority. He then asked if the road crew could ditch on Crestview. Mark said they are backed up with work but he would let them know.

Steve O'Brien said Colt and Summit roads are starting to erode. Mark said they will let Penn Dot know, as those are state roads.

Don Morrow said to apply for grants for water and sewer lines and do a little at a time before it is mandated.

Mark Hoffman said Route 846 and Buckeye Drive traffic will be heavier due to the detour from Route 18. He thanked Officer Greenaway for a good job this morning regarding a suspicious person.

Police, fire, and zoning reports were read.

Brian read a letter from Sharpsville Borough thanking the fire and police departments for their assistance at the recent fire at Wade D. Mertz Towers.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel to pay the bills totaling \$72,307.02. The supervisors decided to wait until the end of the meeting to pay the bills so they could review them.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Mark Presley to adopt a Floodplain Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a motion to hire a full time employee for the Public Works Department. Brian tabled the motion stating there were more interviews to conduct.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel to pay Steele Schneider for the day of the hearing in the amount of \$1,137.50. Mark Presley abstained. Rose Lyons abstained also. Attorney McConnell stated the judge approved the appointment of Steele Schneider effective the day of the hearing, March 25, 2014 at the hourly rate of \$175.00. He said Mr. Steele failed to comply with the statute to formally get appointed by the court prior to running up a substantial legal bill, even though Attorney McConnell advised him to do so.

Mark Presley asked for a show of hands of people that would like to see a working supervisor. Rose Lyons stated she told the Board she would be willing to be the working supervisor and learn the Road Department job instead of hiring someone, stating this would save the township money.

Rose Lyons asked Attorney McConnell if she could make a motion to pay the bill for Steele Schneider. Attorney McConnell advised her if there is a conflict of interest, or a perceived conflict of interest, it has to be disclosed. He said Attorney Steele could pursue either the township for payment or the individual auditors who hired him. She said her

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husband is on the Board of Auditors who hired Attorney Steele. A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay Steele Schneider in the amount of \$5,368.79 (the invoice total minus \$207.00). Motion passed with Mark Presley abstaining.

Brian announced if anyone is interested in being on a Centennial Committee for the township's one hundredth anniversary to contact Don Morrow.

The supervisors reviewed the bills and signed checks.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

Bob Layman	Don Morrow	Martha Stambaugh	Guyla Sump	Dennis Sump
Pat Layman	Tom Lyons	Jim Keating	Barb Meyer	Steve O'Brien
Joyce Geisel	Ann Kolbrich	Joyce Bortner	Robin Stanek	Don Doddato
Chuck Vranich	Bill Klumph	Sheryl Wilson	June Vodenichar	Kurt Toth
Roy Masotto	Frank Bertolasio	Kathy Mastrian	Laurel Alexander	Mike Derr
Luanne Salaga	Andy Bush	Lindell Bridges	Olivia Lazor	

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Treasurer