

## Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

### Agenda (Pre) Meeting

June 9, 2016

#### Attendants:

Commissioner Policaro

Commissioner Hoover

Absent: Commissioner Inman

Commissioner Bradow

Commissioner Mahosky

Township Secretary Wagoner

Fire Chief Graeser

Assistant Chief Stanislawski

#### Items discussed:

- Mr. Policaro started the meeting with an update on the Civil Service Commission's testing to create an eligibility list for the hiring of police officers. The agility test has been scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2016 at Blackhawk High School. The written exam will follow on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 here at the Township office.
- Assistant Chief Stanislawski distributed a sample dress code that he would like the Board to adopt and implement for the officers to follow. Presently there are no such regulations. Items included in the policy deal with piercings, tattoos, hair, etc. along with the proper dress code for attending hearings. AC Stanislawski expressed that the Township needs to have guidelines. Mr. Hoover expressed concern for discrimination. AC Stanislawski noted that the reason for this is to not only be professional but look professional. A copy will be distributed to the Board, along with the Solicitor for his review prior to adopting.
- Assistant Chief Stanislawski was commended for his contribution to the written Civil Service test. It is all Police related material and covers grammar, reading, math skills. It was designed by Police Officers.
- Mr. Policaro called on Mr. Bradow who had nothing to report.
- Mr. Mahosky advised that the bench in memory of Chauncey Parsons has been delivered and is out in the meeting room. Discussions on where to

install was held and the suggestion was made to contact the family for their opinion. The three (3) choices are: the Honor Roll, the Township Park, and the ballfield behind Patterson school.

- Mr. Mahosky advised that a backyard theater system has been purchased through his recreation budget and a “movie night” is being planned in conjunction with the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In addition to movie night, 12 banners are being looked into for placement along Darlington Road recognizing the anniversary. Permission from Duquesne Light is being sought first. Mr. Policaro questioned where the movie night will be held. Mr. Mahosky noted it will be held at the Fire Department lot.
- Mr. Policaro questioned the status of the Emergency Management Coordinator position. The Board had appointed Dillon Utnehmer to replace Bill Livingston. The Secretary advised that Dillon needs to complete the paperwork that was provided, which includes a background check through the State Police and a Governor Appointment.
- Mr. Hoover advised that he has three (3) invoices to submit on behalf of the Fire Department. The first one is a shared expense for phosphorous free soap to wash the fire trucks, as well as the Public Works trucks. One-half of the invoice is to be taken from the Fire budget and the other half the Public Works budget.
- The second invoice is from Horn’s for the replacement of the rear brakes on a fire vehicle in the amount of \$345.00. The third invoice was for fuel for the newly bought fan.
- Mr. Hoover advised that the ladder truck was sold and needs to be removed from the Township insurance. Mrs. Wagoner advised that this has already been done.
- Mr. Hoover gave a lengthy report on the merger talks between Patterson Heights Fire Department and Patterson Township Fire Department. Chief Graeser was also in attendance. A presentation is being worked on as a

prelude to calling a meeting between the elected officials of both municipalities. Mr. Hoover advised of a meeting next Tuesday with a representative of Patterson Heights Council to discuss further. It was noted that both Fire Chiefs believe it can be done without the assistance from the state. They were advised that this is the recommendation of Harmony-Zelienople Fire Departments who just went through a merger with state assistance. It is not decided at this time which equipment to keep and whether it will be necessary to maintain both fire houses. Mr. Hoover will keep the Board abreast of upcoming meetings.

- Mr. Hoover advised of the need to repair or replace the air conditioning unit on the “old” side of the fire building on the second floor. He noted that the unit may be chargeable; however, in the event a new one is needed he expects the cost to be between \$4,500-\$6,700. He is in the process of obtaining additional proposals. He has already received one from Johnson Heating/Cooling on Route 51 in the Township. The rooms on the second floor affected is the newly created Fire Chief’s office, the meeting / board room and the Fire Commissioner’s office. Upon being questioned on the Township providing air on the second floor, Mr. Hoover advised there is a table recently donated for meetings/training to be held on the second floor. The funds for this project would be taken from the Capital Fund. Mr. Mahosky questioned whether a ductless cooling/heating system would be more practical to install. Mr. Hoover will look into this type of system.
- Prior to ending the meeting, the Secretary Mrs. Wagoner reminded the Board that they authorized our Insurance Agent, Ed Goth (C.W. Leach Agency) to seek proposals to change our insurance coverage effective July 1, 2016. This is as a result of Traveler’s handling of the recent claim for water damage to the Fire Department. The proposal has been received and there is a cost savings to changeover to Glatfelter Public Practice. It is on the agenda for action to be taken at the regular meeting.

**End of Meeting**