

## SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP CONTINUATION MEETING

The recessed meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was reconvened on November 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Chairperson Rose Lyons, Supervisors Brian Geisel and Laurel Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Presley, and Tax Collector Lea Anne DuMars.

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.

Laurel Alexander wanted to add an agenda item prior to public comment. She added the discussion of the bid for building maintenance, which includes repairing the police entrance door and two closet doors, women's restroom ceiling, hallway paneling, and the water fountain.

Public comment:

Kurt Toth asked what was on the building maintenance bid. He asked why the road department workers did not do the building maintenance. Mr. Toth said he would like to see everything that was discussed and he said he would either do the repairs for free or submit a bid. Mr. Toth then asked if Brian went to see the used dump truck that was discussed at the last meeting and Brian said he had.

Chuck Vranich said he spoke with a supervisor from Cherry Grove Township who said the ten foot plow is too big for the dump truck and the front wheel bearings had to be replaced.

Kurt Toth said we should not make any rash decisions about buying vehicles. He said to check the NADA price and to think about trading in our vehicles. Brian said you can't trade in a vehicle using the Piggy Back Program. Mr. Toth said PennDOT ditched today at Buckeye and Ivanhoe.

Chuck Vranich presented the Board with an estimate for repairing the 2005 Tahoe that he said parallels the Mel Grata estimate. Mr. Vranich said he contacted David Black, a master GM mechanic, who road tested the vehicle and found nothing wrong with the drive train. The estimate was from Husnick Auto Clinic for \$1772.00. Mr. Vranich stated that purchasing a new police vehicle would be an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.

Richard Harris asked Brian if he drove the used truck that is for sale. Brian said he drove it approximately five miles. Mr. Harris talked about fuel injectors and possibly having a diesel mechanic look at the truck.

Michaelene Harris said to follow Mr. Vranich's recommendation and take the vehicle for an estimate.

Guyla Sump agreed that David Black is a good mechanic.

Don Morrow showed the new sign for the municipal building, compliments of the Centennial Committee. Don said he will donate two plastic signs for recycling and the Centennial Committee will purchase the lettering. Mr. Morrow said he spoke with Mercer County Regional Planning Commission about getting the state involved to possibly install a catch basin or length of pipe at Ivanhoe and Buckeye. He also mentioned Saranac at Buckeye.

Lindell Bridges said to talk to the Cherry Grove Township supervisor again about the used truck to confirm the issue with the wheel bearings and to take the Tahoe to Husnick Auto Clinic to be checked out.

Becky Ague said to table the purchase of the two vehicles until more research is done.

Steve O'Brien reminded everyone of the breakfast buffet this Saturday at the fire station. He spoke with the police chief at Sandy Lake who has an Explorer and likes it. Mr. O'Brien is not opposed to a new vehicle for the police but thinks the Explorer is a better deal than the Expedition.

Tom Lyons said the Expedition is a special service vehicle and not rated for high speed pursuits.

Laurel again spoke about ground clearance being the main criteria for the police SUV.

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Rose stated a new supervisor is starting in January and will be part of the new budget. She said the decision for purchasing vehicles can be made in January.

Steve O'Brien said we need a preventive maintenance program.

Laurel said all of our vehicles are old with high mileage and that is not a sign of poor maintenance.

Rose wondered why vehicles weren't replaced, or savings started for them, by previous Boards.

Don Morrow said the supervisors should start a rotational vehicle replacement and maintenance program.

Chuck Vranich said to pick up ground clearance on a vehicle you can use oversize tires.

Brian said the 2008 Charger is back in the shop and the police department is down to one vehicle.

Tom Lyons said to set aside money in the budget for vehicles.

Kurt Toth said when a previous supervisor was on the Board we replaced old vehicles and tractors with new ones. Mr. Toth feels we paid too much for the tractor.

Richard Harris said if the truck has been broken since February, he doesn't understand the push to buy one now.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to hire Greenawalt Excavating to repair Hartford Road. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laurel Alexander and seconded by Brian Geisel to accept the bid from Paul Kendall for repairing the police door, two closet doors, women's restroom ceiling, water fountain, and hallway paneling for a total of \$3,016.94. Motion passed with Rose Lyons voting no.

A motion was made by Laurel Alexander to purchase a vehicle for the police department for five yearly payments of \$8,821.76 with a 3.3% loan from First National Bank. Motion died for lack of a second. Brian wants to research this until December.

Brian will talk to the supervisor from Cherry Grove Township again regarding the used dump truck.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to take the Tahoe to Husnick's Auto for a complete estimate to make it road safe. Motion passed with Laurel Alexander voting no.

Budget preparation continued and certain line items were discussed.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to recess the meeting until Monday, November 23, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 8:15 PM.

Visitors in attendance:

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| Don Morrow      | Chuck Vranich  | Harry Mammarelli  | Barb Vranich      |
| Bill Klumph     | Dennis Sump    | Guyla Sump        | Pat Layman        |
| Bob Layman      | Eleanor O'Hare | Cynthia Alexander | Barb Meyer        |
| Kurt Toth       | Tom Lyons      | Sheila Lyons      | Michaelene Harris |
| Richard Harris  | Gary Hall      | Stephen O'Brien   | Becky Ague        |
| Lindell Bridges | Luanne Salaga  | Mike Kudelko      |                   |

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley  
Secretary/Treasurer