

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

Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2013

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed all Commissioners present (Policaro, Bonomo, Bradow, Hoover and Mahosky). Prior to continuing the meeting, President Policaro thanked the Commissioners and Township Employees for their support on the recent passing of his son.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held March 14, 2013 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment: Mr. David Kane, 1825 9th Street advised the Board of the upcoming Project Greensweep, which has been scheduled for this Saturday, April 13, 2013. The meeting time and place has been set for the Riverview church at 11th Street/Darlington Road at 8:00 a.m. in order to start clean-up on 8th Street by 8:30 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Mr. Kane also noted his attendance at the recent public meeting held regarding the merger of Fallston Borough with Patterson Township. He commended the Board on a job well done whether it passes or not. He also reported of an upcoming event in Beaver on June 9th – Support Troop Rally by the Vietnam Veterans Organization. He invited all to attend.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ferrazzano distributed and provided a written report for the month of March on the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Other Accounts. Following her report, she advised the Board of the filing of unpaid taxes on Monday, April 15th to the Beaver County Tax Claim. There are 84 parcels unpaid along with 5 properties owners that provided a receipt that they paid Mr. Anderson prior to Mrs. Ferrazzano taking over the position. She was advised that the Board will discuss in executive session.

Monthly Bills: The bills for March/April were presented for review and payment. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. distributed the monthly report and provided the following information: Darlington Court – Building construction underway. Nothing to report; 2012 Road Program – Punchlist items to be completed in spring; Steffin Hill Sewer –

Surveys will be completed this week and permit applications will be completed shortly; MS4 Program – Service order still pending for Year 1 compliance. Authorization is needed in order to proceed. Upon discussion and a breakdown given on costs for the first year (\$3,610), motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo authorizing the Township Engineer to proceed with the MS4 Program on the Township's behalf. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote. 2507 Jenny Street – LSSE met with homeowner (Scott Donley) on March 15th. Matter was reviewed with Municipal Authority. An easement needs to be signed and recorded. Municipal Authority Solicitor coordinating. 2012 Chapter 94 Report – Submitted to Chippewa Township Sanitary Authority as requested for their submission to PaDEP; County Flood Hazard Mapping – LSSE attended the Beaver County FEMA Community Coordination and Outreach meeting held on April 9th. Mr. Lennon provided a breakdown of what is coming and what is going to be required regarding FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Maps).

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor's report was put on hold until Mr. Ross arrives. The report is following the Executive Session.

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky submitted nine (9) fire reports for February in the amount of \$403.00 or 62 man hours. Motion to pay was made by Mr. Hoover. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the motion passed unanimous.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover reviewed the pending Eagle Scout Project and provided an update. He advised that the scout is reviewing the scope of the work with the Scout Leader and needs the signature of the Scoutmaster prior to moving forward. Once done, Mr. Hoover will bring back to the Board for formal approval of the project including the scope of work to be done.

The recreation project status was given by Mr. Hoover, whereby the basketball hoops are scheduled for installation the end of May by the Township's Public Works employees. Additional work behind the school already done includes the installation of a new fence in the ballfield, erection of the batting cages, and work on the ballfield.

Public Works - Mr. Hoover advised of receiving a letter from Mr. James Rudi, 607 Darlington Road requesting a street light at Darlington Road and Dixon Way. Mr. Rudi provided pictures of cars parked in the area of his home and has concern for children and adults walking in this area of heavy parking after dark. There is extra foot traffic due to exercise and karate classes at the Patterson Plaza. Mr. Hoover suggested contacting Duquesne Light for the cost to install a street light and the monthly fee to maintain. The Secretary will provide for the next meeting.

Mr. Hoover provided information for the Spring street sweeping program. The cost will be the same as last year (\$500/day), which is \$1500.00 for 3 days. The City of Beaver Falls will be contracted to do the Township. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky authorizing the City of Beaver Falls to do the Township street sweeping at a cost of \$1,500.00. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Hoover advised of the Public Works Department rebuilding a storm sewer on 21st Avenue; and discussion is being held on what roads to include in the upcoming road repair program. A meeting will be held with Mr. DeLuca, along with the Township Engineer and Youngblood to discuss options for road repairs. Mr. Hoover noted his recommendation would be to stick with Struby Plan area (which was started last year). It was also noted that School Street is in need of some repair and falls under the maintenance bond. Youngblood will take a look at fixing.

Discussion was held on summer help for the Public Works Department, of which has been done in past years. Summer work warrants the additional hiring. The Township has, in the past, hired college kids. It was decided to open up taking applications for these summer positions for hiring.

Ordinances/Policies – Mrs. Bonomo had no report.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow’s monthly report for March was submitted for review. No questions or comments.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro reported attending the COG meeting and advised they are still working on solar power.

The written monthly police report was submitted for review. A letter of request from Officer Bathgate was received for payment of 18 unused sick days. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Policaro advised of the upcoming merger meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. here at the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether to have any additional public meetings prior to voting on the referendum in the primary election on May 21st.

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

Unfinished Business: Mr. Policaro provided a follow-up from last month regarding fixing the entry door into the Municipal Office. He advised that he met with C.W. Smith, who advised that the wrong type of door was installed. Mr. Smith brought in Fred Brobeck to provide options for installing a new keypad. Mr. Policaro plans to pursue options with other companies. In addition, discussion is being held regarding replacing the glass of the lobby window with bullet proof glass and making the door into the hallway more secure (buzz in). Since this is still in the planning stages, the suggestion was made to recontact the legislators for possible grant funds for building security.

Township Agencies: Planning Commission – The Beaver County Planning Commission

provided their input on the Friend Subdivision. The Township Planning Commission already approved; therefore it would be appropriate to give final approval at this time. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the Friend Subdivision. Passed unanimous.

The Secretary presented a letter of resignation from Mr. James Roberts, Planning Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo accepting the resignation. Included in the motion was to send a letter to Mr. Roberts thanking him for his service to the Township. Passed unanimous.

Communications: A letter was received from Michael Baker Engineers notifying the Township that the Chippewa Township Sanitary Authority is applying for renewal of their NPDES Permit. No action needed.

New/Miscellaneous Business: The annual Liquid Fuels allotment has been received and deposited in the amount of \$66,444.21. These funds will be used along with the General Fund allotment of \$50,000.00 towards this year's road program.

The invoice from the City of Beaver Falls Water Pollution Control Plant was received for the 1st Quarter sewer use in the amount of \$63,939.78. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

The Secretary distributed Resolution #2013-011 for adoption, giving her authorization to shred documents as per the Records Retention Act. The Borough of Beaver offers a program for free document shredding, of which it is the intention to participate in. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo adopting Resolution #2013-011. Passed unanimous.

The letter and map from FEMA regarding the Flood Insurance Rate Map was covered under the Engineer's report.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Ross arrived at this time and advised that his report is regarding the pending Ordinance for Tax Collector/Treasurer in conjunction with newly enacted Act 188. Additional information will follow the Executive Session.

Executive Session: The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

Back in session at 8:40 p.m.

Solicitor James Ross provided information regarding other First Class Townships in Beaver County as to what they are doing with Act 188. Act 188 changed the law from electing a Township Treasurer with an appointed Tax Collector to electing a Tax Collector with an appointed Treasurer, which may or may not be the same person. Harmony Township was contacted and they are keeping it the same (\$10,000.00 for both). Rochester Township and Vanport Township have not addressed. Mr. Policaro contacted Hopewell Township and they

are increasing their fees for tax certifications to provide the tax collector with additional compensation. Some discussion was held on reducing the wage for Tax collector and Treasurer to allow for compensation for both, which would not exceed the \$10,000.00. Mrs. Ferrazzano was present and asked whether the wages could be negotiated. She was advised that the Board must set the wages for these positions. No decision was made at this time to come up with a salary for Tax Collector and/or Treasurer in order to continue to review options.

Discussion was held on five (5) property owners that have provided receipts for Township property taxes paid in 2012. These property owners paid cash and provided a paid receipt to Mrs. Ferrazzano; therefore, should not be turned over to tax claim. Mrs. Ferrazzano was requesting instructions from the Board. A letter was submitted by Denise Hebb, Township Auditor providing for instructions to Mrs. Ferrazzano on how to proceed with marking these Township taxes paid in the computer system. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo authorizing waiving those taxpayers that provided proof of payment from being turned over to tax claim. Additionally, Mrs. Ferrazzano was instructed to follow the steps provided in Mrs. Hebb's letter. It was further discussed that Mrs. Ferrazzano will be provided a copy of these minutes to provide proof of action taken by the Board of Commissioners. Passed unanimous.

A second motion was made by Mr. Hoover giving authorization for a meeting to be held with Blackhawk School District, once Mrs. Wagoner goes through the remainder of the Tax Collector records. Mr. Ross will be contacted at that point to pursue a meeting with representatives from BSD to discuss the findings and report back to the Board of Commissioners.

Adjournment: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Township Secretary

Copy: Mr. James J. Ross, Esq.
Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr.
Board of Commissioners

