

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

1600 19th Avenue Beaver Falls PA 15010

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2013

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 10, 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, Bradow, Hoover, and Mahosky present. Mrs. Bonomo was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting held September 19, 2013 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment: Mr. Policaro asked those in attendance whether there was any public comment. Mr. Lewis Estermeier and Ms. Dierdre Balmer, residents of the Struby Plan thanked the Board for the paving of 17th Street. It was noted that with the surface being so smooth, concerns for speeding were expressed.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ferrazzano distributed the Treasurer's Report(s) for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Other Accounts. There being no questions, the Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Mrs. Ferrazzano distributed a letter requesting a directive regarding a Township property tax payment made in 2011. The resident provided proof that they paid in cash; however, were turned over to tax claim indicating no payment was made. Mr. Bradow requested that this be discussed in an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for September and October were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr., LSSE distributed the written monthly report and advised of the following items: Darlington Court – the variance hearing was held and approved. Developer must prepare and submit plans for subdivision. 2013 Road Program – All work has been completed except yard restoration. Final inspection to be scheduled. 2011 Road Program – Youngblood Paving responded to Solicitor's letter of September 27th requesting a meeting to discuss road repairs. Recommendation is a follow-up meeting be held as per the contractor. Steffin Hill Sanitary Sewer – Received notification from BC Conservation District that permit application has been approved. LSSE working on Right-of-Way drawings. MS4 Program – Plan for Control Measures is currently being drafted for adoption at the end of the

year. Park Survey – LSSE assembled all available documents for this survey. Recommends a meeting with the Board to finalize costs. Mr. Hoover noted that he will have additional information in his report.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett distributed the amendment to the Pension Ordinance. This amendment to be adopted deletes and repeals Section 30-15. 1 regarding the killed in service benefit. The state has passed legislation to take over this benefit; therefore is not needed in the Township's Pension regulations. It was noted that the State Auditor requested this change be made to reflect state guidelines. Mr. Fawcett advised that this Ordinance amendment will be advertised for adoption at next month's meeting.

Mr. Fawcett reported that he will meet with Mr. Mitrovich and Youngblood Paving to work towards resolving the pending issues of the 2011 Road Program.

Mr. Fawcett also advised that the Tax Collector and Treasurer's position regarding compensation is still pending. He noted that the tax collector compensation is set at \$10,000.00 per year; however, the Board needs to appoint a Treasurer and set compensation for this position by Resolution prior to December 31, 2013.

Mr. Fawcett is also working on the Ordinance needed for the Generator project (intergovernmental agreement between all municipalities in the Emergency Operations Center).

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky presented 18 fire reports in the amount of \$667.87 or 102 $\frac{3}{4}$ man hours. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky also advised of the receipt of the annual Fire Relief State Allocation check in the amount of \$19,071.24. As required by the State, it was deposited into the Township's General Fund and will be expensed to the Patterson Township Fire Relief by the end of October.

Under Finance, Mr. Mahosky reported meeting with the Township Secretary to begin working on the 2014 budget figures in preparation for the 1st reading at the November Regular Meeting. Mrs. Wagoner advised the Board that although the General Fund appears to have a high balance (over \$300,000), there are large amounts pending for payment from the General Fund (Fire Relief \$19,000.00; Pension MMO \$32,000.00; and Road Program \$50,000.00).

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover provided an update on the upgrade to 200 amp electrical service on the Township Recreation building done by the Blackhawk School District and requested a thank you be sent to Dr. Miller (Superintendent) for the work done.

He also provided an update on the Township Park, whereby some of the trails have been opened up and he is working on updating the map with the assistance of LSSE (survey). Mr. Hoover advised of holding a meeting with County Commissioner Joe Spanik, along with Mr.

Mahosky to pursue a nature trail in the area of Beegle Hill. It was determined that Beegle Hill is on County property as well as property owned by Franciscan Manor and Betters. Mr. Hoover expressed that his goal is to connect the bottom of this area and north on Route 51 to the 8th Street Township Park. There will be a need to construct a bridge so there will be a need to involve the Township Engineer/Solicitor as a future project. Also an agreement may need to be done between the Township and Beaver County. Mr. Hoover thanked Mrs. Ferrazzano for her assistance from the BC Assessment Office regarding the mapping in this area.

Public Works – Mr. Hoover the need for part-time laborers (drivers) for the upcoming leaf and snow/ice removal season. Those on the current list have either taken other positions or are not coming out to work when called. In lieu of placing an ad in the Beaver County Times, Mr. Hoover recommended spreading the word, along with noting that the minutes are placed on the Township’s web-site for all to see. Applications are available at the Township office.

Mr. Hoover reported the need to pave 18th Avenue between 15th Street to 17th Street, which could be a shared venture with the City of Beaver Falls since it is right on the border. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter to the City asking whether they are interested in this project for 2014.

Ordinances/Policies – There was no report in Mrs. Bonomo’s absence.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow’s monthly report was distributed for the Board’s review. No questions at this time.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro noted the distribution of the monthly Police Report for review. He also noted an odor problem in the lobby of the Municipal building and not being able to locate the source of the smell. Suggestions have been made to eliminate the smell; however, nothing is working. Currently, we are waiting to see if the smell disappears once the heat comes on in the building.

Mr. Policaro advised of attending the Council of Governments meeting whereby municipal problems with storm sewers were addressed. Additionally, an invitation was received to a COG sponsored dinner symposium on Thursday, October 24th entitled “Challenge & Plan Municipal Involvement in Beaver County’s Next Economic Development”. Mr. Policaro reported letting the Secretary know if interested in attending so that reservations can be made.

Fallston Borough sent back the proposed agreement for Police Services and approved and signed off on the three year contract. Mr. Policaro noted that it would be appropriate at this time for Patterson Township to do the same. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the three year agreement with Fallston Borough for police services. Passed unanimous.

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

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: No report.

Communications: A letter of thanks was received from Dr. and Mrs. Norman Carson, 1310 Fox Avenue for the paving of 17th Street.

An invitation was received from Beaver County Planning Commission to a Funding Seminar on Tuesday, October 29th at CCBC.

New/Miscellaneous Business: The receipt of the Pension State Aid check in the amount of \$46,612.30 was noted. The check has been sent on to Huntington Bank for distribution in the Police and Non-Uniform Funds. The balance owed (\$32,359.70) as per the MMO, will be forwarded from the General Fund.

Executive Session: The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Back in session at 7:40 p.m., discussion was held on continuing the investigation of taxes claimed to be paid in cash on Township properties under Mr. Anderson's term as tax collector. Mrs. Ferrazzano advised the Board (in writing) that Thomas Trzcinski, (re: 309 15th Avenue) provided a stamped receipt of a cash payment for 2012 Township property tax in February, 2012. Mr. Trzcinski was turned over to the tax claim bureau for non-payment. Mrs. Ferrazzano advised that a correction can be made but requested authorization to do so. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky instructing the current Tax Collector, Mrs. Ferrazzano to credit Mr. Trzcinski's account (parcel # 72-006-0904.000) and make the necessary correction at the Tax Claim Bureau to remove this property from the list. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Adjournment: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Township Secretary

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Ned Mitrovich, P.E. / Larry Lennon, Jr., P.E.
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