

6:00 PM

May 14, 2014

SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held May 14, 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.

Executive Sessions were held on May 6, 7, and 12, 2014 to discuss personnel issues.

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 April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gracenin from Mercer County Regional Planning Commission was on the agenda to discuss 9-1-1 addressing, but was unable to attend.

Public Comments:

Evelyn Klein stated a neighbor on Tamarack Drive has had a disabled car in his yard for over one year. Brian will check into it.

Don Morrow said that the berm is eroding between Mitrovich's driveway and Ivanhoe Road. He then announced that the Centennial Committee had their first meeting with seven volunteers present. Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at the township building at 6:30 PM. He said there were a lot of good ideas and that there would be a program in December celebrating our one hundredth anniversary. Mr. Morrow stated that most of the activities will take place in 2015 since it is too close to summer to plan anything now.

Bob Layman asked if residents would have to change house numbers again. Brian didn't know, stating that is what Mr. Gracenin was going to speak about.

Bill Klumph said when they tried to make address changes initially, it was up to the township whether to leave things as they were or to go with the new numbering system. At that time the township decided to leave the addresses as they were. Mr. Klumph then said he has been trying to get Ed Winslow to meet with him regarding Wynwood Drive at Route 18 and Mr. Winslow won't meet with him without a letter from the Board of Supervisors.

Mike Derr asked if there could also be public comment time at the end of the meeting. Attorney McConnell said public comment is supposed to be on the agenda issues or on matters of public concern, and it is on the agenda prior to any votes being taken.

Kurt Toth asked which line item in the budget a new Public Works employee's wages would come from. He said he was not sure why another employee was needed. He talked about a road shoulder that needs fixed and a catch basin that is clogged. Mr. Toth asked Brian if he is in favor of hiring a full time employee and Brian said he is. Mr. Toth thinks the township should hire Kirila Contractors or Sharon Paving to fix the roads. He then talked about the officer who drives the cruiser home. He said he taped the officer using the car for other things. Brian told him to fill out a complaint form if he wished to make a formal complaint. Mr. Toth asked about the joint bid agenda item. He said the roads need fixed properly.

Mike Derr said the roads should have been paved not scratched.

Dennis Sump asked how many people were interviewed and the answer was six. He asked about the pension for a new hire and Brian said the contract would be followed. Mr. Sump then asked if a drug test would be required and he was told yes.

Kurt Toth asked if Karen Presley was getting paid to be at the meeting and Brian said yes, but that he would look at the contract.

Evelyn Klein congratulated the road crew for doing such a great job on the roads this past winter with only two workers. She said we need three road workers and sometimes maybe even four in the winter. Brian said the road crew worked almost three months without a weekend off during the winter. Mrs. Klein said it would be a good idea to have a job description for public works positions in the future.

Laurel Alexander said that when people speak after the public comment period is over, they sometimes sway supervisors' votes. She has tried to be respectful and not speak after public comment is done, but feels she is not getting her say when other

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people are allowed to speak. She requested the chairman to not let people speak out when public comment is done. Since the township advertised for a part-time police position, Ms. Alexander thinks we should hire one of our part-time policemen as a full time officer, saying she has seen a lot of turnover in the part-time positions. She then said she was surprised that it has taken over three months to hire someone for the road department, stating it does not look good and is not respectful for the applicants. She wondered if it was delayed since Rose said she was interested in the job. Rose said she didn't say she wanted the job, she said she was willing to help.

Chuck Vranich talked about fairness in hiring.

Mike Derr said the supervisors should do what's right, not what other people think they should do.

Martha Stambaugh said that many years ago, no supervisors were ever hired as road crew members. She doesn't think a supervisor should be a road crew employee.

Police, fire, and zoning reports were read.

Brian read a letter from Don Morrow regarding the planning commission members. One member is ill and the alternate, Doug Harnett, will be willing to replace her if she resigns.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to pay the bills totaling \$96,150.21. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was a motion to hire a full time employee for the Public Works Department. Brian asked for a motion and Rose said she thought the supervisors were going to discuss it. Mark said he was not given enough notice when the interviews were scheduled and was not able to attend. There was no motion made.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to approve a Water Shut Off Agreement with the Municipal Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to authorize advertising a joint bid for road materials and labor and also a Special Meeting to be held at Delaware Township municipal building on May 28, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to approve Rose Lyons as the voting delegate for the Special Meeting bid opening on May 28, 2014. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to approve Suzanne M. Joseph Lot #1 Subdivision Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Mark Presley to approve Replat of Lot 1 of Baywoods Estates Phase I, Lots 1A, 1B, & 1C. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to have an Executive Session on May 19, 2014 at 5:30 PM to discuss the public works hiring. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

Don Morrow	Bob Layman	Pat Layman	Martha Stambaugh	Erica Titus
Troy Titus	Guyla Sump	Dennis Sump	Jim Keating	Bill Klumph
Chuck Vranich	Laurel Alexander	Joyce Geisel	Frank Bertolasio	Mike Derr
Tom Lyons	Kurt Toth			

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Treasurer