

March 11, 2020

South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 11, 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.

Laurel Alexander, Chairperson, made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the February 12, 2020 and February 18, 2020. William Klumph seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Alexander asked if there were any public comments. Attorney James Nevant, Solicitor, stated public comments are only on the agenda items. Other public comments would be covered at the end of the meeting. Joan Rice asked about the agenda item relating to the Township Zoning Ordinance relative to Barn Conversions. Attorney Nevant offered comments regarding the process of having a public meeting to consider a resolution for Barn Conversions.

Police Chief Paul Ferm presented the police report for the month of February.

The South Pymatuning Fire Department monthly report for February was presented by Andy Bush, Fire Chief. Mr. Bush also stated the department welcomes anyone interested in joining the department.

Supervisor Chairperson, Laurel Alexander, announced there have been two (2) building permits issued. A permit was issued for home construction to Glenn Gerasimek and a permit was issued to Lisa Culp for a deck and swimming pool.

A motion by Laurel Alexander, Chairperson, to pay the bills amounting to \$125,204.40. William Klumph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

Under old business, a motion was made to table the Small Flow Treatment Facility for property owners Kirk and June Heilman, 28 Rutledge Road, Greenville, PA, so further review of the project can occur. Matthew Chalupka seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Laurel Alexander, Chairperson, made a motion to pay Richard T. Christoff \$6,240.96 for 2019 vacation and other previously earned benefits. Matthew Chalupka seconded the motion. Discussion was held where William Klumph stated this had been settle by the union and Supervisor Klumph stated the Christoff should not get the additional monies. Laurel Alexander stated the union did not settle for the benefits, so the Township was going to settle for the benefits that were previously earned. The motion passed with Supervisor William Klumph casting a no vote.

A motion to sell and relinquish all township interests in the Huron Street bridge to Charles and Jennifer Yurkon contingent on compliance with all legal requirements was made by Laurel Alexander, Supervisor Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Matthew Chalupka. The motion passed with Supervisor William Klumph casting a no vote.

Laurel Alexander, Supervisor Chairperson made a motion to hold a public meeting after the April 8, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting to discuss the Powers Avenue water grant if the Township has all the necessary information at that time. Supervisor Matthew Chalupka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to appoint Mourine Rodgers to the South Pymatuning Township Planning Commission was made by Supervisor Chairperson, Laurel Alexander. Supervisor Matthew Chalupka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Chairperson, Laurel Alexander, made a motion to have the Township Solicitor and Zoning Officer take all required actions, including legal advertisement, to amend the South Pymatuning Township Zoning Ordinances relative to Barn Conversions. Supervisor Matthew Chalupka seconded the motion. The motion passed with Supervisor William Klumph voting no.

A motion to approve the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources resolution for the grant for South Pymatuning Regional Community Softball Complex contingent on compliance with all legal requirements was made by Laurel Alexander, Supervisor Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matthew Chalupka. The motion passed unanimously.

Laurel Alexander, Supervisor Chairperson, offered comments concerning the necessity to raise South Pymatuning Township Zoning Fees. After the comments, she made a motion to raise the Township Zoning Fees to a minimum of \$25.00 for all fees and the Zoning Hearing Fee to \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Matthew Chalupka. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Chairperson, Laurel Alexander, announced the resignations of Sam Kudelko and John Taylor from the Zoning Hearing Board and Amber Love from the Planning Commission.

A motion to rescind motion 7-A of the Agenda of January 6, 2020, thereby keeping status quo the composition of the Zoning board, i.e., 3 members, all retroactive to January 6, 2020, was made by Laurel Alexander, Supervisor Chairperson. Supervisor Matthew Chalupka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resident Joan Rice expressed her concerns of ditching on Seneca Road.

Resident Ed Wilson spoke about the "ghost" police cars that other communities use and offered comments about the wage taxes that Dean Dairy contributed to South Pymatuning Township. He also asked for the Township to reach out to the dairy and let them know the Township appreciates the dairy being here.

Resident Ruth Bosnjak offered comments about her property and the water runoff problems. She asked if it would be possible to have a larger culvert placed under Kane Road to alleviate the water backup.

Supervisor Chairperson Laurel Alexander, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor William Klumph second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Keith McKnight

Secretary