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March 11, 2015

SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held March 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Rose Lyons, Supervisors Brian Geisel and Roy Masotto, Solicitor William McConnell, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Presley in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Rose Lyons announced that an Executive Session was held on February 16, 2015 to discuss personnel issues and on March 8, 2015 to discuss personnel and legal issues.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Roy Masotto to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Don Morrow reported on the Centennial Committee meeting, stating that posters and tickets have been provided to the fire department for their spaghetti dinner on April 25th. Mr. Morrow said the information is on the township's website, the council of government's website, and was also provided to *The Herald*. Due to the lagging sales of the t-shirts, the picnic planning is in limbo.

Mark Hoffman asked how the contract for the fire department was progressing. Rose said the supervisors met on Sunday and a draft document was prepared. The fire department will close on April 1st without a signed contract. Mr. Hoffman then said the fire department has not received their quarterly payment from the township. Rose stated the township has not received any money yet from the tax collector.

An Executive Session was scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM for supervisors to meet with the officers of the fire department.

Martha Stambaugh commented that the fire department was given additional money last year. She wondered where their \$169,000.00 certificate of deposit went.

Laurel Alexander asked Rose if she was a member of the fire department and thought she should say there is a potential conflict of interest. Rose said there is no conflict of interest because she doesn't get paid. Ms. Alexander asked if the residents would be getting anything from the fire department for the additional money they are requesting. Laurel said she obtained the income tax returns for the fire department and that's why she knows the money in the CD's is gone. She said it would be helpful for the fire department to have a meeting with the township residents to detail where their money is spent.

Andy Totin, Sharpsville Fire Chief, said that Sharpsville is not interested in taking over South Pymatuning Fire Department. He said they will respond to help, but not to take over.

Harold Davis said his insurance premium will increase \$300 per year without a fire department. He said he is willing to pay more taxes to keep the fire department.

Bill Klumph said there was no change in taxes. The fire department's millage was raised and the township's was reduced.

June Vodenichar can't imagine not having a fire department.

Dennis Sump asked if anything will be done in memory of Glenn Adams. Roy Masotto is checking into having a plaque made and an article put in the newspaper.

Martha Stambaugh said we need the fire department, but they need to have more certified members and members that will respond to calls.

Pete Plummer, softball coach, asked if there are any grants for the ball field to make it safer. He said the dugout is falling over and bleachers are breaking. Rose mentioned the cost to the township that would be involved in the grant and asked if the other communities that use the field could be made to contribute. Mr. Plummer said his team plays at a lot of different places and they are not charged anything.

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Don Morrow asked if the softball teams do anything to raise money. Roy said they have fund raisers to help pay for uniforms and equipment. He said that people donate things and that he put on a new roof for free.

Laurel Alexander read in the newspaper that Sharpsville Borough received money from DEP for recycling. She would like the supervisors to consider individual recycling bins in the next contract.

Police, Fire, and zoning reports were read.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay the bills totaling \$68,689.14. Motion passed unanimously.

Rose announced that Tri-County Industries has scheduled a bulk pick up for the week of April 12th on normal collection days.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to adopt an Ordinance amending the existing Ordinance pertaining to the discharge of industrial waste substances into the publically owned treatment works located in the City of Hermitage. Motion passed unanimously.

Rose tabled the agenda item regarding hiring a part time road crew employee, saying the supervisors are still discussing it.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Roy Masotto to adopt a Resolution increasing the minimum monthly water rates by 1% effective April 1, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

The next agenda item regarding the softball complex grant application was also tabled.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

June Vodenichar	Mary Ann Jones	Barb Meyer	Martha Stambaugh
Steve O'Brien	Dennis Sump	Eleanor O'Hare	Guyla Sump
Erica Titus	Troy Titus	Ethan Koser	Don Morrow
Rich Harris	Michaelene Harris	James Keating	Lucia Pompa Yanak
Pete Plummer	Harold Davis	Beverly Davis	Becky Ague
Mark Ague	Amy Higgins	Chris Nagy	John Leyshon
Laurel Alexander	Andy Totin	Mike Derr	Joyce Geisel
Mike Kudelko	Chuck Vranich	Bill Klumph	Tom Lyons
Mark Hoffman			

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Secretary/Treasurer