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November 10, 2015

SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held November 10, 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 October 14, 2015 Regular Meeting, October 23 and October 27, 2015 Continuation Meetings and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

An Executive Session was held on October 20, 2015 to discuss personnel and other issues.

Public Comments:

Don Morrow said a bill was recently passed to allow the appointment of up to three alternate planning commission members effective December 6. Mr. Morrow wanted the fire department members to know that FEMA grant applications are available. He then asked if the supervisors had done anything with the engine brake ordinance he presented at a previous meeting. Don said winter maintenance workshops were held in Hermitage and he wondered if either road crew member attended.

Kurt Toth asked the price of salt per ton. Rose said she would get the information for him. Mr. Toth said the blinker light at the intersection of Ivanhoe Road and Buckeye Drive is out. He said he saw the police SUV at Moore's last week and Mel Grata's this week and wondered why. Rose said we are getting repair quotes and Mel Grata's quote is \$9,705.00. Mr. Toth wondered how so much went wrong in a year since yearly inspections are required. He again asked about the ditch on Buckeye Drive. He then suggested transporting our equipment to job sites on a trailer instead of driving the equipment. He asked if a blue sign had been purchased for the recycling bin.

Richard Harris said Charlie Raiti could put a motor in the dump truck for approximately \$3,500.00. He said we could hire an inspection mechanic to check the truck and determine what's needed for repairs.

Dave Rhodes asked about getting lines painted on Buckeye Drive and said it's a dangerous road.

Steve O'Brien said a preventive maintenance program should be in place for the vehicles. He invited everyone to the fire department's breakfast buffet on November 21st.

Don Morrow said the state mandates daily equipment checks or, at the minimum, weekly checks. He agreed with using a trailer to transport the equipment, saying it could be parked and used as a safety barrier in the work area.

Police, fire, and zoning reports were read.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay the bills totaling \$52,373.01. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to purchase a recycling sign for the township. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to repair the Buckeye Drive ditch near the intersection of Ivanhoe Road. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to authorize advertising the proposed 2016 Budget, upon its completion, as available for inspection. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel 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 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

There was lengthy discussion about purchasing a police vehicle. Laurel talked about the Ford Expedition having the ground clearance the police requested. Rose said she got an estimate for a 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor for \$27,000.00. Laurel said the Explorer did not have the ground clearance needed for the off-road areas. Rose stated that

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Pymatuning, Farrell, and Jefferson purchased the Interceptor vehicles, and she will call the dealer to clarify the ground clearance issue.

A motion was made by Laurel Alexander to purchase the 2015 Ford Expedition for \$41,304.23. Motion died for lack of a second. Brian said the issue will be discussed again on November 17.

Laurel talked about a used 2007 Ford F450 dump truck with 10,000 miles, salt spreader, ten foot plow, and a stainless steel dump bed that Cherry Grove Township in Warren County is selling. She suggested making an offer of \$30,000.00 and paying half from the water fund and half from the liquid fuels fund. Brian will call for the VIN and try to meet the supervisor on Sunday to look at the truck.

Laurel received an estimate on repairing the police door, closet doors, the hallway paneling, and the women’s restroom ceiling for approximately \$3,000.00.

A commotion erupted during the talk about the contractor and a motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to recess the meeting until November 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM to continue to work on the budget and any other business to properly come before the Board. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting recessed at 8:10 PM. Rose Lyons asked everyone to leave the building.

Sergeant Christoff was asked to assist in having everyone leave the building.

Visitors in attendance:

Joanne Templeton	Eleanor O’Hare	Pat Layman	Bob Layman
Joyce Geisel	Martha Stambaugh	Don Morrow	David Rhodes
Richard Harris	Barb Meyer	Steve O’Brien	Don Doddato
Becky Ague	Bill Klumph	Barb Vranich	Chuck Vranich
Guyla Sump	Dennis Sump	John Leyshon	Cynthia Alexander
Tom Lyons	Kurt Toth	Mike Kudelko	Lindell Bridges
Dan Sump	Sheila Lyons	Sheryl Wilson	Ed Wilson
Janet Hall	Gary Hall	Joan Rice	

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Secretary/Treasurer