

7:00PM

South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

December 13, 2017

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held December 13, 2017 at 7:00PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Michaelene Harris, Supervisors Brian Geisel, and Rose Lyons. Pete Acker solicitor was in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to approve the minutes of November 08, 2017 Regular meeting and November 14, 16 and 27th continuation meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that interviews were held on November 14th, 2017 for Public Works Dept.

It was announced that the Reorganization meeting would be held on January 2, 2018 at 7:00PM

It was announced that the Auditors meeting would be held on January 3rd, 2017 at 7:00PM.

Ed Wilson is happy to see the officers patrolling the roads he said semi traffic is down. Ed said he noticed in the budget that funds were sent aside for equipment and said he assumes an equipment schedule is in place. Harris said there is one in place. He said this township has never had been an equipment schedule done. He said if you have a written schedule it will help replace equipment. Ed asked if he could request a copy, Harris said not at this time. Ed believes the only way a budget can be done going forward is to put an equipment schedule in place. Acker said there is nothing random about the prepared budget and said a new vehicle was bought and the supervisors put more funds in the 2018 budget to save for the purchase of another vehicle. He said the supervisors are trying to put away money for new equipment. Ed said this is the first year and gave compliments that it appears money is being set aside. He asked if there was some kind of calculation the supervisors used. Lyons said a new one ton will be purchased with cash that was supposed to be bought this year. Lyons said she met with the Fire Dept. about the replacement of a fire truck and the cost will be approximately 400,000.00-500,000.00 and Lyons said she doesn't know where those funds will come from. Ed said it appears the supervisors took 60,000 in a carry forward which is the beginning cash balance or revenues exceeded the revenues. Lyons said they are bringing the funds forward in revenues and they are expenses to save for equipment. She said she spoke with the auditors regarding this. Acker said the supervisors will be opening Reserve Accounts to put the funds in and said while it's great to set up an equipment schedule but unless you can pay for the calculated expenses the equipment schedule is wishful thinking.

Kurt Toth said he presented the board with a bill a couple of weeks ago and asked what the board did with it. Mr. Acker said he rendered an opinion that there was no basis under law to reimburse Mr. Toth's legal fees. Toth said he was given misleading advice from a township employee, and said the township is going to get the tax from the building forever. He said Mr. Waltz gave wrong information and asked Mr. Geisel what he was told by Mr. Waltz. Geisel said he was told 15ft. Toth said he was only told 10ft. Toth said with him incurring the expense and his name being in the paper stating he built an illegal structure. He said he had multiple meetings with Mr. Waltz before the shovel hit the ground. Toth said with this being said he is willing to challenge the supervisors in court and does not mind spending lots of money. He said he was given the information and built the structure as Mr. Waltz informed him to. He said he asked for a little help from the supervisors and said he has an attorney who is willing to challenge this. He said he didn't do anything wrong and that if the supervisors don't want to help him he is willing to challenge this no matter what it will cost him and advised the supervisors to put their insurance company on notice. He said he is more than happy to go to court. Acker said Toth did not get the necessary permits, He said he did not have an occupancy permit only a building permit. Toth said he did. Mr. Acker gave him a copy of the letter that was sent to him.

Don Morrow complimented the supervisors on the new cruiser and appreciates the officers taking time to patrol and park in drive ways to slow traffic down. He said the presence is working.

Sheryl Wilson complimented Gary Greene for being so kind when their cows were loose. She also complimented Tom Burke for sitting across the street patrolling. She said they are two very nice officers.

Police, Fire and Zoning were read.

A motion was made Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 63,952.31 and payroll in the amount of \$ 29,102.70. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to authorize advertising for the 2018 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to recess the meeting until December 21, 2017 at 6:00PM to adopt the 2018 budget and any other business that may come before the board. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 7:25PM.

Rose Lyons
Secretary