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## SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held November 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the municipal building with Chairman Brian Geisel, Supervisors Rose Lyons and Roy Masotto, Treasurer Karen Presley, and Solicitor William McConnell, Jr. in attendance. Secretary R. Glenn Adams was absent

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

A Motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 Regular Meeting, October 21, 2014 and November 5, 2014 Continuation Meetings and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian announced that Executive Sessions were held on October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel issues.

### Public Comments:

Bob Layman commented that there are street lights out and he requested that police officers obtain the pole numbers so the outages can be reported. Mr. Layman also wanted to know if the supervisors had a plan for snow removal. Brian said the supervisors need to discuss this.

Lynda Fauland said the traffic on Birch Street has increased and cars are speeding. She would like more police patrols in the area.

Don Morrow reported on the Centennial Committee Halloween party at Webb Winery. There were twenty-eight people in attendance. The next activity is a service at South Pymatuning Community Church on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM to celebrate the township's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Refreshments will be served. T-shirts are for sale at \$10.00 each to help pay for a summer picnic.

Kurt Toth asked who is in charge of the road crew and Brian stated that he is in charge. Mr. Toth said vehicles are speeding on Orangeville Road and Buckeye Drive and that police are not using the lines that are painted on the roads. Mr. Toth would like to see a recycling bin at the township.

Martha Stambaugh said the road crew did a wonderful job last year and she wonders how the roads will get plowed this winter with only one full time employee and one part time employee.

June Vodenichar talked about a neighbor using an outside burner. She has spoken with someone from DEP and they stated the township should have an ordinance addressing the outside burners.

Laurel Alexander said she spoke with someone from her insurance company regarding rates if our fire department would close. She was told the rates depended on mileage, number and types of trucks, number of certified firemen, and other factors. Ms. Alexander asked the supervisors to reconsider letting our employee, who is a member of the fire department, respond to calls during his working hours. She said she was surprised to learn that responding to medical calls was considered a courtesy of the fire department. Ms. Alexander presented supervisors with a copy of Sharpville Borough's contract with their fire department. She then talked about the fire department's tax returns, saying that in 2008 there was \$116,000.00 in savings and cash, but only approximately \$70,000.00 in 2009.

Don Morrow said he belonged to the fire department until his schedule no longer allowed it. He said membership in the fire department has gone up and down over the years, but no one has ever threatened to not answer calls until now. He suggested that the supervisors and fire department members sit down and have a talk.

Lindell Bridges is not against the fire department receiving additional funds, but taxpayers should know where the money is being spent. He thinks having an agreement with the fire department is a good idea along with a detailed list of items showing where tax dollars are spent. Mr. Bridges also said that township equipment and skills should be utilized whenever possible. He presented a graph he created showing the township's revenue and expenses over an eight year period and will have copies available at the next meeting.

John Palovsky encouraged the supervisors to consider hiring a full time road employee.

Mark Hoffman said the fire department has been using reserve funds to operate and that's why they need more money.

Leroy Stambaugh asked why the fire department refused to give the supervisors information, saying expenditures should be

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accounted for. He said he was a member of the fire department for 43 years and a yearly report was always given to the supervisors.

Mark Hoffman said he has been mowing the fire department grounds for free with his own mower.

Attorney McConnell said the supervisors and the fire department members need to sit down and come up with a detailed agreement so everyone knows what their responsibilities are.

Supervisors will attend the next meeting of the fire department.

Rose Lyons announced that the light for the flag was fixed.

Don Morrow asked if anyone remembered where the time capsule was buried in 1976. Leroy Stambaugh said it is under the back part of the fire department building.

Police, Fire, and zoning reports were read.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Roy Masotto to pay the bills totaling \$59,373.44. Motion passed with Rose Lyons voting no.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to purchase a new boom mower for \$95,320.67 minus the old boom mower trade in value of \$13,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Roy Masotto to have a recycling bin delivered to the township by Tri-County Industries with every other week pick up. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian announced that there is one mill in the budget for the fire department for 2015 and there will be discussions with them for the following years.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Roy Masotto to hire J. T. Palovsky as a full time employee. Motion passed with Rose Lyons voting no.

A meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM to continue to work on the budget.

Supervisors are waiting for more bids on the electrical panel.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Roy Masotto to authorize advertising the Board's intent to appoint an independent accounting firm to perform an audit of the accounts of the township and its officials in lieu of the elected auditors for 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Rose Lyons to recess the meeting until November 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting recessed at 7:45 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

Martha Stambaugh	Leroy Stambaugh	Mary Ann Jones	Vincy Caszatt
June Vodenichar	Bob Layman	Pat Layman	Erica Titus
Troy Titus	Don Morrow	James Keating	Tom Lyons
John Palovsky	Lynda Fauland	Laurel Alexander	Lindell Bridges
Joyce Geisel	Don Doddato	Kurt Toth	Frank Bertolasio
Mike Derr	Bill Klumph	John Leyshon	Mark Hoffman

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley  
Treasurer