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September 9, 2015

SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held September 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Rose Lyons, Supervisors Brian Geisel and Laurel Alexander, and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Presley in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Rose Lyons announced that Executive Sessions were held on July 13, August 25, and September 8, 2015 to discuss personnel issues.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

Tri-County Industries scheduled a bulk pick up for the week of September 13, 2015 on normal collection days.

Public Comments:

Michaelene Harris said a resident asked her how to get in touch with the tax office since it is only open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and the resident works. Rose Lyons suggested that the person call during their break or leave a message for the tax collector with the secretary.

Don Morrow asked about the plaque for Glenn Adams and Rose said it was completed. Mr. Morrow said the ditch in front of his house on Buckeye Drive needs mowed. He said he watched the mower go past his house and mow the intersection at Ivanhoe Road and Buckeye Drive. Mr. Morrow then commented on the *Township News* magazine which had an article regarding retention training for volunteer fire departments, use of force for police departments, and information regarding workshops for road crews. He also talked about a grant that is available for the fire department and a member of the fire department said the application was already sent in.

Ethan Koser talked about a couple of properties on Tamarack Drive, saying they are eyesores.

Joe Chrestay asked if anything has been done about the drainage on Wynwood Drive. Rose said she spoke with the engineer, Ed Winslow, and she and the solicitor will have a lunch meeting with him to discuss it. Mr. Chrestay requested more police presence on his side of the township and said there is a speeding problem.

Mike Derr asked what was being done about the house by the ball field on Saranac Drive that burned a couple of years ago. The supervisors will contact the code enforcement officer. Mr. Derr then said there is a large hole on Hartford Road that needs fixed.

Evelyn Klein asked if the supervisors looked into the situation with Big Tuna (running a business with no bathroom). Rose said the code enforcement officer gave them ninety days to correct the violation.

Bob Layman said there is a culvert on Hartford Road that is straight up in the air. Rose said that is a job that will have to be put out for bid.

Richard Harris asked why the road crew couldn't do the job on Hartford Road. Rose said it was too deep and the township doesn't have the proper equipment.

Tom Lyons talked about the police car being driven home by an officer. He wanted to know the statistics on calls that were responded to from the officer's home. Mr. Lyons asked supervisors to have the information at the next meeting.

Mike Derr wants the disabled truck moved behind the building. Laurel Alexander will get repair quotes by the end of the week.

Martha Stambaugh talked about hiring for the road crew and said we have more roads than in the past and the water system to maintain with only two workers.

Don Morrow said there is a washout on Buckeye Drive east of Herrmann's Water. Mr. Morrow wondered why the bills are so high this month and it is because the Suit-Kote bill for seal-coating was paid.

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Dennis Sump asked what date Laurel Alexander resigned as auditor and was told August 10, 2015. Supervisors forgot to read the letter at the last meeting. Mr. Sump said Jeff Greenburg in Mercer was not informed.

Tom Lyons wondered if a new auditor should be appointed. Laurel said their duties were done for the year, but the supervisors could check into it.

Luann Salaga thanked the supervisors for the tar and chip on Cardinal Drive.

Martha Stambaugh asked if we were getting a new solicitor. Rose said that Attorney McConnell is staying with us until a replacement is found.

Police, fire, and zoning reports were read.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay the bills totaling \$106,412.98. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to accept Laurel Alexander's resignation as auditor effective August 10, 2015. Motion passed unanimously with Laurel Alexander stating a potential conflict since it is her resignation.

Laurel stated that Michaelene Harris submitted a bill to the supervisors last month for grass cutting along her road. Laurel said that is not a township road, but a state road, and Mrs. Harris should contact PennDOT.

Brian Geisel showed the plaque that was prepared for Glenn Adams.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the police pension plan and the non-uniform pension plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

Ethan Koser	Pat Layman	Bob Layman	Martha Stambaugh
Eleanor O'Hare	Don Morrow	Barb Meyer	Stephen O'Brien
Michaelene Harris	Rich Harris	Evelyn Klein	Troy Titus
Erica Titus	Don Doddato	Jim Keating	Dennis Sump
Joyce Geisel	John Layshon	Frank Bertolasio	Bill Klumph
Tom Lyons	Sheila Lyons	Joe Chrestay	Mike Derr
Luanne Salaga			

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Secretary/Treasurer