

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
1600 19th Avenue Beaver Falls PA 15010

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2014

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed all Commissioners present (Policaro, Bradow, Hoover, Inman and Mahosky).

A moment of silence was held to honor the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 14, 2014 (Pre) Agenda Meeting and the Regular Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment: Shawn Galbreath, 419 7th Street, Patterson Heights, gave his Eagle Scout power point presentation showing the renovations made to the Township Park recently. At the end of the presentation, he noted \$281.62 in expenses not covered by donations, for materials needed. Mr. Hoover thank Shawn and his father for the work done and recommended reimbursement for the monies spent. Motion to approve payment of \$281.62 was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded Mr. Mahosky. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Hoover advised the Galbreath's of the recent approval by the Board to allow camping / campfires in the Township Park. He also advised that he was planning on attending Scout meetings to advise of this and thank the scouts for their support on maintaining the Township Park.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the month of August was presented for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT Accounts. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Treasurer's Report(s) as presented. Passed unanimous.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for August / September were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Inman approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr., LSSE distributed the monthly report and provided the following information: Darlington Court – No change since last month. Punchlist items still pending. Generator Project – Bid opening is scheduled for October 2, 2014 at 11:00

a.m. MS4 Program – Ordinances will need to be adopted prior to April, 2015. LSSE to schedule training with the Township Public Works Employees. Flood Plain Regulatory Update – FEMA website updated deadline of Flood Insurance Rate Map to December 16, 2015. Darlington Road Sidewalk – No change since last month. Greenways, Trails, Recreation Grant Program – N change since last month. Front Street Guiderail – Proposals are being sought to submit to the Township Municipal Authority for the installation of 400+ feet of guiderail (Municipal Authority project).

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Ken Fawcett advised of a letter/documentation that was sent, as per the last meeting, to the City of Beaver Falls regarding the Joint Sewer Users Agreement. There has been no word back from Beaver Falls; however, he noted hearing from Patterson Heights Solicitor, who plans to send a similar letter. Mr. Policaro advised that he attended the White Township Supervisors meeting and they are also on board with what is being done regarding the Joint Sewer Users. Mr. Fawcett expressed that it would be a good idea for them to have their Solicitor send a letter as well.

Mr. Fawcett advised that additional charges were filed on Mr. Anderson and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for tomorrow. Related to this, Mr. Fawcett advised that the Bond Company was requesting additional information for the claim filed, which was provided.

Mr. Bradow asked Mr. Fawcett whether action taken by the Board to approve camping / campfires in the Township Park, has to be adopted by Ordinance amendment before allowing the Boy Scouts to camp there. Mr. Fawcett advised that it is a discretionary act of the Board to enforce the Ordinance. Mr. Bradow advised the hold up is the addition of another amendment to the Burning Ordinance regarding recreational burning. It is the desire to do one amendment to cover it all. Questions were also raised on the liability of allowing the scouts to camp in the Township owned Park. He recommended an indemnification clause be included in the application for camping. He requested copies to review what has been approved by the Board and what is still pending. His final comment was a recommendation to adopt the Ordinance prior to allowing camping / camp fires.

Mr. Fawcett advised that he redid the proposed lease agreement between Patterson Township and the Blackhawk School District. The proposed lease agreement formerly submitted put the liability on Patterson Township for activities that did not have to do with the Township. Mr. Fawcett simplified the wording to cover the recreational area behind the Patterson Primary School and limit to the events and improvements made by the Township. He advised that an agreement is necessary if the Township plans to continue with making improvements and hold any events on this site. He advised that he would contact Jerry Wessel, Business Manager (BSD) to discuss the scope of the agreement.

Resolution 2014-004 was distributed to the Board for review and approval regarding additions and revisions to the tax duplicate and providing for interim taxes that were not included in the tax duplicate. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the adoption of Resolution 2014-004. Passed unanimous.

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky submitted eleven (11) fire reports in the amount of \$344.50 (or 53 hours). Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky advised that the office staff is working on updating the Per Capita lists. Additional sources to compare the current list that Berkheimer is using is voters registration, earned income tax records, and graduate lists.

Mr. Mahosky reported on the status of the LED lights ordered under Duquesne Light's pilot program. He noted being so many requests, the lights are on back order; however, are due soon. Install will happen when the lights are received.

Additional items still pending, as per Mr. Mahosky is the Sidewalk Grant and a Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2014. It was noted that there is a need for an eligibility list to hire from, since the two on the current list were hired.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover mentioned the completion of the Eagle Scout Project in the Township Park, done by Shawn Galbreath. He advised that he would like to construct a new walking bridge in the Township Park, by use of volunteers and himself. He noted the cost of materials will be less than \$1,000.00 and the labor will be provided by volunteers. As past practice (for insurance purposes), this project would need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman to approve the construction of this new bridge. Passed unanimous.

Additionally, Mr. Hoover was requesting authorization from the Board to approach the Boy Scouts to continue to come into the Township Park and clean up (monthly) as a community service project. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman approving this request. It was also noted that a camera has been installed to catch any illegal dumping at the Township Park. Motion passed unanimous.

It was recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Galbreath and son Shawn for the work done in the Park.

Public Works - Mr. Inman reiterated the discussion held at the pre (agenda) meeting regarding setting up a grass disposal site in the Township. He will continue to look into.

Ordinances/Policies – Mr. Bradow reminded the Board of the pending Soliciting/Peddling Ordinance; Recreation Burning; and Personnel Policy items.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow's monthly report for August was distributed to the Board. Mr. Mahosky questioned the format, in that he thought it was going to be changed to narrative. The Secretary advised that it used to be narrative and she recommended this format to Mr. Morrow to provide a breakdown similar to the Police reports. As noted at the bottom of

the report, Mr. Morrow invited the Commissioners to feel free to ask him any questions regarding additional details for items listed on his report. Mr. Policaro noted that by providing a narrative (with residents names, details, etc.), it may reveal information that should be kept confidential.

Police/Township Office/COG – The monthly police report for August was distributed for review. Mr. Policaro also advised of a Symposium being sponsored by the Beaver County Regional COG at CCBC on September 25, 2014 regarding blight properties. He advised that if anyone is available to go, advise the Secretary to make reservations.

Mr. Policaro reported attending the White Township Supervisors meeting to present a proposal for police services the next four (4) years at a 3% increase each year. He noted that this was approved by White Township, with the remaining contract language staying the same. As it would be appropriate for the Township Commissioners to also approve, motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman to accept this proposal of 3% increase (each year), with the conditions of the agreement to remain the same. Passed unanimous.

The question was raised on Patterson Heights status, as to providing police services. Mr. Policaro advised that Patterson Heights Borough just signed with the City of Beaver Falls again for police services. It was noted that Fallston Borough is still in an agreement with New Brighton Borough for police services.

Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman approving all Committee Reports as presented. Passed unanimous.

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: None (Civil Service covered under Mr. Mahosky's report).

Communications: Invitation to Beaver County Regional COG Symposium already reported on by Mr. Policaro.

New/Miscellaneous Business: The Secretary advised of the distribution of Resolution #2014-003 regarding the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Pension Systems for 2015. As noted annually, it is a requirement to adopt this resolution prior to September 30, 2014. If changes are desired (i.e. employee contributions for 2015), this can be done by December 31, 2014 and another Resolution will need to be adopted. Mr. Inman raised the question regarding the plans being under-funded, specifically the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. He reminded the Board of Mr. DeLuca's retirement earlier this year, whereby the annuity did not cover the entire pension payment. The remainder needed is being expensed from Huntington Bank. Mr. Inman expressed that some additional monies need to be deposited into this account. Mr. Hoover recommended the employees contribute to the plan. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving the adoption of Resolution #2014-003. Passed unanimous.

Executive Session: There is no need for an executive session.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, Secretary

Copy: Kenneth G. Fawcett, Esq.
Larry Lennon, Jr., P.E.
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