

February 12, 2020

South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Supervisors Laurel Alexander, Chairperson, Matthew Chalupka and William Klumph in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Chairperson Alexander asked if there were any public comments and Kurt Toth asked about the Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program. Chairperson Alexander and Supervisor Chalupka explained how South Pymatuning Township was joining with other localities for a better price for seal coating. Delaware Township is spear heading this project.

Residence Toth also asked about the purchase of cell telephone for the Supervisors and the Chief of Police and the new flooring in the building. Chairperson Alexander explained the reasoning for the cell phones and the flooring was agreed upon by the former slate of Supervisors.

A comment from another resident concerning the increase in the garbage collection fees was made. It was explained the bids for the garbage was through the Council of Governments and Tri-County was the lowest bid.

A motion was made by Laurel Alexander and seconded by Matthew Chalupka to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020, January 10, 2020, January 13, 2020, January 16, 2020, January 21, 2020, January 27, 2020, January 29, 2020 and January 31, 2020 meetings. Supervisor Klumph stated he was not aware of the needed repairs for the salt spreader. Supervisor Chalupka explained all of the Supervisors discussed the repairs and the cost involved. Supervisors Alexander and Chalupka voted in favor of approving the minutes, Supervisor Klumph did not vote in favor.

Chairperson Alexander made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$12,548.93 and the January payroll totaling \$52,136.38. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Klumph. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to approve a Resolution to Adopt The 2020 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program and give the respective authorities of Delaware Township the authority to open the bids and award or reject the bids by vote of the appointed delegates was made by Supervisor Laurel Alexander, Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matthew Chalupka. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Supervisor Matthew Chalupka as the voting delegate representing the Township at the opening of the bids on April 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for the Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program was made by Chairperson Laurel Alexander, seconded by Supervisor Matthew Chalupka. The alternate delegate will by Supervisor William Klumph. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to supply cell phones for the three (3) Supervisors and the Chief of Police at a cost of \$22.99 per telephone plus taxes and fees per month was made by Supervisors Laurel Alexander, Chairperson. Supervisor Alexander stated this service is through Verizon Business and before the Township can order the phones a bill of \$340.06 must be paid. The bill is the result of the service not being terminated last year for certain police equipment. She also stated the approximate bill each month for these phones

will be \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisors Matthew Chalupka. Supervisors Alexander and Chalupka voted in favor of the motion, Supervisor Klumph voted no. Supervisor Klumph stated he did not want a Township issued phone; he would use his own phone.

Laurel Alexander, Chairperson, made a motion to approve the 2020 Township Budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matthew Chalupka. The motion was approved unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding having Mourice Waltz Planners apply for a grant for improvements to the softball field (Kirila Field). The cost for the upgrades will be \$40,000 for materials and \$10,000 for professional services. The Softball Association will pay \$20,000 (donations are being accepted) and the Township cost will be to supply a backhoe and operator for approximately two (2) days. Waltz's fees will be capped at \$2,000.00 and he will be working on the project at an hourly rate, so his fees could be less than the \$2,000.00. The upgrades would result in \$70,000.00 improvements at the softball fields. Supervisor Klumph stated the Township has used Matthew Karnell as a grant writer in the past. Supervisor Alexander, Chairperson, made a motion to have Mourice Waltz Planners move forward with the grant. Matthew Chalupka, Supervisor, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to have Mike Mazurek & Son as janitorial service for the Township Building retroactive to Friday, February 7, 2020, at a cost of \$70.00 per cleaning was made by Supervisor Laurel Alexander, Chairperson, seconded by Supervisor Matthew Chalupka. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police, Paul Ferm, presented the Police Report for the month of January, 2020.

Andy Bush, Fire Chief, presented the South Pymatuning Volunteer Fire Department incident report for January, 2020.

Resident Donald Morrow offered concerns of the berm washing away between 917 Buckeye and his residence.

Resident Michael Derr offered concerns of two homes on Saranac Drive that are in disrepair. The Supervisors said our Code Enforcement Officer would be contacted regarding these properties.

Resident Kurt Toth questioned the cost of outfitting the two (2) new police officers. Chief Ferm answered his questions and offered comments regarding why the Township chose the Chevrolet Tahoes over the Ford Explorers. The Explorers require more repairs and involves more downtime for the repairs.

Resident Toth also questioned the progress of repairing Orangeville Road and expressed his concerns of everyone traveling down the center of the road.

Realtor Terry Berchtold, who represents the Cole and Bonaquist families, asked questions regarding the properties located at the northeast corner of Tamarack and Saranac Drives. The Supervisors and Solicitor stated her questions must be addressed to the South Pymatuning Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Resident Don Morrow ask Attorney Nevant if the properties Mike Derr referred to fall could be a violation of the health and safety code. Attorney Nevant stated that is a possibility.

Resident Toth asked if the Supervisors had reached out to Dean Food. Supervisor Matthew Chalupka asked if anyone knew of a contact at the facility he could reach to.

Chairperson Alexander asked if the two (2) other Supervisors wanted to recess the meeting until Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. for the reason of meeting with Mourice Waltz Planners concerning the event barn and any other general matters that may come before the Board. Supervisor Alexander made the motion, seconded by William Klumph. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 7:53 p.m.

Keith McKnight

Secretary