

6:30PM

March 14, 2018

South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held March 14, 2018 at 6:30PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Bill Klumph, Supervisors Michaelene Harris, Rose Lyons and solicitor Pete Acker 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 the February 15, 2018 regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Acker asked the public to limit comments to 3 minutes, not to be repetitive, state their name and address, and speak so everyone may hear them.

Brian Reiter said he spent the last 8 or 9 years in the township and said he had the privilege to work for the police dept. He commended the Board for working together to entertain the fact of contracting out for police services. He believes with the financial roam of the township it is the best course of action. He said we do not have a chief, and that we need a fulltime chief to run, be accountable, manage and control a budget. Reiter said he worked for both Sharpsville and our department. Brian said whether a winning bid comes from Sharpsville, Hermitage or Pymatuning he believes it is the best decision that the board can make not only financially but to look at the employees who have come and gone and what it has cost the township every year. Reiter said if the township sticks with a fulltime chief one who encourages, disciplines and monitors his guys he believes we will see a benefit in all.

Pete Acker said the decision a month ago was merely to solicit proposals not a decision that the Board was going to go one way or another. He said there are a number of alternatives one being a Collective Bargaining unit agreement to extend, not have a police protection, or contract services out to an adjoining municipality. Acker said no decision has been made it is simply gathering information, and premature to assume which will happen. He said AFSCME and the Board will meet. Pete said when we get down the road and the alternatives are different that the Board will hold a Special Public Meeting to hear from residents before a decision is made.

LuAnne Salaga presented the possibility to come on board for Fair District PA for Woman of Legal Voters. She presented the supervisors with a Resolution and asked them to consider it.

Martha Stambaugh asked if the supervisors received her letter in the mail. She said we are seeking reimbursement for the legal bills since the township paid Kurt Toth's bill for legal fees. Stambaugh asked when can she expect payment and if we decide not to pay her she will put us on notice to our insurance company that she is ready to take us to court. Acker said he doesn't have a bill and responded to Attorney McConnell. Acker said he put Attorney McConnell and Stambaugh through him that if they file a frivolous lawsuit against the township they the township will take action the Stambaugh's and her attorney. Acker said if she wants the board to consider the bill to present the bill.

Laurel Alexander said the township did submit an ad for police services and did it without even notifying the police dept. Alexander said she does not want state police and thinks our dept. is good. She said they come for medical calls and that the Fire Dept. does not come for those. She hopes the Board will consider that and she is not sure what the Boards thought is right now because when you solicit offers they have to spend a lot of time and effort to put bids together, and to make them do it if we aren't serious she feels it isn't right. She said to use it as a bargaining chip. She said its funny it's happening now and wants to keep the current police dept. Laurel said she wants to hear from the supervisors not the solicitor. Acker said the purpose is comment period and how and when the supervisors want to address it is their call.

Frank Vandersel said the officers respond quickly, he said Officer Bruno responded in 3 minutes.

Klumph said no one has said we are getting rid of the police dept. and to wait until we have more information.

Don Morrow said previously the police came out to watch speeders on Buckeye Dr. and that it has stopped. He would like to see them patrol again.

Police & Fire reports were read.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to the bills in the amount of \$ 60,713.20 and payroll in the amount of \$26,732.81. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that Tri-County will have a bilk pickup the week of April 8th and a leaf pick up the week of April 22, 2018 on normal collection days.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:53PM

Rose Lyons

Secretary