

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

July 14, 2016

Attendants:

Commissioner Policaro

Commissioner Inman

Absent: Commissioner Hoover

Solicitor Ken Fawcett

Commissioner Bradow

Commissioner Mahosky

Township Secretary Wagoner

Police Chief Stanislawski

Fire Chief Graeser

Items discussed:

- Mr. Policaro opened the meeting with concerns for Police Officers in the nation in regards to the recent Dallas shootings and recommended the purchase of body cameras or in-the-car cameras for the protection of our own Township Police Officers. He noted that Chief Stanislawski is looking into both and will bring back information to the Board once known.
- Chief Stanislawski had recommended to Mr. Policaro, moving forward for new hires to purchase their own bullet proof vests initially through payroll deduction. Amount will be determined and paid on a monthly basis. If still employed as a police officer with the Township after 3 years, the money (approximately \$800.00) will be returned to them.
- Chief Stanislawski gave a report of recent thefts from vehicles and gave an example of an arrest made and the networking that occurred with other County Police Departments. As a result of this arrest, the subject was also found to have in his possession stolen items from thefts in another municipality. Chief Stanislawski advised that all officers qualified in firearms training in South Beaver on June 10, 2016 and he sent Officer Girting to a County intelligence meeting on June 30, 2016. He noted shopping for 1,000 rounds of ammunition from various sources to get the best price.
- Chief Stanislawski reported the Police Department will be receiving \$11,000.00 from a drug arrest that will be deposited into the Department's Drug Fund. He noted the present bullet proof vests are not capable of stopping certain ammunition and desires to purchase additional body armour (501) that will protect the officers from this type of ammunition. The purchase of one (1) from the Active Shooter Account is planned to see what it is like prior to purchasing a second (or additional) one.

- Chief Stanislawski provided the status of the police appearance standards policy that was given to Mr. Fawcett to review. Revisions have been made and it is ready for adoption at tonight's meeting.
- Chief Stanislawski advised of a new program that he wants to implement once school is back in session. It is a School Buddy Program, whereby one of our police officers has lunch with the children once a week.
- Mr. Policaro thanked the Board and attendees for the flowers sent upon the death of his brother Anthony.
- Mr. Inman advised that the check valves were replaced at the South Lift Station, which provided a noticeable difference in the electric use. He noted the need to replace the other two check valves at an approximate cost of \$2,500.00. This item is on the agenda for the regular meeting.
- Mr. Inman made reference to a letter from the Auditor General, Eugene DePasquale regarding the underfunded pension liability facing the state and municipalities. In reference to that, Mr. Inman distributed a spread sheet indicating the status of the Police and Non-Uniform Pensions in regards to the employees in the plans. He noted the distribution of the 2015 Audit and its contents regarding the pensions. The Actuary has been using 7.5% growth, when in fact the plans have experienced .99% growth. The Non-Uniform Plan does have 2 retired employees drawing from the Huntington Account. Mr. Policaro recommended a pension meeting with the professionals overseeing the plans prior to budget preparation for 2017.
- Mr. Inman brought about a discussion regarding the disposal of tree limbs, branches, etc. that are no longer allowed to be burned. The Board had previously discussed a method of removal; however, nothing was decided. He recommended doing a curb-side pick-up twice a month from May through August on Wednesdays following recycling day. Mr. Bradow recommended offering this pick-up the same day as recycling. Mr. Inman noted that it would cause confusion if too many items are at curb-side on the same day, noting that garbage and recycling are already curb-side. After some additional discussion, Mr. Inman will handle, since it is a Road Department issue.
- Mr. Mahosky advised that "Movie Night" has been set for Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Fire Department parking lot. A Blue Grass Band will precede the movie (TBD) at 7:00 p.m. and the fireman will sell beverages and take care of popcorn. It was recommended to contact the ice cream vendor for additional snacks.

- Mr. Mahosky advised that attempts were made to contact the family of Chauncey Parsons, with no response, so it was decided appropriately to install the bench behind the Patterson School somewhere in the field. Mrs. Wagoner advised that Mr. Parsons was instrumental in developing the additional recreational activities (basketball – tennis courts), and suggested an area by the basketball courts. The School District would need to be consulted, since it is their property.
- Mr. Bradow reported the need to bring back the discussion on the section of the Personnel Policy dealing with employee return-to-work requirement, since no Township doctor has been pursued by the Board. He reiterated his recommendation to remove the word “Township doctor” and insert “attending physician”. Mr. Inman expressed that he is against attending physician and noted that there is a doctor’s office out there who would serve as a Township physician. Upon being asked, Mr. Fawcett advised that it would be appropriate to do either method. Mr. Policaro recommended Mr. Bradow bring it up for a vote at the meeting following.
- Prior to ending the meeting, Mr. Fawcett advised of being contacted by a company who prepares PRD’s (planned residential developments), raising questions on 50 acres that exist in the Township in an R-1 Zoning District. The Township’s Zoning Ordinance defines PRD’s, but there are no guidelines listed in any of the zoning districts; therefore, not a permitted use. Mr. Fawcett advised that the PRD being proposed includes duplexes and condominiums which is prohibited in R-1. The Board of Commissioners would need to rezone to accommodate. The general consensus of the Board requested additional information (location, proposed plans, drawings, etc.) before any decision would be made. Mr. Fawcett will take care of communication.

End of Meeting