

## Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

### Regular Meeting

**Thursday, December 10, 2015**

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed Commissioners Policaro, Bradow, Hoover and Mahosky present. Mr. Inman was absent.

The minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meeting held November 12, 2015 and the Budget Meeting held November 23, 2015 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky to approve the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Policaro advised that he was going to defer from the Agenda and allow Mr. Hoover to provide his report, as he needed to leave for a 7:30 p.m. appointment. Mr. Hoover summarized his report from the agenda meeting regarding the water leak/damage at the firehall. He explained what has been done so far to correct; Servepro mitigated by removing any potential for mold leaving the walls and floor open to the studs. Mr. Hoover has met with the firemen to review the repairs needed, and provided an estimate of \$4,000-\$5,000 if a contractor is to complete the work. Mr. Hoover proposes to provide the same amount of money (\$4,000-\$5,000) and do the work themselves. The scope of work to include restoring the upstairs bathroom, remodel the downstairs bathroom into a storage room and use the remaining funds (materials estimate \$1,500) to replace the floor upstairs in the hallway and/or purchase shelving units for downstairs bathroom. As Mr. Hoover asked the Board to designate \$4,000.00 towards the work, motion was made by Mr. Inman to approve up to \$4,000.00 to repair/restore the firehall water damage and other projects that need to be done. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the motion passed unanimous. Mr. Hoover excused himself from the meeting and left.

Mr. Policaro announced the need for a public hearing (advertised for tonight's meeting) regarding the amendment to the Floodplain Management Ordinance requested by FEMA dealing with accessory structures. Upon there being no public input, the hearing was closed and he continued with the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:** The monthly Treasurer's Report for November for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and PLGIT Accounts was presented and read by Township Treasurer Mrs. Wagoner. There being no questions or comments, motion was made by Mr. Mahosky to approve as presented. Seconded by Mr. Bradow, the motion passed unanimous.

**Monthly Bills:** The monthly bills for November / December were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Lennon distributed his monthly report and commented on the following items: Darlington Court – Betters to close out E&S Permit with the County, then submit final drawings to the Township. MS4 Program – No change since last month. Darlington Road Sidewalk – Bid specifications/drawings to be submitted to County for bidding out project. Bid date not set by the County as of yet. Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Project – Grant application prepared and submitted to PennDot also for sidewalk funding. 2016 Road Program - Review of the roads was done with Mr. Inman. Will be provided at January meeting.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Fawcett presented Ordinance #454 amending the Street Opening Ordinance to include additional repaving regulations. Since the content was discussed and decided on last month, motion was made by Mr. Bradow to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the motion passed unanimous.

Ordinance #455 amending the Floodplain Management Ordinance regarding accessory structures was also presented for adoption. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving the adoption of Ordinance #455. Passed unanimous.

**Committee Reports: Fire/Finance** – Mr. Mahosky presented 8 fire calls for a total of 39 man hours or \$253.50. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky reported sending a letter to the insurance adjuster to appeal the denial for the water damage done at the firehall. The adjuster agreed to send an Engineer to review. Mr. Mahosky will meet with the Engineer.

Mr. Mahosky submitted an application for membership to the Fire Department. Mr. Randall Smith, 30 Colonial Oaks Circle (White Township) has already provided the proper clearances. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving this application for membership into the Patterson Township Fire Department. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

The 2016 Proposed Budget for the General Fund / Sewer Fund was provided and read by the Secretary. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky accepting this final reading as presented. Passed unanimous.

In conjunction with adopting the final budget(s), the year-end meeting needs to be scheduled for the adoption of the budget Ordinance. Mr. Bradow made the motion to hold the year-end meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the motion passed unanimous.

**Parks/Recreation** – No report.

**Public Works** – At the request of Joseph Cipolla, Public Works Foreman, an additional driver is needed for snow removal. Barry Dettinger, 1703 Fox Avenue was employed by the Township in 2008 as a driver and is looking to come back. The request is to rehire Mr. Dettinger. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the rehiring pending the passing of a physical and background check. Motion passed unanimous.

**Ordinances/Policies** – Mr. Bradow commented on a recent drone incident and reminded the Board of two sample ordinances provided for review. He advised that a copy of these samples were provided to Assistance Chief Stanislawski and Solicitor Fawcett for review and comment. The goal is to protect our residents and their property and to be pro-active with adopting regulations. Mr. Fawcett had advised at the Agenda meeting that he wants additional time to review in conjunction with the FAA rules/regulations.

Mr. Bradow also continued the discussion (from the Agenda meeting) regarding the Joint Sewer Users letter that was sent to Beaver Falls in September, and the lack of a response to the Township's questions. Since there has been no word back, motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving a letter be sent from Mr. Fawcett to the Beaver Falls Solicitor requesting answers to the specific questions asked in his original letter. His letter will request a response within 60 days.

Prior to moving on, Mr. Mahosky had a question concerning the drone ordinance in regards to laser pointers. After some discussion, this will be reviewed and added to the ordinance if needed.

**Code Enforcement** – No report from Mr. Morrow.

**Police/Township Office/COG** – The monthly Police Report for November, 2015 was submitted for review by the Board.

A letter of request for payment of unused sick days was presented by Assistant Chief Stanislawski. The amount of days is 15. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving all **Committee Reports** as presented. Passed unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:** A response was received via email from Blackhawk Superintendent Melanie Kerber regarding the Board's letter of public input concerning Patterson Primary (potential future closing). She has expressed an interest to meet with the Board. Mr. Bradow suggested Mr. Inman arrange.

**Township Agencies:** A letter of resignation was received from William Livingston as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator due to health reasons. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky accepting his resignation with regret. A letter of thanks will be sent back to him. Passed unanimous.

A letter was received from Beaver County Emergency Services acknowledging his resignation and provided the criteria for replacement, which included certain clearances and appointment by the Governor. There are presently no candidates for this position.

Patterson Township Planning Commission minutes were distributed and it was noted that they recently reviewed the Subdivision of William and Elizabeth Mischka. The Township Planning Commission did not formally approve indicating that the zoning of the neighbors was not on the drawing and there is a need for a DEP planning module. The Secretary questioned the Township Engineer regarding the need for a planning module since this subdivision is to take 3 lots and make them into 2 lots (dividing the property in two). Mr. Lennon's opinion was that a planning module would not be needed.

**Communications:** Beaver County Planning Commission sent their response to the William and Elizabeth Mischka subdivision, of which is their routine letter sent, with no special comments or requests.

A letter was received from PA Department of Transportation regarding the use of asbestos in bituminous concrete back in the 1980's. This does not only apply to state roads; also could exist in the Township's local roads as well. The Township Engineer noted that he was aware of the letter. The letter currently serves as informational.

**New/Miscellaneous Business:** An invoice from Hallett Associates was presented for the actuarial work done on the pension plans in 2015. The invoice for the Police Pension work is \$7,160.00; and the Non-Uniform Pension work is \$6,900.00. To be paid by Huntington Bank. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

**Executive Session:** Not needed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Mahosky to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bradow the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC  
Township Secretary

Copy: Kenneth G. Fawcett, Esq.

Larry Lennon, Jr., P.E.  
Commissioners