

## Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

1600 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010

### Regular Meeting

November 8, 2012

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed Commissioners Policaro, Bradow, Bonomo, and Mahosky present. Mr. Hoover was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held October 11, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

**Public Comment:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Ferrazzano distributed the monthly Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Other Accounts. The balances were noted as follows: General Fund - \$89,625.11; Sewer Fund: \$109,098.40; and the other accounts as noted. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

**Monthly Bills:** The monthly bills for October/November were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky to approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Robert Firek attended the meeting for LSSE and reported on the following items: Darlington Court – Developer responding to comments by Beaver County Planning Commission; 2012 Road Program – Work has been completed. Walkthrough held October 17<sup>th</sup>; change order issued to decrease overall cost by \$24.86. Steffin Hill Sanitary Sewer – No change in status; MS4 Program – Permit renewal was submitted then returned by DEP. LSSE addressed the comments and resubmitted on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Fawcett reported the results of the extended audit report done by Ms. Denise Hebb, CPA are known and will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Fawcett advised that it would be in order for the Board to approve the publication of Ordinance #436 for adoption at the December meeting. This ordinance outlines the merger between Patterson Township and Fallston Borough and the agreement prior to being placed on the referendum for the residents vote. He noted that it will be one single ad for both Fallston and Patterson (to save costs of advertising) and that Solicitor for Fallston Borough, Mr. Joseph

Budicak will take care of. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the public notice of Ordinance #436 to be adopted in December. Passed unanimous.

**Committee Reports: Fire/Finance** – Mr. Mahosky reported receiving no October fire reports for payment. He did; however, report on submission of a grant application to the Department of Community and Economic Development for a 50kw generator for the Emergency Operations Center (Municipal Building). Letters were sent to Patterson Heights, Fallston Borough, and White Township as they are members of a joint EOC with Patterson Township. The letters included a resolution that needs to be submitted along with the grant application. Patterson Township will be the lead on securing the funds needed to provide the match portion of the grant. The grant application requested \$46,500.00 and the neighboring municipalities are asked to participate in any monetary amount that they can budget. Resolutions will be submitted to DCED for all of the participants. Mr. Mahosky made a motion to approve the resolution along with approaching the neighboring municipalities for financial assistance on the matching portion. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo, the motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

The first reading of the 2013 Proposed Budget for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund was distributed to the Board. Mr. Policaro advised of no need to read in its entirety and recommended to each the Boardmembers to review for an upcoming budget meeting (see end of meeting).

**Parks/Recreation** – In Mr. Hoover’s absence, an invoice from Lee Cain Fence was submitted for payment in the amount of \$7,608.00. The Secretary advised that approval for payment of this invoice would have been included in the scope of work for this project. She also reported that the funds needed to pay for these batting cages will come from a donation from BAYBA (Blackhawk Area Youth Baseball Association) and the Blackhawk School District. This fencing will be paid for from the PLGIT Capital Fund, where these funds are deposited. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

**Public Works** – No report.

**Ordinances/Policies** – Mrs. Bonomo had no report.

**Code Enforcement** – Mr. Morrow’s written monthly report for October was distributed for review. No questions at this time.

**Police/Township Office/COG** – Mr. Policaro noted the distribution of the monthly Police Report for review.

A request for payment of unused sick days was received from Tina Seery in the amount of 27 ½ days. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Township Agencies:** The minutes of the Civil Service Commission meeting were distributed for review. Additionally, the eligibility list was presented by the Commission to the Board of Commissioners. The list included six eligible candidates for hiring police officers when appropriate over the next year. Mr. Policaro requested clarification from the Solicitor regarding Veteran's points (preference) and whether the veteran is hired first, if it puts him at the top of the list. Mr. Fawcett advised that he would need to review and get back with the Board.

As a result of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency by Beaver County for Hurricane Sandy, Emergency Management Coordinator, William Livingston included Patterson Township in the event an incident occurred. The paperwork was submitted, signed by President Policaro. This information was provided to the Board for the purpose of documentation in the minutes that this was done.

**Communications:** A letter and documentation was received from Chesapeake Energy notifying the Township that drilling will take place on property in neighboring Chippewa Township. The letter advised that they are required to notify the neighboring municipalities of this. No action was required.

A letter was received from Bounty Minerals indicating interest in making the Township an offer to purchase a portion of our oil, gas, and mineral interests on property designated as 72-133-0103.000 (i.e. Township 50 acre park). No action was taken at this time.

A letter was received from the Beaver County Commissioners outlining an energy saving program for electric. First Energy Solutions is offering a program to residents (electric choice program) and will give the county \$5.00 for every resident that signs up. Letters to the residents will go out soon explaining this program.

A letter was received from Eagle Scout Dan Spiker regarding his request to create a small park between Pineloch Estates and Bradys Run Park. A section of this area was vacated by the Township prior to the development of Pineloch Estates by Mr. Betters. Mr. Spiker claims that there is an area below the vacated street and above Bradys Run that would be suited for a small park with benches, walking trail, etc. This purpose of this project is for Mr. Spiker to earn his Eagle Scout award. Mr. Policaro instructed the Secretary to turn this project over to Mr. Hoover (as Park Commissioner).

A letter/invitation was received from the Allegheny League of Municipalities dinner meeting on January 10, 2012.

**New/Miscellaneous Business:** The dues notice was received from the Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners in the amount of \$1,114.65. The Secretary advised that the Township does participate in programs offered through this association and recommended renewal. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

A letter/proposal was received from Hebb & Company to renew auditing services for the next three years. Mr. Policaro advised that this would be covered in an executive session.

**Executive Session:** The Board recessed for an executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Back in session at 8:20 p.m. motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo to provide the results of the audit to Assistant Chief Stanislawski to proceed. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Mahosky authorizing the Secretary to close out the account held by Mr. Anderson at ESB Bank for Township and School District business. The balance, \$4,238.78 (October 31, 2012) will be deposited into the Patterson Township General Fund. Mrs. Ferrazzano opened her own account upon appointment; therefore, this account is no longer needed. Motion passed unanimous.

The Secretary noted the need to schedule a budget meeting, preferably prior to the next regular meeting in December (13<sup>th</sup>). The budget meeting will be held in conjunction with the work session on December 6, 2012.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Bradow to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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