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October 14, 2015

## SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

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

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

Tri-County Industries scheduled a leaf pick up for the week of November 8, 2015 on normal collection days.

Residents were reminded that next month's meeting is on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The supervisors presented a plaque dedicated to the memory of Glenn Adams and his fifty-five years of service to the township. Members of Glenn's family were in the audience to see the plaque, which will hang in the meeting room.

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

The meeting resumed at approximately 7:30 PM.

### Public Comments:

Ed Wilson asked about the pension resolutions that are on the agenda. Rose explained they are needed to correct the wording in the current resolutions.

Bob Layman said that some Hermitage residents have three garbage totes and he believes their bills are less than the township residents' bills. He then asked if any records were found regarding the Hartford Road culvert pipe that was put in years ago that might indicate it was a temporary fix and the answer was no.

Kurt Toth asked the price of fixing the Dodge dump truck. Laurel Alexander obtained two quotes to repair the engine; \$7,400.00 and \$10,000.00. She said the truck is over nineteen years old and the cab is also in bad shape. Mr. Toth then asked the price of a new dump truck. Laurel said the package price which includes the body, hydraulics, spreader, and plow is \$35,054.00. The truck quotes are approximately \$38,600.00 and \$43,720.00. Mr. Toth again asked about the pipe on Buckeye Drive. Laurel said the engineer looked at the ditch and recommended taking the pipe out and making the ditch bigger. Gabion baskets will be installed to stabilize the area. They are trying to get PennDOT to do some work on Ivanhoe Road. Rose Lyons said she spoke with Ed Winslow and Bill McConnell about this ditch and Mr. McConnell said it has to be fixed. She said Representative Longiotti will contact PennDOT regarding Ivanhoe Road. Mr. Toth then talked about the shoulder of Buckeye Drive deteriorating near a resident's driveway and Rose said she looked at the problem. Mr. Toth wants the township to order a sign for recycling and wants lines painted on the roads.

Martha Stambaugh referenced a letter to the editor in the newspaper that stated the township was in trouble and had to make cuts. She said if that is the case, the supervisors should reconsider signing a contract with the fire department.

Gary Hall asked Rose why she needs approval to put an itinerary in place for the road crew if she is in charge. Rose stated that there are three supervisors.

Don Morrow thanked the road crew for cutting the brush in his ditch.

Chuck Vranich asked how long the truck has been out of commission and he was told eight or nine months. He said if the township got along without it for that long, he didn't see the need to purchase another truck.

Matt from Orangeville Road suggested selling the paver because he has not seen it used. He also would like to see a salt truck more often on Orangeville Road in the winter and more police presence for speeders.

Joan Rice said that several months ago there was a terrible odor from the dairy. She said the grass is high around their pine trees and the area is not maintained. Mrs. Rice said there is supposed to be a buffer zone which she thinks may cut down on the noise and odor if it was in place as per the ordinance. She wondered if the speed limit could be reduced on Seneca Road. Rose said she would find out.

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Martha Stambaugh said with only two trucks plowing snow for the winter, the supervisors will get complaints.

Steve O'Brien said the fire department budget is ready and he will get a copy to the supervisors. He invited everyone to the fire department's pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of the month.

Don Morrow said there is not enough police presence in the township.

Ed Wilson suggested subcontracting for snow plowing. Brian will call the solicitor to see if that is in violation of the union contract.

Tom Lyons asked if the supervisors had the statistics on how many times the sergeant responded to calls from his home. There were no statistics.

Bob Rice said the solicitor in Sharpsville attends each meeting and he wondered if that was a responsibility of our solicitor. Laurel answered that our solicitor won't attend unless requested. She also said some residents complained that it was a waste of time and money to have the solicitor at meetings.

Chuck Vranich noticed that the solicitor was at the workshop earlier and wondered what he got paid to be here. Rose said the solicitor will charge his hourly rate for the time he was here.

Police, fire, and zoning reports were read.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay the bills totaling \$87,207.29. Motion passed unanimously.

Rose read correspondence from Sharpsville Community Food Pantry requesting permission to place a non-perishable food collection bin in the township building, and all supervisors agreed.

Laurel asked if the supervisors were going to get bids on Hartford Road. Rose didn't know if Ed Winslow had looked at the problem yet. The supervisors will have to see if the township equipment can dig deep enough to do the job.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to submit the application to install a special warning sign, "Blind Drive", on Saranac Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Laurel Alexander to approve David Ryhal Lot 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to set Trick or Treat hours on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to adopt a Resolution amending Resolution #5-2002, appointing a Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal Retirement Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to adopt a Resolution amending Resolution #5-2007, appointing a Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Retirement Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Laurel Alexander to adopt a Resolution adopting written procedures in how professional services are chosen for the pension plans to comply with Act 44 of 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisors discussed purchasing a dump truck for the Public Works Department. Laurel again talked about the prices she obtained for repairing the engine on the old truck. She then talked about the COSTARS bids she received for new trucks and the possibility of using the aluminum bed from the old truck. The price of a Ram 550 Super Duty is \$38,565.00 and a Ford F550 Super Duty is \$43,720.00. This is in addition to the package price that was discussed earlier.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to recess the meeting until October 23, 2015 at 5:30 PM for a Budget Workshop and any other business to properly come before the Board. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting recessed at 8:54 PM.

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Visitors in attendance:

Ray Lozier	Suzanne Lozier	Michaelene Harris	Richard Harris
Pat Layman	Martha Stambaugh	Bob Layman	Don Morrow
Troy Titus	James Keating	Dennis Sump	Guyla Sump
Tom Lyons	Ed Wilson	Steve O'Brien	Robert Rice
Joan Rice	Chuck Vranich	Barb Vranich	Bill Klumph
John Leyshon	Kurt Toth	Luanne Salaga	Cynthia Alexander
Mike Derr	Robert Ridgway	Gary Hall	Janet Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley  
Secretary/Treasurer