

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Thursday, January 8, 2015

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015 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, Bradow, Hoover, Inman, and Mahosky).

The minutes of the previous meetings were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Inman to approve the Agenda (Pre) and Regular Meeting on December 11, 2014 and the Year-end Meeting on December 30, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the motion passed unanimous.

Public Comment: Jackie Siaus, 217 17th Avenue Extension attended the meeting to express displeasure that 3rd Street (beside her house) is not plowed and the road conditions are icy. She reminded the Board of her attendance in 2014 requesting to include 3rd Street on the Road repair program at the time. She noted that she was aware that there were no bids received. The icy conditions are currently a problem and commented the road has not been plowed. Mr. Cipolla (Road Foreman) was in attendance and advised Mrs. Siaus that the plow has been on 3rd Street; however, if the plow digs in, the material (or road base) will be pushed to the bottom (3rd Street/17th Avenue). He also reported that there are ruts, making it difficult to plow. He advised Mrs. Siaus that they will try to accommodate her request by doing additional plowing on 3rd Street.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Wagoner presented the December monthly Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and the PLGIT accounts. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the reports as presented. Passed unanimous.

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

Engineer's Report: Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr., LSSE distributed his monthly report and addressed the following items: Darlington Court – Betters was notified to submit a request to dedicate W. 10th Street prior to bond close-out. No response. Emergency Generator Project – Pre-construction meeting was held December 18, 2014. Waiting for submittals from contractor. MS4 Program – Ordinances scheduled for adoption at the next meeting. Operations and Maintenance Training with Township staff will be scheduled after adoption of Ordinances. Flood Plain Regulatory Update – FEMA mapping status website has updated issuance of letter of final determination for February 17, 2015; Flood Insurance Rate Map by August 17, 2015. Darlington Road Sidewalk Project – No change. 2015 Road Program – road review was conducted, presentation due at the February meeting.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett reported meeting with Mr. Lennon and the Township Secretary for the purpose of reviewing the proposed Ordinances. He will proceed with advertising a hearing and the adoption of the MS4 Ordinances at next month's meeting.

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky presented nine (9) fire reports for a total of 39 hours or \$253.50. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky provided a report of items still pending. He is continuing to work with the Fire Department on the 10 point resolution presented at the joint meeting held in October, 2014. The Duquesne Light's LED project has been completed. He invited those in attendance to observe the lighted area around 8th Street Darlington Road towards the Fire Department. The Civil Service Commission has completed the written and oral portion of the testing. There are presently 3 candidates proceeding with the agility testing.

Mr. Mahosky called on Fire Chief Philip Graeser to provide an annual report for 2014. He noted the number of calls in 2014, along with type of calls, the hours spent and training completed. No injuries were reported. Mr. Mahosky requested a copy of this report along with details of the training.

Chief Graeser requested permission to use the Township's property at the end of Ray Street for training. The firemen can't train on the blacktop at the firehall, when it requires burning. He noted a donated vehicle that they desire to burn for training. He also advised that the idea is to change scenarios, for a better training session. Patterson Heights firemen will also participate. Chief Graeser was requested to notify the residents of Ray Street that this is going to happen (ahead of time) and clean up after. Mr. Mahosky questioned whether Beaver County has any training areas to accommodate the County's fire departments. Chief Graeser advised that there is no such place. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Inman approving the use of the Township's property on Ray Street for fire training. Passed unanimous.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover reported the agenda item listed under Township Agencies regarding the Township's Recreation Board. A letter was received from William Wagoner, previous and current Chairman advising that, due to the lack of programs and activities, which have been taken over by other organizations, the account was closed and the funds given back to the Township. The amount of the check enclosed was \$3,625.84. The request included to be used for recreational purposes and to honor former member Chauncey Parsons. Mr. Hoover made a motion to deposit these funds into the PLGIT Capital Fund and earmark for recreation (and honoring Mr. Parsons in some way). Seconded by Mr. Inman, the motion passed unanimous.

Public Works – Mr. Inman advised that he is currently working on the 2015 Road Program with Mr. Lennon. Mr. Hoover asked whether 3rd Street is on the list for 2015. Mr. Inman advised that he and Mr. Lennon visited all the streets and they are all coded (denoting

worse to best). It was on the list for 2014 but it is not known where it falls on the list presently. Mr. Inman referred this project to the Engineer for recommendations, as per the amount of monies available to spend.

Ordinances/Policies – Mr. Bradow reported that the Personnel Policy changes are still pending. He has the recommendations from the Board and will proceed accordingly. This will be resubmitted to the Board for final approval.

Mr. Bradow brought about discussion on the potential for taking security measures for the lobby of the Municipal building. The intention is to make the lobby area more secure for the safety of the receptionist. Mr. Bradow requested permission from the Board to proceed with making improvements. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow to proceed with investigating into an upgrade. Will bring back recommendations to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Inman the motion passed unanimous.

Mr. Bradow passed out a previously distributed report to the Board regarding Mr. Inman's attendance to the State Conference last summer. Some of the items on the report were still pending (as not being done). He requested the Commissioners that these items pertain to (their department) review and address.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow's written December monthly report was distributed for review. No questions / comments at this time.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro advised of the distribution of the monthly Police Report for December.

The following Township Boards/Commissions (re) appointments were presented:

- Russell Foster – Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term)
- Gary Gache – Municipal Authority (5 year term)
- John Marzano – Planning Commission (4 year term)*

*Newly appointed.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Inman approving the appointments as presented. Passed unanimous.

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

Unfinished Business: Mr. Hoover brought about a discussion on the budgeted monies for 2015 to purchase laptops for each of the Commissioners use. The purpose being to bring Patterson Township into the future. He advised going to Best Buy and got a price of \$365.00/each for an HP laptop. They will be equipped with Microsoft 365 along with virus

protection. This will be installed by Best Buy's Geek Squad at an additional cost of \$125.00/per computer. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Bradow authorizing the purchase of up to \$2,500.00 to purchase laptops for the Commissioners. Passed on a roll call vote 4 ayes, 1 naye (Inman).

Township Agencies: Recreation Board letter already covered.

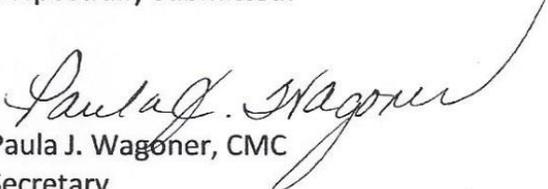
Communications: An invitation was received to the Allegheny League of Municipalities Annual Conference to be held at Seven Springs on April 9-12, 2015. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Inman approving attendance if desired. Passed unanimous.

New/Miscellaneous Business: An invoice was received from the City of Beaver Falls Water Pollution Control Plant for the 3rd Quarter sewer use. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving payment of \$59,803.52. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Executive Session: None needed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Secretary

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