

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

1600 19th Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2013

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, 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 Commissioners Policaro, Bonomo, Hoover, and Mahosky present. Mr. Bradow was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, April 11, 2013 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

Bid Opening: Sealed bids for the 2007 Dodge Charger Police Car were opened and read as follows:

	Name	Address	Bid Amount	10% Bid Bond
1	Asia Motors	1659 W. Grand Avenue Chicago IL 60622	\$4,379.00	\$440.00
2	Chicago Motors	2553 W. Chicago Avenue Chicago IL 60622	\$4,107.00	\$411.00
3	Yousef Dabbagh	2438 Fen View Circle Island Lake IL 60042	\$2,836.00	Not included
4	Glenn Freed	2325 Brighton Road Ellwood City PA 16117	\$1,537.00	\$153.70
5	Grace Quality Used Cars	945 Lincoln Highway Morrisville PA 19067	\$4,056.00	\$406.00
6	Sulli Motors Mark Gaudino	321 8 th Street Ambridge PA 15003	\$2,803.00	\$360.00
7	Emergency Remarketing	P. O. Box 1793 Mentor OH 44061	\$2,873.00	\$300.00

Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky awarding the bid to Asia Motors in the amount of \$4,379.00. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Mr. Policaro requested a second motion in the event the high bidder defaults, to award the bid to the second bidder, Chicago Motors, in the amount of \$4,107.00. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving as stated. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Estermyer, 1402 Struby Avenue attended the meeting. They initially didn't have any comment; however, Mrs. Estermyer asked about the merger between Fallston and Patterson Township. Mr. Hoover gave them a summary of the positive items that would come out of the merger between the two municipalities if approved on the upcoming referendum.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ferrazzano distributed the April Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Other Accounts for review. She noted 77 parcels were turned over to tax claim representing 2012 property taxes that weren't paid for a total of \$23,262.53.

Monthly Bills: The list of bills for April/May were distributed for approval of payment. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving as presented. Passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. distributed the monthly Engineer's Report and reviewed the following items: Darlington Court – Construction underway. Nothing to report; 2012 Road Program – Punchlist item still pending. LSSE met with Youngblood Paving to review what needs done to complete this project; 2013 Road Program – Roads were reviewed with the Township. A cost estimate was provided with this report on the recommended roads to be done; Steffin Hill Sewer – Survey has been completed, design is being prepared; MS4 – NPDES GP-13 permit still pending from DEP. LSSE will be preparing a draft of written plans to present to Township for review; 2507 Jenny Street – PT Municipal Authority drafted and approved an agreement regarding Mr. Donley's property and the recent fill (grading/excavating) over the sewer line. This agreement will be further explained under the Solicitor's report; South-end Sewer Replacement Project – Complaint regarding restoration. Contractor notified; County Flood Hazard Mapping – LSSE attended the outreach meeting in Beaver County. Current status is waiting for FEMA to notify municipalities of 90 day appeal period.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett provided an update on the Treasurer/Tax Collector compensation and since it is set at \$10,000.00 for tax collector and will remain that way for the next 4-year term, there is no urgency in setting the compensation for the Treasurer. This can be done between now and December 31st. Mr. Fawcett advised that he is reviewing the current Ordinance to determine whether an amendment is needed to accommodate the new legislation (elected tax collector/appointed treasurer).

Mr. Fawcett explained the Settlement Agreement that was recently approved by the Patterson Township Municipal Authority regarding Mr. Scott Donley, 2507 Jenny Street. This agreement covers the fill that was recently placed on Mr. Donley's property. Mr. Fawcett covered the history of this property, whereby the sewer line was installed during the 1992 project. There was a settlement made with the property owner and Board of View proceeding. While there was no notice of the existing lines, Mr. Donley proceeded with filling in his property without a grading/excavating permit. This agreement addresses Mr. Donley's lack of getting the proper permit; however requires that he discontinues any more fill. The Board of Commissioners need to approve this agreement. Once both Boards approve, Mr. Mitrovich will

recontact Mr. Donley for his signing and approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving this Settlement Agreement. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Mr. Fawcett noted that discussion on the former tax collection records will be done in executive session.

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky submitted nine (9) fire reports in the amount of \$325.00. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky provided an update on the project to digitize the firehall. The estimated cost is \$750.00. He noted that the IT person is Jeff Shaffer (charge of \$30.00/hour). He will set up the computer and equipment and also provide the training. The office is usable as is; however, the Fire Department got a donation from IPSCO to defray some of the expenses.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover reported that the batting cages is an ongoing project with the placement of gravel and weed sprayer to keep the weeds under control. The installation of the basketball hoops is scheduled for when school is out. Mr. Hoover has been talking to Blackhawk School District Maintenance Department to assist with the installation of the electrical equipment.

Mr. Hoover met with Brandon Lough, Eagle Scout regarding the work to be done in the 8th Street Park. At this point, Mr. Hoover is waiting to hear back from Brandon (approvals from the Scoutmaster).

Public Works – Mr. Hoover noted an issue with School Street, whereby the bond is being reviewed, since the road has areas of cracks, breaking up, etc.

At this point, Mr. Hoover wanted to propose the 2013 Road Repair Program for sealed bid. He recommended the following three (3) options:

- 17th Street – Darlington Road to House #2216
- 17th Street – House #2216 to Fox Avenue
- 17th Street – Fox Avenue to Jenny Street

These 3 options would be put out for bid as option 1,2, and 3. Mr. Hoover noted that Township has approximately \$120,000.00 to spend on this year's program. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky authorizing sealed bids for this year's road program. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Hoover proceeded with his report regarding road maintenance and improvements. As a method for preventive maintenance on Township roads, he recommended the purchase of a tar kettle along with the accessories for operation. The estimated cost for the tar kettle is \$1,200.00. He noted the need for accessories such as propane, squeegees, a trailer to transport

the tar kettle. It was recommended on motion by Mr. Hoover to allot up to \$1,500.00 to purchase this equipment. Mr. Policaro questioned the need to purchase this equipment versus using Patterson Heights Borough when not in use. After some discussion, it was decided to move forward on the purchase. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Bonomo was approved as presented. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Hoover concluded his report, noting that the Public Works Department has also been working on repairing storm sewers throughout the Township.

Ordinance/Policies – Mrs. Bonomo had no report. Mr. Policaro asked Mrs. Bonomo to come up with a recommendation on the Tax Collector’s compensation for future adoption.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow’s monthly report was distributed for review.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro noted the monthly Police report distributed for review by the Board.

Council of Governments – No report.

Mr. Policaro advised of receiving a letter from the Beaver County District Attorney’s office naming Officer Bathgate as the recipient of the “Tippy Tyler” award. The ceremony for this presentation will take place on Friday, May 17th at the Beaver County Courthouse. Officer Bathgate was chosen for his solving of the vandalism case throughout the Township.

A letter was presented for payment of unused sick days from Township Secretary Paula Wagoner in the amount of 28 ½ days, which represents a two-year period. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Policaro advised the Board of the recent merger meeting and the decision not to hold any more public meetings. It was decided; however, to include an insert in the sewer bills providing bullet points that lists the advantages for the merger. The Secretary requested input from the Board on the notice’s contents (why merge?/working the last 2 years/those registered as Independents can vote). Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo authorizing the sewer bills to be sent 3 days earlier than usual, along with the insert indicating the Board of Commissioners support for the merger between Patterson Township and Fallston Borough. Motion passed unanimous.

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

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: The Patterson Township Municipal Authority submitted the name of John Weaver, 40 St. Andrews Drive to fill the unexpired term of John Stuber, who recently

passed away. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving Mr. Weaver's appointment to the Municipal Authority Board. Passed unanimous.

Communications: None

New/Miscellaneous Business: Resolution #2013-012 regarding the shredding of documents (as listed on the resolution) was presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the adoption of Resolution 2013-012. Passed unanimous.

A memo was distributed by the Secretary regarding the need to meet with the Pension consultants. Since this has not been done in a few years, it was decided on motion by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo to invite representative(s) from Huntington, MetLife, and Hallett Associates to a future work session. The Secretary will set this up.

Executive Session: The Board went into an executive session for legal advice concerning a personnel issue at 8:03 p.m.

Back in session at 8:50 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover authorizing a letter, to be sent by Township Solicitor, to the Tax Collector regarding the need for her to be bonded. Since this has been pending since Mrs. Ferrazzano's appointment last June, Mr. Fawcett will provide a timeline, designating the June meeting for this to be done, or face possible dismissal from the position she was appointed to. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the motion passed unanimous.

A second motion was made by Mr. Hoover authorizing a form letter be sent to all those people on the list of uncashed/undeposited checks found in the records of former Tax Collector, Robert Anderson. Since there are several checks for per capita payments, the amount was set at over \$500.00 for letters to be sent. This project will be done by the Township Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the motion passed unanimous.

Adjournment: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Township Secretary

Copy: Kenneth Fawcett, Esq.
Larry Lennon, Jr./Ned Mitrovich, P.E.
Board of Commissioners

