

7:00PM

September 13, 2017

## South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held September 13, 2017 at 7:00PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Michaelene Harris, Supervisors Brian Geisel, Rose Lyons and Solicitor Pete Acker in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

### Public Comments:

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to approve the minutes of August 09<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that Tri-County scheduled a bulk pickup the week of 09/11/2017.

It was announced that the Fire Dept. will celebrate Fire Prevention Week on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10: AM -2PM and there will also be a Chinese Auction.

### Public Comment:

Brian Reiter notified the supervisors that he filed a formal complaint against Sgt. Christ off on September 11, 2017 and wanted to know who was investigating it and the status. Harris explained it was a personnel matter and the information was given to our solicitor for review and that it would not be discussed at a public meeting. Harris said the supervisor would discuss it in executive session. He then asked if it would be turned over to the Pennsylvania State Police or the Attorney General office for further investigation. The solicitor asked what crime was committed by anyone. Mr. Reiter asked for an impartial review. The solicitor said the board will do an investigation and advised he will get back with Mr. Reiter upon completion of the investigation. Brian said 7 to 8 yrs. Ago when they had a professional chief around the township said they would save between 30000-50000 a year and wanted to know where that money was distributed to. Reiter said in past years when the township had a professional chief in place a standard operation procedure for all officers was in place he wanted to know the last time it was updated and the status of the current SOP's and if it was viewed by the supervisors, union and our solicitor. He asked how the officers have been trained and disciplined if there are no SOP's in place. He questioned how the sergeant could be involved with writing the formal SOP's without a conflict of interest being the union steward. He asked at what point does he take off his investigator hat and put on his union steward hat. Mr. Reiter asked if the supervisors reviewed the SOP's at their annual meeting. Mr. Acker said he would review the information. Brian also asked if the supervisors have intentions of revisiting a fulltime police chief to put in place.

Don Morrow asked about the employee handbook that was shoved aside and said that would have resolved some of the issues. He said it would answer a lot of questions. Don asked if the supervisors could stay with purchasing the same kinds of vehicles.

Ed Wilson asked about the agreement with COG and thought it was a wise decision. He said he did not see anything in the minutes about being down to one vehicle. Harris said she has some quotes and she will be getting another quote. Harris said she wants this off her shoulders and wants the best price for the community. Ed said 30 days has passed and would like the vehicle to be purchased. He said the township received a basic handbook and gets frustrated because of inaction. He encouraged the board to buck up and make some decisions and said the officials were elected to run the township. Harris said no one gets back to her with the information for the purchase of vehicles.

Kurt Toth said he was grateful the road was fixed. He asked about the ditch that was filled in and if supervisors looked at it. Brian said he thought it looked good. Mr. Toth told Geisel it was 4" higher than the road. He told Brian it doesn't take a laser eye to see it right. He asked that the bill not be paid. Toth asked about the 2014 Charger and Harris said she was upset about Scheidemantle and told them she wanted it repaired. Harris said she is not paying for the repairs and she's been to the shop. The vehicle has been there a week. Lyons asked how they don't know what's wrong with the vehicle after a week. Harris said she would like to have all the information by the end of the week which is around \$28,000 for the vehicle and equipment around \$5000.00. Harris said she is trying to work with people with knowledge and get her pricing. Harris said they need no money down. Toth asked how long the lease was, Harris said 5 years. Toth asked if Buckeye could be cut back and a tree that is hanging needs cut.

Chuck Vranich said he asked last month about what was wrong with the vehicle and Harris relayed that the motor was bad to the public. Harris said the ticking sound didn't mean the motor was going to blow up. She said she did not want to take it to Scheidemantle but felt she had to. Vranich said it's been 4 to 5 weeks ago. Lyons asked if they told Harris if it was the motor, she said they are nursing it along until they can get a new vehicle then we can put it up for sale. Toth asked how much was spent to date and Harris said over \$5000.00. Lyons asked why it wasn't taken to COG and Harris said Mike Nashtock advised her to do. Lyons said it should have been discussed between the 3 supervisors. Vranich said he could get a motor with 28,000 miles for \$2,850.00 and someone to change motor over. Lyons told Vranich not to waste his time. Toth said the repairs will be over \$10,000.00 and Harris said no they aren't changing the motor.

Dennis Sump asked about the repairs on the building and if the supervisors are going to move forward with the repairs to the roof. Lyons said past supervisors said the 35,000 savings from letting the chief go would be used for repairs to the building which never was.

Laurel Alexander said a couple years ago they had people up there and there were too many leaks to fix it. She said one part was fixed and the other part was supposed to be fixed the following year. She said the guy said it would only last 2 years if it wasn't repaired. Lyons said she spoke with contractors and they said it would last longer. Alexander is concerned about the water freezing and an employee getting hurt.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to pay the bills in the amount of \$79,862.76 and payroll in the amount of \$ 40,625.60. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Rose Lyons to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police plan and Non-uniform Pension Plans. Motion passed unanimously.

The motion by Michaelene Harris to enter into the contract between South Pymatuning and COG for police vehicle maintenance repairs died due the Agreement not being completed and lack of a second.

The Agreement between South Pymatuning with Sam and Susan Kudelko was tabled for further discussion.

A motion was made by Brian Geisel and seconded by Michaelene Harris to reject the bid received for the sale of the 2008 Dodge Charger. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Rose Lyons to recess the meeting at 8:05PM until September 27, 2017 at 6:00PM Motion passed unanimously.

Rose Lyons

Secretary