

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2015

**Attendants: Commissioner Policaro
Commissioner Inman
Commissioner Mahosky**

**Commissioner Bradow
Commissioner Hoover
Secretary Wagoner
Asst Chief Stanislowski
Officer Girting**

Items discussed:

- Mr. Policaro called on Mr. Mahosky, Finance Commissioner to review the proposed 2016 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget(s).

Account line items discussed were:

406.160 – Pension The reduction in the amount was noted. The Secretary advised the amount budgeted is the 2016 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation). Any amount over and beyond that would be up to the Board to increase.

410.242 – Guns/Ammunition It was noted that there have been 3 AR-15 guns purchased through the Police donation account.

410.352 – Police Professional Liability A reduction in the premium was noted.

415.200 - Emergency Management A reduction in the amount budgeted is due to the Emergency Generator project being completed.

430.700 – Storm sewer/MS4 An increase in the amount to accommodate the new MS4 regulations. Mr. Inman noted that the Township Engineer will provide further information at the meeting following.

410.740 – Police Car Assistant Chief Stanislawski was in attendance and presented information regarding the purchase of a new police car. Comparisons were made on car versus SUV and it was noted that the SUV has a higher trade-in or sell value when it is time to replace. The costs of SUV's are very reasonable in comparison to a car currently. AC Stanislawski advised by replacing now, the Township would not need to purchase another for the next 3-4 years. Mr. Hoover expressed his concern for having 4 police vehicles. Upon acquiring White Township for patrol, 2 cars were purchased from them. The idea at that time was not to replace, but take out of service, when they deteriorated. Prices and additional presentation continued in the meeting following.

- Discussion was held on raising the sewer rates in 2016. The last increase was in 2013. The suggestion was made to implement a one tier system; instead of the present two tiers. The second tier was adopted in 1992 when the sewer system was expanded to include areas of the southend of the Township along with a small area in the northend. It was noted that the bond issue was paid off and the repairs are now focusing on the “old” system. It would be appropriate to adopt a one tier rate for all customers.
- Mr. Inman brought about discussion regarding Blackhawk School District's recent comments to close Northwestern and Patterson Primary in the future. The Superintendent is requesting public input for a meeting to be held Thursday, November 13, 2015. Mr. Inman requested the Board's support for adopting a resolution to express the Township's desire to keep Patterson Primary open. He distributed a sample resolution that he wrote for consideration. Discussion was held on whether to include any thoughts on the closing of Northwestern since it is not in our municipality. The Board was; however, in agreement to express the need to keep Patterson open. As it was nearing the time for the regular meeting, additional discussion will resume at the end of the next meeting.

END OF MEETING

