

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

1600 19th Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010

Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2012

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2012 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, Bonomo, Hoover and Mahosky).

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held June 14, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment/Visitors: Mr. Chuck Betters (Betters Real Estate) attended the meeting to address his recent acquisition of the property known as "Darlington Court". He advised the Board that he proposes a reduction in density. The original plans have pads that are too tight. He is still working with an Engineer/Architect and proposing five (5) pads for 10 units instead of ten (10) pads for 20 units. The units being proposed are 30% larger than the original plan. He indicated the road crossings are done, tied into the storm sewer and the stabilization of the property will be done within two weeks. He advised of cleaning up the property bordering a home on W. 9th Street, to help out the widow that lives there. Mr. Betters distributed drawings of the units proposed; however, the priority right now is to clean up the site and continue with grading. He hopes to submit the proposed site plan with the revisions, along with the drawings indicating where the units have been eliminated to Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering (Township Engineer) by next week.

Mr. Betters advised that the recorded subdivision indicates that W. 10th Street is included and is part of his plan. He noted that he is willing to convey this back to the Township. Because W. 10th Street is part of Mr. Betters property, this will need to be reviewed by the Township Engineer and Solicitor and a recommendation provided to the Board of Commissioners as to what action to take. Mr. Policaro asked each Boardmember whether they have any questions for Mr. Betters. Each member pledged their support of the development of this property. It has sat idle for too long. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving Mr. Betters plan pending approval by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Russell Foster, resident (1315 18th Avenue) and member of Patterson Township Zoning Board commented on variances that were granted for this property over the years. The Secretary advised that she would review the file and report back to Mr. Betters, if needed.

At this time Mr. Policaro asked for any comments from the public in attendance. Mr. Foster addressed the concern that he has for the intersection of 13th Street/18th Avenue. There are pine trees that need trimmed at this intersection to allow for adequate site view. He noted

the residents of Connelly Park (13th Street) are using 18th Avenue. Because of the site problem, he is concerned for the safety of the children in the area. Mr. Hoover, as the Road Commissioner, will look into.

Mr. Foster also expressed that he had questioned the merger with Fallston Borough at a previous meeting and still had no answer on the advantages to this. Mr. Policaro advised Mr. Foster that it is not scheduled for public vote (as a referendum) until May, 2013. Public hearings will be held for the residents to ask questions they may have prior to this vote. Mr. Foster will be advised of the date of these hearings through the sewer bill and/or mass mailing.

Mr. Stan Dobrowski, 2 Ray Street advised the Board of a dangerous situation on Fox Avenue/20th Street Extension. This is also a site distance problem and recommends a “no parking from here to corner” sign be placed. Mr. Policaro advised that Chief Cindrich would take a look at this corner and make recommendations back to the Board. Mr. Dobrowski noted that there is an existing garage, along with cars being parked in a way that prohibits enough site distance. Chief Cindrich noted that he would need to do a study prior to any signs be erected.

Mr. John Douglas and Mr. John Cox, residents of Villa Court asked about the status of their neighborhood, specifically the antennas on the Grgurich residence. Mr. Cox advised that he has safety concerns, since the antennas are secured to the house by nylon rope. If the antennas falls, it could take down utility wires with it, along with hitting the neighboring home. Mrs. Bonomo advised that (as Ordinance/Policy Commissioner) she would visit the neighborhood with Mr. Morrow (Code Officer) to review and bring back a recommendation to the Board next month.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Joann Ferrazzano advised the Board that she does not have a formal report for this evening’s meeting. She advised that she is still learning the job and getting her office set up. The school taxes have been mailed out along with establishing her office hours (as of July 1st) to: Monday and Wednesday – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for June/July were presented for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Engineer’s Report: Mr. Firek attended the meeting for Mr. Mitrovich. He proceeded with opening the sealed bids for the 2012 Road Program and the following results were recorded:

Contractor	Contract A	Contract B	Contract C
Youngblood Paving Wampum PA	\$69,734.00	\$46,672.00	\$111,332.50
A.Folino Construction Oakmont PA	\$75,908.70	\$59,423.50	\$125,144.75

Action on this bid opening will take place under Mr. Hoover's report, allowing time for Mr. Firek to review the calculations for accuracy. Mr. Firek did; however, continue with completing his report.

Corrective Action Plan – the replacement of the wet well on Davidson Drive, under the direction of the Municipal Authority is scheduled to begin in about 3 weeks. A CAP schedule update was also submitted to PA DEP on June 26th. Darlington Court – already addressed during public comment by Mr. Betters. 2012 Road Program – to be addressed.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett advised of the next merger meeting with Fallston Borough to be August 28th. Scheduling of the public meetings for both communities will be discussed with a timeframe being September through November. Since it is past the time to be put on the November ballot, this was rescheduled for the primary election, May 21, 2013.

Committee Reports: Fire – Mr. Mahosky presented 7 fire reports in the amount of \$404.62 (62 ¾ man hours). He also mentioned the conditions are too dry for burning; the LED's have been installed in this building and the outside fixtures given to the Fire Department. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving payment of the fire reports in the amount of \$404.62. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Parks/Recreation: Mr. Hoover reported that the status of the recreation project has not changed since last month; however, advised that the BAYBA Organization applied for a grant to the Pittsburgh Pirate Organization. Since they have come back asking for additional information, receiving the grant looks favorable.

Public Works: Mr. Hoover advised that the Public Works Department has been pothole patching, doing some catch basin work and in the last month installed all of the light fixtures in the Municipal Complex. Since Mr. Firek was not done with checking the figures on the bids received, the meeting continued.

Ordinances/Policies: Mrs. Bonomo mentioned receiving a complaint concerning residents of 20th Avenue/18th Street (Wuenschel) angle parking their vehicles on the street. Mrs. Bonomo questioned whether this would be a code violation and/or a vehicle code violation. Chief Cindrach advised that he would look into this. She also noted another complaint concerning Tim Wuenschel, whereby large tractor trailer size trucks making a delivery to his home, the accumulation of wood in his yard, and the overall storage of items on the outside of his home. Will check for code violations.

At this time, Mr. Firek was prepared to make a recommendation on the sealed bids received. The figures were checked and all is in order for the low bid of Youngblood Paving. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving Youngblood Paving's Contract "C" bid of \$111,332.50, which is to pave Struby Avenue (from 17th Street to Jenny Street) and Jenny Street (from Struby Avenue to Fox Avenue). Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Morrow's written monthly report was submitted for review.

Police / Township Office / COG: Mr. Policaro noted the distribution of the Monthly Police Report for review. He also noted that there is no report for the COG.

Mr. Policaro advised the Board that Patterson Heights Borough has contacted Chief Cindrich requesting bids for police service to the borough for the next 3 years. Mr. Policaro noted that they are prepared to do so on the approval of the Board. This would be for 24/7 coverage, as in the past. Chief Cindrich assured the Boardmembers that it would not burden the Police Department in its current state. The general consensus had no objection to providing an offer as long as it does not jeopardize the current coverage for Patterson Township residents. Mr. Mahosky made the suggestion to proceed. Mr. Policaro reported that a 3 year proposal will be developed and will be brought back to the Board prior to submitting to Patterson Heights.

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

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: No report.

Communications: A letter was received from U-Comp (Unemployment Compensation carrier) including the dividend check in the amount of \$295.00 as a refund for 2011.

An invitation was received from the Allegheny County and Western PA Association of Township Commissioners Fall Conference to be held September 27th – 30th at Seven Springs. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving attendance if so desired by the Board. Passed unanimous.

New/Miscellaneous Business: An invoice was presented from Hallett Associates for pension consultation/calculations done through June 24th (this year). The amount for the Police Pension Plan is \$370.00 and the Non-Uniform Plan \$810.00. The Secretary was instructed to pay (from the Plans).

As per action by the Board in December, 2011 an actuarial study was done on the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to determine cost of increasing the pension benefit from 1.2% to 1.3%. The calculation indicated an increase in cost of \$4,503.00, which would need to be funded by the Township (not state aid). This information will be kept on file at this time.

A request was submitted by Kathy Ristau, representative of RUMC Church, to close 11th Street from Darlington Road to Highland Avenue on Saturday, September 15th for the Apple Dumpling Festival. The Board had no objection to this closing.

Executive Session: The Board went into an executive session at 8:20 p.m. for legal advice on a personnel issue.

Back in session at 9:36 p.m. there was no report from the executive session.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Township Secretary

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Robert Firek / Ned Mitrovich
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