

5:30 PM

December 8, 2015

SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP CONTINUATION MEETING

The recessed meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was reconvened on December 8, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Chairperson Rose Lyons, Supervisors Brian Geisel and Laurel Alexander, and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Presley.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was for the purpose of continuing preparation of the 2016 budget and any other business to properly come before the Board.

Public comment:

Lindell Bridges commented on Mr. Mastrian’s chart from the last meeting, saying Mr. Mastrian only had a short period of time to work on the chart and wasn’t given all the information needed. Mr. Bridges started a trend line from 2006 which showed an incline in income for the township. He said when making important decisions for the township, such as raising taxes, you need to have correct information.

Ed Wilson said we have a projected income for this year and the supervisors have an obligation to balance the budget. He said if there is excess money in the water fund then people are over paying for water. Mr. Wilson stated the work contracts that have been put in place in the township are beyond our current means to pay, with benefits and wages. He said to lay off the full time patrolman to save on the benefits. Mr. Wilson said the supervisors gave the fire department a raise without having financial information. He suggested that cuts need to be made along with a minimal tax increase and reduction of some expenses to get where we need to be.

Lindell Bridges said that the new Board should start on the 2017 budget in January.

Bob Layman said that he believes in 2018, municipalities and businesses that have the Cadillac health insurance will pay the federal government 40% as a penalty.

Dennis Sump said there is a dead deer at Canady’s.

Budget preparation continued with much discussion on line items. The options of raising taxes, laying off an officer, or reducing a full time officer to part time to save benefits were discussed.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to increase property tax by 1.75 mills for a total of 8.325 mills effective January 1, 2016. Motion passed with Laurel Alexander voting no.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

Harry Mammarelli	Ed Wilson	Sheryl Wilson	Tom Lyons
Dennis Sump	Guyla Sump	Lindell Bridges	Michaelene Harris
Bill Klumph	Pat Layman	Bob Layman	Martha Stambaugh

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Secretary/Treasurer