

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Attendants:

Commissioner Policaro

Commissioner Hoover

Commissioner Mahosky

Township Secretary Wagoner

Solicitor Fawcett (entered late)

Commissioner Bradow

Commissioner Inman

Fire Chief Graeser

Police Chief Cindrich

Items discussed:

- Mr. Policaro advised the Board that the Police Department received the Tasers and all officers have been trained. A Taser Policy is being reviewed by the Solicitor and will be presented for the Board's approval to include in the Police Rules and Regulations.
- Mr. Policaro advised the Board of receipt of a letter from Chief Cindrich announcing his retirement effective June 15, 2016. Chief Cindrich was in attendance and noted his last day would be May 23, 2016 (vacation / personal days left).
- A discussion was held on the need for the Civil Service Commission to create an eligibility list for patrolmen. There is presently no list to hire from. Additionally, questions were raised on the Chief and Assistant Chief position regarding the Civil Service rules for replacement with the announcement of Chief Cindrich's retirement. Additional information is needed. This will be referred to the CSC.
- Mr. Policaro reported the receipt of a letter from the Police Collective Bargaining Unit advising of the last year of the contract (2016) and the desire to begin negotiations. Mr. Policaro noted that the Board would need to pick someone to represent them or meet with the Police and negotiate themselves.
- Mr. Bradow provided proposals for replacement of the roof at the Public Works Maintenance building and also the Fire Department. The three (3) proposals submitted for the maintenance garage are as follows: Don Spearing - \$5,000.00 for shingles; Tate and Sons Contracting - \$4,800.00 for a metal roof; and Ward Construction - \$3,900.00 for shingles and \$3,500.00 for metal. Discussion was held on the scope of work (i.e. materials, installation, etc.) noting all 3 contractors did not bid the same exact items. Two bid on metal roofs and two on shingles. Mr. Bradow advised that he would go back to two of the contractors and request a bid modeling Ward Construction's metal roof bid. Ward replaced the roof on the vehicle/equipment garage a few years ago. Mr. Bradow provided a verbal bid on the Fire Department of \$35,000.00 on the section of the roof that holds the air conditioning unit(s). The units would have to be lifted off and

roof replaced. Then reinstalled. Mr. Hoover advised of inspecting the firehall roof and noted no leaks at this time. He recommended putting the replacement on hold and also expressed that the Board needs to be specific on what is to be done in future endeavors to avoid rebidding of such items when they don't all provide the same information. This will be brought up in regular session.

- Mr. Bradow advised that he was proposing a change to the Personnel Policy regarding the employee back-to-work section (Article IX-page 11), Item #2 Employee shall be examined by the "Township doctor/physician". The change would be to replace Township "doctor" with "attending" physician. An explanation was given, noting that Dr. Nadiga (Township doctor) is not practicing in New Brighton anymore and the Township medical needs (pre-employment/back to work exams, etc.) are being provided by MedExpress in Chippewa Township. MedExpress would not do a return to work physical on Chief Cindrich, who had been out for shoulder surgery and released by his surgeon to return to work. Mr. Hoover expressed that the Board needs to decide whether they still want control over an employee returning to work and whether to be examined by a physician of the Township's choice. He explained that whatever the medical condition is, an appropriate doctor picked by the Township can do the re-examine. Mr. Inman agreed that there is a doctor out there that could provide this service. Chief Cindrich, along with the Township Secretary, expressed the additional cost for specialists, as well as getting examined in a timely fashion is a problem. Assuming the liability is also a consideration. Past experience has been that the Township doctor read the release and signs off on it. No examination done. Mr. Bradow expressed that he felt the "attending" physician takes on the responsibility of releasing the employee and that a back-to-work physical is not needed.
- Mr. Fawcett was in attendance and distributed a notice regarding model aircraft and drone operators that could be provided to our residents now since the Township is within 5 miles of the Beaver County Airport. The notice advises of the requirement to notify the airport and air traffic control tower in advance of operating their aircraft. This would provide regulations until the Ordinance can be adopted, which was delayed until the FAA finalizes the rules scheduled by July.
- Mr. Fawcett provided background on a property tax appeal filed by Shannon Steele/Paul Clark, 51 St. Andrews Drive. The appeal was won by Ms. Steele and Mr. Clark that would reduce their Township real estate tax by \$135.00. The School District has already signed off on. Additional information will be provided during regular session.
- Mr. Fawcett advised that he is working on the amendment to the Electronic Immobilization Devices in the Police Rules and Regulations for the recently purchased Tasers. Any wording referencing stingers and band-its will be replaced with tasers.
- Mr. Inman had no Agenda report. Mr. Policaro questioned whether the Township streets were going to be swept this Spring. Mr. Inman advised that the skid steer will be used to clean up the streets that need swept.
- Mr. Mahosky had no Agenda report. He did; however, clarify what needs to be done with Civil Service as he serves as an Alternate on this Commission.

- Chief Graeser questioned notification to the residents regarding the change of the Ordinance to eliminate the burning of papers, twigs, limbs, etc. He has noticed various piles of brush/tree limbs throughout the Township. The Township Secretary advised that the Board instructed her to put a notice in the sewer bills. The delay is due to waiting on the notification of the grant award. The reason for the ban on burning came about as a result of applying for a \$54,000.00 grant. The Secretary was advised that the Township is getting the grant; however, DEP has not formally announced yet. Intentions are to include in the sewer bills, giving the reason for the amendment to the Burning Ordinance including being the recipient of this grant and the amount. Mrs. Wagoner noted that she will put a notice in the Beaver County Time and the Township web-site.

End of Meeting