

# **Patterson Township Board of Commissioners**

## **Agenda (Pre) Meeting**

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

### **Attendants:**

Commissioner Policaro  
Commissioner Hoover  
Commissioner Mahosky  
Assistant Chief Stanislawski

Commissioner Bradow  
Commissioner Inman  
Secretary Wagoner  
Fire Chief Graeser

### Items discussed:

- Mr. Policaro called on Assistant Chief David Stanislawski to provide the highlights of a recent drug bust in the Township. As the call initially started as a home invasion, probable cause indicated the need for a search warrant. The search revealed drug paraphernalia along with \$22,000 cash. An additional discovery was the manufacturing and selling “wax” on-line. The arrest will proceed through the court. A question was raised on the three (3) strike rule for eviction and the need for a legal opinion. It was suggested that in the future to evict after one strike when convicted of manufacturing and selling of drugs is going on in the Township. Currently, the landlord has not been notified since the subject has not been convicted of a crime yet. Innocent until proven guilty. Consideration for an Ordinance change in the future was discussed.
- Assistant Chief Stanislawski reported participation in the Officer Phil program at the Patterson Primary School by Officer Bathgate and himself. He noted that he wants the present relationship to continue with the school with such programs.
- A.C. Stanislawski also advised the Board of recent repairs that were needed on the 2008 Dodge Charger. The car was sent to Kadilak’s in Industry, who instead of providing an estimate, proceeded with the repairs. He apologized for the mix-up noting the car being fixed at a cost of \$564.43. In order for the car to be inspected, the brakes and rotors needed to be replaced.
- Mr. Hoover provided an update on the restoration of the second floor at the fire hall. The bathroom is complete along with the former kitchen, which is now transformed into an office. The former Commissioners room is 95% complete. He noted the Fire Department spent \$700.00 on the building by replacing additional light fixtures.
- Mr. Hoover spent an evening with Fire Chief Graeser to review the receipt of the State Fire Grant. By removing 5” hose and gas fan listed on the grant application

the amount was reduced by \$1,500.00. Fire Chief Graeser shopped for the best prices available for the priority items listed on the grant and reduced the amount needed. He is now able to purchase what was really needed.

- A status report was given on the proposed merger between Patterson Township and Patterson Heights Fire Departments. Talks are continuing and due to the State budget not being passed at this point, assistance on the State level is on hold (feasibility study/Fire Commissioner's report giving the pros and cons).
- Mr. Hoover noted receiving a copy of the rules/regulations for Fire Relief Funds. Last month he questioned the method of disposal of old equipment (re: wooden ladders in the basement of fire hall) that was purchased under Fire Relief funds. He will proceed under these rules/regulations.
- Mr. Mahosky attended the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments and provided a report on the items discussed: 2016 dues notices – Patterson Township's is \$596.88 (on tonight's agenda for payment); Stump grinder – for shared municipal use; New Brighton has a crack sealer – found out it is a 4 person operation. Manpower is the issue. Mr. Mahosky posed using it for the Township when the summer employees are working. Need to find out what kind they have (propane?) prior to consideration of using it; Reassessment Issue – last one done in 1988. Washington County is presently doing which is very costly. Mr. Mahosky advised that the Board of Commissioners may have to decide whether to support or oppose for Beaver County.
- Discussion was held on the recent change to the Burning Ordinance, whereby the burning of paper, paper products, limbs, twigs and branches are now prohibited. The only burning allowed in Patterson Township is recreational burning. A discussion was held on offering the residents an alternative to get rid of the tree limbs, etc. Examples were provided on neighboring municipalities and the suggestion was made to provide a dumpster for the disposal of tree limbs, twigs, etc. Additional options included the residents contacting the Township for assistance when the need arises or a curbside collection twice a month (to be picked up by our Public Works employees).
- Mr. Bradow advised the Board that he will be inspecting the Police office/ Public Works buildings / Quarry for any issues that need repairs under Buildings and Grounds. He also recommended an insert in the sewer bills to advise the residents of the amendment recently enacted for the Burning Ordinance.
- Mr. Bradow reported as Policies/Ordinance Commissioner, he will be bringing the recommendation of adopting Roberts Rules of Order to the regular meeting

to follow. He also expressed that the proposed Drone Ordinance is still pending and action needs to be taken to be pro-active in putting regulations in place.

- Prior to ending the meeting, Fire Chief Philip Graeser questioned the content of the new Burning Ordinance in regards to the Fire Department continuing to do controlled burning, if requested by a resident to do so. He explained that it is usually a large brush pile. Mr. Fawcett had entered the meeting and advised that the new Ordinance does not allow for this. The Board advised that this should be discontinued. Alternatives are being looked at to dispose of brush.

**End of Meeting**