

7:00PM

July 13, 2016

## South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held July 13, 2016 at 7:00PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Rose Lyons, Supervisors Brian Geisel, Michaelene Harris and Solicitor Victor Heutsche in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Michaelene Harris to approve the minutes of the June 08, 2016 Regular meeting and to dispense with the reading of them. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that Executive Sessions were held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel issues.

Chairperson Rose Lyons introduced the newly hired officers Laine Baker and Frank Joseph and thanked the police officers for their service.

### Public Comments:

Ed Wilson thanked the road department for the work they have been doing on the roads, and would like to see the Supervisors talk to Dean Dairy and meet with them to have the heavy trucks detoured off Tamarack. Ed would also like to see recycling done at the curb for residents and would like the Supervisors to get a cost. Michaelene has contacted Dean Dairy to set up a meeting with them.

Carl: Said he is happy with the police department and wants to show his support. He would like to see the police department remain in the township.

Allen Budek: He wanted to second what Carl said about keeping the police department. He feels that Sharpsville doesn't have extra time on their hands to cover calls in our area. He also discussed items that have been stolen in his area.

Laurel Alexander: Laurel is in agreement with other residents that spoke about retaining the police dept. and supports our police department, and would like to see the police department stay. She also expressed that she feels it is wrong that our officers have old used vehicles along with junk vehicles. Laurel would like to see new vehicles purchased for the police. She also questioned why another full-time officer wasn't hired. Chairperson Rose Lyons explained to Laurel that the Board does want new vehicles but the previous Supervisors have not budgeted any funds for new purchases. Also that the budget was under-funded and that the current

Board has started budgeting to replace police units in which \$9,000.00 was put into 2016 budget. Chairperson Rose Lyons also asked Laurel why she didn't address these issues with previous Supervisors.

Martha Stambaugh: addressed Brian Geisel and stated that when Mark Presley left the township was in the black and that there was \$200,000.00 that year. She said the chief bought a new police cruiser. Martha asked if there were any grants available for police vehicles.

Brian Zoccole: Asked if the residents are in jeopardy of losing the police department and suggested the Supervisors make careful decisions and try to resolve the issues with the police department internally. Brian also said to see what we can do differently and it should pertain to all First Responders.

A few residents from Valley View Rd. spoke about the culvert that has washed out one driveway, water flows across the road, backs up in yard and that the culvert is clogged. Chairperson Rose Lyons said Mr. Winslow and Burt were out to look at it and that it is not clogged. Don Morrow suggested maybe the Fire Dept. could flush out the culvert.

Police, Fire Reports were read.

Chairperson Rose Lyons announced that Road Crew will be out cutting back the tall grass and that the State is scheduled to start also.

Chairperson Rose Lyons thanked Don Morrow for donating the new flag for outside.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to approve the bills totaling \$85,441.09 Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Michaelene Harris to extend the Tri-County Industries contract for the two option years of 2017 & 2018 and that all rates will remain current. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Michaelene Harris to hire Frank Joseph as a part-time officer effective June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Michaelene Harris to hire Laine Baker as a part-time police officer effective June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Brian Geisel to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Rose Lyons  
Secretary/Treasurer