

6:30PM

June 13, 2018

South Pymatuning Township Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was held June 13, 2018 at 6:30PM in the municipal building with Chairperson Bill Klumph, and Supervisor's Rose Lyons and Michaelene Harris. Solicitor Charlie Steele was present.

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 May 09, 2018 regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Colleen DeJulia discussed the water issues at her home on Birch St. She said the way the water has been directed from Shadow is ruining everything and several properties. She said they installed back flow preventors, dug trenches that were recommended by the township at least 14yrs. ago. She asked the supervisors to do something to correct the problem.

Dean Canter from 2866 Tamarack said the back of his yard has water issues. He said Nashock said he replaced the pipe with a smaller pipe. He said it used to flood once every 2 years prior to the pipe replacement now it floods often. He said it's destroying his garden and he just built 12" deep raised beds and the water was over it. His \$1200.00 fence is falling down. Klumph asked if he got his message about putting rip rap in. Mr. Canter said he doesn't understand how that is going to work when the issue is with the smaller pipe. Klumph said he wanted to try the rip/rap first. Lyons asked the supervisors for a short executive session to discuss this. The supervisors returned and advised Mr. Canter that the township will replace the pipe with a larger one. Mr. Canter said thank you and said it should eliminate some of the water.

Laurel Alexander said she saw on the agenda that the township was going to hire Charlie Steele as our new solicitor. She asked if the board was aware that Steele was disbarred from the Supreme Court and served prison time due to over-billing schools. She said he is also the attorney that sued the township 3 times. Toth said no he was his attorney. The supervisors said they are well aware of it and have discussed it with the solicitor. The board is confident in Mr. Steele representing the township. Alexander asked what we are paying the solicitor. Lyons said all the fees will remain the same as the prior solicitor which is \$120.00hr. And no charge for travel time or printing of documents. At this point Mr. Steele asked to speak. Steele said it was 10,000.00 a generation

ago. He said he was supported by his law school and represents Reynolds School district. He said he has never had a complaint. He told Alexander if she would have really dug into the disciplinary records he was charged with 7 counts of wrong doing and beat every charge. He said he spent 50,000 against false charges. The one year suspension was because he was admitted back into federal court and filed 40 cases and was suspended for not applying to federal court again. Steele said he had to meet a higher moral standard and Alexander has to be out of her mind if she thinks he would ever over bill a client. Mr. Canter said he went to prison when he was 21yrs old and did his time and has a completely clean record since and asked Alexander if he ran for supervisor if she would be doing this to him. Alexander continued to go on and Chairperson Bill Klumph hit the gavel and said we are moving on. Lyons said the board has the decision to hire the solicitor they want. She said when the motion comes the board will vote on it.

Kurt Toth said he was grateful with Burt DeVries leaving and asked who will be in charge. Klumph said Mike Grandy is in charge and we have 2 summer helpers. He asked about the things that weren't done when Burt was here. Lyons said Mike has 4 pages of things to do and will work on those. He spoke of Orangeville Rd. And suggested that the berms be cut back. He also discussed Buckeye Dr. Water issues.

Don Morrow discussed working off tax credits. He announced classes that are available.

Dennis Sump asked what kind of truck the township was purchasing for the road crew. Klumph said it was an F-550 diesel. Sump said that is a nice truck.

Police & Fire reports were read.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to approve the bills in the amount of \$67,186.61 and payroll in the amount of \$31,541.51. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to approve the subdivision for Celeste and Erran Muenz. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to accept Pete Ackers resignation effective May 10, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to hire Charlie Steele as solicitor effective May 11, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to extend the Tri-County contract until December 2019 with all terms and conditions remaining the same. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to accept Burt DeVries resignation effective June 18, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to advertise for a public works employee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to advertise for bids for a new roof on the township building. Motion passed unanimously,

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to authorize Rose Lyons to engage a certified water operator subject to supervisor ratification at the next township meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to enter a professional service agreement with Advancement Resources and apply for the ARLE grant. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Rose Lyons to enter an agreement subject to the city of Hermitage's approval on performing scratch a paving job in the township. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris authorizing Rose Lyons to contact the selected bidders to place an order for a new dump truck being purchased by the township subject to ratification at the next township meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Klumph and seconded by Michaelene Harris to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:01PM.

Rose Lyons

Secretary