

6:00PM

**South Pymatuning Continuation Meeting** December 21, 2017

The continuation Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held December, 21,2017at 6:00PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Michaelene Harris, Supervisors Brian Geisel, and Rose Lyons in attendance. Pete Acker solicitor was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to adopt the 2018 budget in the amount of \$1,550,148.22 Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Brian Geisel to hire Michael Grandy as a fulltime public works worker effective December 18, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

The supervisors discussed the legal fees incurred from Kurt Toth on September 29, 2017. He requested the fees be paid by the township. Lyons believes the township is not responsible to pay the legal fees and said she worked hard to get the deductible down from the \$25000.00 to \$2500.00 and now this is happening again and puts the township right back where it was. Lyons asked what example this sets for future claims. The supervisors were all in agreement that the legal fees incurred by Mr. Toth should not be their responsibility and did not want to pay them. Harris asked Toth if he would be satisfied with half the legal fees and that the supervisors did nothing wrong. Toth said No he wanted paid in full for his time and embarrassment from being in the paper. The solicitor explained to the supervisors that with the history and insurance deductible it would be best to pay the fees from a Risk Management point of view. Lyons said with the solicitor's opinion and from a Risk Management point of view she said pay it and be done with it so we can move forward. Harris and Geisel agreed. Lyons expressed to Toth that she is not happy with this at all.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Rose Lyons to pay Kurt Toths legal fees incurred on September 29, 2017 from Joanow Legal Group in the amount of \$2500.00 to resolve the disputed claim for Risk Management purposes as recommended by the solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michaelene Harris and seconded by Rose Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 6:17PM Motion passed unanimously.

Rose Lyons  
Secretary