

## Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

### Regular Meeting

December 11, 2014

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Following the call to order, roll call showed Commissioners Policaro, Bradow, Inman, and Mahosky present. Mr. Hoover was absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting(s) held November 13, 2014 (Agenda/Regular) and a Special/Budget Meeting held December 4, 2014 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

**Public Comment:** Various residents of Struby area and Glenn Avenue were in attendance to question the proposed Ordinance scheduled for adoption at tonight's meeting allowing camping / campfires in the Township Park. Those in attendance was Candy Meier, Glenn Avenue, Louis Estermyer, Struby Avenue and Harry White, Fox Avenue. They wanted to know how this came about and express concern for brush fires if camping is allowed. Mr. Policaro explained interest from scout troops to assist with maintaining the Park as well as encouraging use of the Park for more than just walking/hiking. He advised of the requirement for a permit and that if it is windy, no campfire would be allowed. Mr. White asked whether there would be designated areas for camping, of which the answer was yes. He was advised that camping in designated areas, as well as fires out by 11 p.m. is within the Ordinance. It was noted that the Township Park is open to the public and how is the Township going to regulate when groups, other than scouts, want to camp. It was noted that was the purpose of the permit, to oversee who is camping. Additional discussion was held under the Solicitor's report at which time the Ordinance is scheduled for adoption.

**Opening of Recycling Bids:** The recycling bids were opened and results were as follows:

	Contractor	Bid Amount 2015 (month)	Bid Amount 2015 (annual)	Bid Amount 2016 (month)	Bid Amount 2016 (annual)
1	Joseph J. Brunner	\$2,325.00	\$27,880.00	\$2,325.00	\$27,880.00
2	Valley Waste	\$2,345.00	\$28,140.00	\$2,345.00	\$28,140.00
3	Waste Management	\$2.64/month*	\$26,400.00*	\$2.72/month*	\$27,200.00
4	J. Young Refuse	\$2,150.00	\$25,800.00	\$2,150.00p	\$25,800.00

\*Based on 1000 homes.

It was noted that this will be a two-year agreement. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving J. Young Refuse as the recycling hauler for 2015 and 2016.

Mr. Young was in attendance at the meeting. He advised that if there are any questions, he is available to answer them. Motion passed unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report(s) for the month of November for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT Accounts were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

The Secretary advised that the \$100,000 for the road program has been invested in a 6-month CD with PLGIT. They had the best interest rate.

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

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Larry Lennon, LSSE provided the monthly Engineer's report and advised of the following:

- Darlington Court – request for dedication of West 10<sup>th</sup> Street still pending prior to the bond closeout. Waiting for Betters response.
- Township Emergency Generator – pre-construction meeting scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- MS4 Program – next item to be adoption of various Ordinances by the Township. Advertisement recommended for January, 2015 for adoption in February, 2015.
- Flood Plain Regulatory Update – No change since last month.
- Darlington Road Sidewalk – No change; construction is proposed for Spring.
- 2015 Road Program – Road review to be scheduled in next several weeks.

Mr. Mahosky advised Mr. Lennon of the desire to add on to the sidewalk project (CDBG Grant Project). He is proposing to install sidewalk (with Township funds) from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street on Darlington Road. He is currently looking into this.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Fawcett submitted Ordinance #443, #444, #445 advertised for adoption at tonight's meeting. Ordinance #443 amends Chapter 91, Section 91-2 expanding the residency requirements to all residents of the 15010 zip code for fire department membership. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman approving the adoption of Ordinance 443. Passed unanimous.

Ordinance #444 amends Chapter 77, Outdoor Burning, to include provisions for recreational burning. Mr. Fawcett summarized the changes and additions to the chapter with definitions of recreation burning, in regards to what is allowed and prohibited. The hours are also included. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the adoption of Ordinance #444. Passed on a roll call vote 3 ayes; 1 naye (Bradow).

Ordinance #445 amends Chapter 140, Parks and Recreation to allow for camping and campfires in the Township Park. Mr. Fawcett summarized the provisions for overnight camping and the regulations in order to do so. It was noted that a permit would be needed prior to any camping taking place in the Township's Park. The hours were included as well as designating where camping/campfires are allowed. Additional discussion continued from public comment previously held. Fire Department representatives were in attendance (incoming Fire Chief Philip Graeser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Tyler Crognale). Mr. Graeser expressed concern for allowing fires in the Township Park regarding accessibility if there is a fire. He noted his opposition to adopting this Ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman to adopt Ordinance #445. The motion was defeated 2 ayes (Mahosky/Policaro); 2 nays (Bradow/Inman).

A discussion was held on the lack of sidewalk regulations with the grant project coming in the Spring. Ordinance #116, adopted in 1948 was distributed, which provides for sidewalks from the Patterson Heights border up through and north on Darlington Road in the Township. Mr. Fawcett recommended review by the Township Engineer before moving forward with any revisions, etc. The only regulation found in the Township Code was the width to be 5 ft. All agreed to have Mr. Lennon review and come back with recommendations as to whether Ordinance #116 needs updated to current specifications. An amendment will be proposed at that time if needed.

**Committee Reports: Fire/Finance** – Mr. Mahosky presented 5 fire reports (or 27 man hours) for \$175.50 for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky presented the 2015 slate of Fire Officers:

Line Officers:

Fire Chief Philip Graeser  
 Asst. Fire Chief Tony Ferrazzano  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Fire Chief Tyler Crognale  
 1<sup>st</sup> Captain Hank Crognale  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain Dillon Utnehmer

Social Officers:

Dillon Utnehmer, President  
 Philip Graeser, Vice-President  
 Melissa Graeser, Secretary  
 Mark Utnehmer, Treasurer  
 Philip Graeser, Financial Secretary  
 Tony Ferrazzano, Trustee

Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman accepting the Fire Officers as presented. Passed unanimous. Mr. Policaro advised of the need to swear in the new officers and recommended this be done at the Christmas luncheon to be held on December 14, 2014.

Mr. Mahosky deferred to Mr. Inman to provide the results of meeting with Ed Goth, Charles Leach Agency, who submitted a proposal for the Township's insurance coverages. A memo was distributed to the Board from the Secretary. It was noted that the limits have increased and the policy coverage has changed. The liability coverage includes the firemen's

lot. The Secretary's recommendation was to make this change to Charles Leach Agency (i.e. Travelers Insurance). Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky to approve the insurance quote from Leach in the amount of \$36,411.00 (excluding Workers Comp/Heart Lung coverage, which will be transferred over). Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

The second/final reading of the 2015 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budget was presented and read. The figures were adjusted as per the Budget meeting. The Secretary noted that the tax rate and budget figures are set by Ordinance, which will be adopted at the year-end meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Inman approving the adoption of the 2015 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote. The year-end meeting was set for Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Mahosky advised that the LED lights are in and that Duquesne Light will be installing them within the next 2 weeks. He is also proposing the purchase of a plaque for Frank Policaro, III for his 30 years of service to the Fire Department.

**Parks/Recreation** - No report in the absence of Mr. Hoover.

**Public Works** – Mr. Inman reported on the meeting he had with Mr. Flick regarding the Pension Plans and being underfunded. Mr. Flick noted that he had already done some calculations on each of the participants regarding their status. He will come back to the Township with some recommendations.

**Ordinances/Policies** - Mr. Bradow had no report.

**Code Enforcement** – On behalf of Mr. Morrow, the monthly report for November, 2014 was distributed for review. No questions.

**Police/Township Office/COG** – Mr. Policaro advised of the distribution of the monthly Police Report (November) for review.

A request for payment of unused sick days was submitted for Assistant Chief Stanislowski. At present, he is requesting payment (at ½ rate) for 15 days. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Chief Cindrach already provided an update on the Compugig pending invoice to the Board at the work session prior to this meeting.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Township Agencies: Civil Service** – The minutes of the recent Civil Service meeting were distributed to the Board. The written test was given and moving on to the oral portion is next.

**Planning Commission** – Mrs. Marilyn Caplan, a long time member of the Planning Commission submitted a letter of resignation. Mr. and Mrs. Caplan have moved to the Pittsburgh area. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky accepting her letter of resignation. A letter of thanks will be sent from the Board. Passed unanimous. It was noted that they are now at 3 members. The 2 vacant seats need to be filled.

**Communications:** An invitation to the Allegheny League of Municipalities Bi-Annual Legislation Reception was received. It is scheduled for January 15, 2015.

Also, an invitation was received from the Allegheny County Boroughs Association annual banquet to be held on February 7, 2015. Mr. Policaro advised that if any Boardmembers are interested in attending either one of these events, please let the Secretary know.

**New/Miscellaneous Business:** The next meeting will be the Year-end Meeting for the purpose of adopting the Budget Ordinance. It will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

**Executive Session:** None needed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Inman to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Township Secretary

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Larry Lennon, Jr., P.E.  
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