

South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was opened at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisors Matthew Chalupka, Chairman, William Klumph, Johnathan Leyshon and Solicitor James Nevant present.

The Supervisors and Solicitor were in Executive Session from 4:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The pledge to the flag was performed.

There were fifteen residents present.

A motion was made by Chairman, Matthew Chalupka, and seconded by William Klumph to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Chairman, Matthew Chalupka, announced there would be a tire collection on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Sharon City Center Plaza, PENNDOT and Pa State Police have set May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the South Pymatuning Township Fire Department is filling swimming pools.

Resident, Brian Reiter, asked who hired the company (Mid-Atlantic Storage) to do the repairs to the water tower and if the repairs were put out to bid. Supervisor, Matthew Chalupka, stated the Township Engineer and Township hired the company and worked through DEP for the permit and the permit has approved the application for the work. Mr. Chalupka stated per the Engineer it was not put out to bid because it was a maintenance issue. Mr. Reiter asked what the time line was for the required repairs. Supervisor Chalupka explained the process of having the pumps operating constantly to keep the pressure up so repairs can be made to the water tower. Mr. Reiter asked about the ownership of the property where the water tower is located. Supervisor Chalupka stated the water tower is Township property and the adjoining property is owned by Susie Bortner-Wiley. Mr. Reiter also asked if the property owner is aware of all the repairs and he was told Ms. Bortner-Wiley is aware of everything that is occurring at the location. Mr. Reiter stated he had some pictures regarding the condition of the property surrounding the tower. Supervisor Chalupka said if Ms. Bortner-Wiley has any concerns, he was sure she would contact the Township.

The Fire Department and the Police Department reports were given by Supervisor, William Klumph.

Supervisor Chairman, Matthew Chalupka, reported the building permits were approved for Graves, 3418 Cardinal Drive-Garage and Elberty, 2800 Robertson Road – Fence.

A motion to pay the bills totaling \$68,680.77 and the April, 2023, payroll totaling \$45,824.02 was made by Chairman, Matthew Chalupka and seconded by Supervisor, William Klumph. The motion was passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

There was no old business.

A motion to accept Youngblood Paving as the lowest bidder for the paving project of Brockway-Sharon Road was made by Supervisor Chairman, Matthew Chalupka, seconded by Supervisor, Johnathan Leyshon. Motion was unanimously approved.

Matthew Chalupka, Supervisor Chairman, made a motion to approve the water tank maintenance conducted by Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc. Supervisor, Johnathan Leyshon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Supervisor Chairman, Matthew Chalupka, announced the Township could possibly be hiring summer help to perform various jobs throughout the Township. Matthew Chalupka also stated Sharpsville Area School District will be made aware of the availability of work if any student needs community service. He also stated the Township is taking under consideration the proposed burning hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) by the South Pymatuning Fire Department. An amendment to Ordinance No. 1-1992 must be advertised before any action can occur. The Township is also pursuing a grant for Hummingbird Lane stormwater issue.

Resident, Nancy Bernola, 6256 Seneca Road, had pictures of her property detailing the location of the odor. Supervisor Chalupka said he would contact the Engineer to research the problem.

Resident, Dennis Sump, asked about any update on the hiring of police officers. Chairman Chalupka explained the township has lost another full-time police officer. There was a lengthy discussion about the difficulty of being able to hire police officers, the reason being the graduates from the police academy is down.

Resident, Brian Reiter, asked about status of purchasing license plate readers for the police cars and if there were any costs involved. Matthew Chalupka, Supervisor Chairman, stated the Township has not looked at such a purchase in detail. Mr. Reiter also asked about the number of citations issued by the Police Department last month. He also asked how many miles per shift are logged by the Police Department. Supervisor Chalupka stated he did not have that information available at the time. Chalupka stated paper citations are going away. Mr. Reiter said he was disappointed in the number of citations that were announced for the past month and possibly the Township should investigate merging with another community for police protection. Mr. Chalupka asked Mr. Reiter if he would be interested in serving on a committee to consider such a merger. To consider a merger, the Township would have to do a study.

A resident asked about the property at 2805 Tamarack Drive and it was announced there was a hearing date of May 25, 2023 with Judge Arthur.

Resident, Dan Sump, asked if the Township had any knowledge of what was going on at the garbage dump located on Saranac Drive. The Township has not been notified of anything.

Two representatives representing the Maysville Solar Project were present to say the project is moving forward and would answer any questions the residents may have.

Supervisor William Klumph offered comments regarding the costs involved with maintenance of Township roads and the capability to use our own equipment with the assistance of the City of Hermitage's Road Crew to do the repairs.

Resident Roger Herrmann asked when the Brockway-Sharon Road would be repaired. Supervisor Chalupka replied Youngblood would like to do the work before the weather gets to hot.

Chairman Chalupka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Johnathan Leyshon and unanimously approved.

Keith McKnight  
Secretary