

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2015

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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 Commissioners Policaro, Hoover, and Mahosky present. Mr. Inman and Mr. Bradow was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting(s) held May 14, 2015 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving the Agenda and Regular meeting, held Thursday, May 14, 2015. Passed unanimous.

Public Hearing: Prior to going into the public hearing scheduled, Mr. Policaro advised that Fire Chief Philip Graeser wanted to address the Board concerning the purchase of 2 nozzles. The current nozzles need replaced and pose to be unsafe to use as they are approximately 20 years old. The cost for replacement is \$1,950.00. The Fire Department is proposing to pay for 1 of the nozzles from the Fire Relief Fund and the 2nd nozzle from the Township's minor equipment budget for the Fire Department (411.210). This would be \$975.00/each. Upon making the motion to approve this purchase, Mr. Mahosky questioned whether there would be a warranty on these nozzles. The Fire Chief will check but reported he is buying the same nozzles that the City of Beaver Falls has. He believe there will be a warranty. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoover and passed unanimous.

Mr. Policaro requested any input from the public on the public hearing currently in session regarding Ordinance #551, Flood Plain Management. Being no public comment, the hearing was closed. Action on this Ordinance will be taken under the Solicitor's Report.

Public Comment: Victor and Jackie Siaus, 217 17th Avenue Extension attended the meeting to question the start of the road program. Mrs. Siaus noted that they have been attending the meetings for the past several months and were aware that 3rd Street is on the list for repaving. They questioned the length of time it is taking. The Secretary advised that, once the bid is awarded, there is paperwork (bonds, material qualification, etc.) to be done prior to starting the project. Youngblood does the scheduling. The Commissioners, along with the Engineer tried to explain the contract, whereby the contractor has 60 days from the notice to proceed to do the project. It has not been 60 days. Upon the Siaus' abrupt departure, Mr. Lennon noted that he would contact Mr. Youngblood to see if he can get a start date.

Mary Ann Madera, 1607 Darlington Road attended the meeting to request the "No Parking Signs" next to her house be re-installed. She lives next to the duplex units at 16th Street and Darlington Road owned by Ralph DeCaria and can't see coming out of her driveway because one of his tenants is parking on Darlington Road instead of behind the units. She

mentioned that there used to be no parking signs on the trees and she suspects that he took them down. Chief Cindrich advised that placement of any signs along Darlington Road would be a PennDot issue since it is a state highway. The Board; however, agreed to look into.

Bert Robinson, 1309 Fox Avenue advised of attending last month's meeting and questioned the dilapidated house on 20th Street Extension. He requested an update. The Secretary noted that the Township Code Officer was proceeding with condemnation of the house, but she will verify where the process is. Mr. Robinson also questioned the high cost and reason for the Emergency Generator installed at the Township office. He noted the condition of the roads and the \$56,000.00 could have been used for that. Mr. Policaro advised that the Municipal Complex also serves as the Emergency Operations Center for Patterson Township, Patterson Heights, White Township and Fallston Borough. The cost of this venture was shared by donations from the other municipalities, along with receiving a state grant in the amount of \$23,200.00.

Mr. Robinson also reminded the Board of his recommendation to have a 5-year plan for road maintenance and questioned whether this was done. He complimented Public Works Foreman, Joe Cipolla for the great job he did on patching Fox Avenue since it was in such bad condition. Mr. Robinson reiterated that he would like to see some sort of plan for getting the roads done and offered to serve on a Committee to oversee this being done.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Wagoner presented the monthly Treasurer's Report (May) for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and PLGIT Accounts. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Passed unanimous.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for May/June were presented for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Lennon, LSSE provided the written monthly report and advised of the following: Darlington Court – Betters completed majority of the punchlist items. Remaining items needing done were provided to the developer. Mr. Lennon recommended approving the release of the bond, once these items were done. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the bond release pending the finalizing of these remaining items. Passed unanimous. Emergency Generator – Contract is complete. MS4 – Mr. Lennon noted that regulations are changing frequently; sampling will be done within the next few months. PaDEP to issue draft Permit #3 for comment on June 15, 2015. Darlington Road Sidewalk Project – Design underway. Submission of PennDot Highway Occupancy Permit due in July. 2015 Road Program – Contract (Youngblood Paving) to begin work in next 2-3 weeks. Darlington Road Sewer Replacement (11th – 12th Street) – Turned over to the PT Municipal Authority to oversee and do. Authorization was given to LSSE to proceed with design.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett advised that the Deed of Dedication submitted by Betters for West 10th Street in conjunction with the developing of Darlington Court had some minor changes made. Although it is ready for adoption, Mr. Fawcett advised that there needs

to be a resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners to go along with it. This will be ready for next month.

Mr. Fawcett submitted for adoption, Ordinance #551 – Flood Plain Management regulations as required and approved by FEMA. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving Ordinance #551 as presented in its final form. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Mr. Fawcett reported on the status of bringing in a bond attorney, as he was requested to do, for a presentation as an option for funding a road program. He noted touching base with Attorney Jeff Mills, who is a bond attorney and will continue to come up with a mutually agreed upon date for this presentation.

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky presented the May fire reports in the amount of 18 calls for a total of \$813.00 or 125 man hours. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving payment. Passed unanimous.

The Secretary reminded Mr. Mahosky that the April reports were not submitted in May; therefore, it would be appropriate to approve now. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving 16 calls for a total of \$780.00 or 120 hours. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky provided a training report for the month, which entailed various hours (11 ½) spent on training with 13 firemen attending.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover had no report.

Public Works – No report in Mr. Inman's absence.

Ordinances/Policies – In light of Mr. Bradow being absent, the Personnel Policy and the Ticketing Ordinance was tabled until next month.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow's written report for the month of May, 2015 was distributed for review. Mr. Morrow also attached a letter notifying the Board of a house (1976 Ross Hill) that has been condemned because of its dilapidated condition. Fannie Mae is the current owner (foreclosure) and plans to tear the house down.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro noted the distribution of the monthly Police Report from Chief Cindrich.

A letter of request for payment of unused sick days was submitted from Township Secretary, Paula Wagoner. The number of days is 28 ½ representing the last two years. The payment will be calculated at ½ the number of days. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving payment. Passed unanimous.

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

Unfinished Business: The Secretary advised of the upcoming expiration of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast (September, 2015). Mr. Policaro noted that he will be meeting with Mr. Frank Polito, Government Representative of Comcast prior to the next meeting in preparation of adoption of the new agreement.

Township Agencies: Civil Service Commission - Mr. Mahosky advised that the agility testing for the applicants was done in house and two of the six applicants will be moving on to the written testing. The CSC will be having a meeting tomorrow to arrange.

Communications: The Secretary reported the receipt of the Actuarial Valuation Report along with the GASB 67 & 68 report for the Non-Uniform and Police Pension Plans. She noted they will be available for review if desired.

New/Miscellaneous Business: Mr. Policaro noted that the Emergency Generator Project, as discussed earlier in the meeting, is due for payment. The \$56,100 will be paid from the PLGIT Generator Fund, along with the Capital Surplus account in the General Fund.

Executive Session: None needed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to **adjourn**. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Township Secretary

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