

6:30PM

February 15, 2018

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held February 15th, 2018 at 6:30PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Bill Klumph, Supervisors Michaelene Harris, and Rose Lyons in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to approve the minutes of January 2 Reorganization and Regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Sump commended Rose Lyons for the way the Reorganization minutes were printed up. He said they were very straight and neat.

Don Morrow said he would be putting together packets for residents to pick up next week that will inform residents how to dispose of items such as tires, paint and other items.

Erica Green asked for direction to get answers about property they are interested in buying. She said each party had attorneys and no agreement was made. She also said they have contacted the courthouse, solicitor Acker and Supervisor Lyons. Green said they cannot get title insurance due to the encroachment of a shed on the property. Klumph said the Board will contact their solicitor to see if he can give any direction. Deb Hazi said Pete originally drew the documents up and she owed the land and also spoke with Lisa Holmes from Mercer County Regional Planning and she advised when the property was divided up it was sub divided up and she owned it so they would have access to the property. There was discussion about land locking property. Erica Green asked if they have been paying taxes on the property who they contact for that.

Laurel Alexander asked if the Board was going to disband the police dept. in 2019 and said the board is seeking proposals. Klumph said the board does not want to lose our police dept. but the department takes up about 40% of the budget. Laurel said the board should see where other money goes and public safety and roads are the number one concern. She asked if the Board disbands if we would have the same coverage and that she is opposed. Alexander said she is not opposed to extending water but urged the supervisors to go over the maps and to see why they wanted to expand in that area. Klumph said the area had reports of methane gas and Alexander said there is no documentation of that and homeowners can vent their wells.

Mary Ellen Stambaugh said when they paved Valley View they put gravel down and it is too high and the bottom of her car is hitting the pavement. Klumph will inspect the area. She asked why the fire dept. funds wasn't cut back and why are we putting all this money into the dept. Lyons said the dept. getting \$30,000.00 is a drop in the bucket and are not required to answer medical calls. Stambaugh said any problem she's ever had Clarke has responded. Lyons said they are not paid a dime and that she doesn't see anyone banging on their door saying I want to volunteer. She said lets recruit volunteers to the dept. Stambaugh said if there is a fire and there is no response the township can be sued. Morrow said they are a volunteer and the support they are given by the township is for equipment and training. He asked if she knew what a new truck cost.

Chuck Vranich spoke about the article in the paper about state police coverage. He said 2/3 rely on state police protection and said a county with 41,000 people rely on state police. Morrow said

the state police want to charge \$25.00 a person and it is covered under dept. of transportation. Morrow said we have bridges that need work one which will cost approx \$100,000.00 plus and he doesn't know where we will get the money from. He said he is all for charging the \$25.00 if the township can't afford the police dept. Vranich said Hempfield in Westmoreland County is financially solvent and can afford police coverage but choose not to. He said 2/3 of municipalities rely on state police. Alexander said she checked with the police when she was a supervisor for a short time and it could be up to an hour for response. She said she would rather pay more money and have the police come out in within 10-15minutes rather than wait. Lyons said the agenda didn't reflect anything about state police coverage she said it says for adjoining municipalities. She said this board has no interest in state police coverage and are well aware of the 25.00 fee for coverage. Lyons said she doesn't know where this is coming from about state police. Lyons said the motion says the Board wants to see what the cost is and that rumors should not get started that we are doing away with our police dept. and has nothing to do with state police coverage. Klumph said several communities have done this and it is an attempt to find a way to keep our operating cost down so the township can take care of roads or any other maintenance. Klumph said the board is trying to be fiscally responsible and that we don't have a huge budget.

Police and Fire Reports were read.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to the pay the bills in the amount of \$76,590.55 and payroll total in the amount of \$29,675.34. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to enter a Guiderail Agreement between South Pymatuning and City of Hermitage replacing 837.5ft of guiderail on Downing Lane in which South Pymatuning will pay half of the project cost to the City of Hermitage. The project total cost is \$ 9369.38. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris adopt the Mercer County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to authorize advertising for proposals to provide police services for a minimum of 3 years commencing Jan 1st, 2019. And that letters be sent to adjoining municipalities Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to accept Thomas Burke's resignation effective February 17, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to accept Gary Greene's resignation effective February 1, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to promote Officer Michael Federowicz to fulltime effective February 18, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to apply for the PA Water Grant not to exceed 50,000.00. Motion passed with Rose Lyons abstaining from the vote due to the grant directly affecting her area.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to pass Resolution acknowledging the requirements to participate in the 2018 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat. Bill Klumph voted Delegate and Michaelene Harris as Alternate Delegate. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:07PM

Rose Lyons
Secretary