

## Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

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

### Regular Meeting Thursday, October 11, 2012

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 11, 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 all Commissioners present (Policaro, Bonomo, Bradow, Hoover, and Mahosky).

The minutes of the previous meeting held September 13, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Amelia Terlizzi, 4 Villa Court thanked the Board for their assistance with the neighborhood issues and expressed appreciation for what is being done. Mr. John Cox, 6 Villa Court advised that he is glad to live in Patterson Township and agreed with the sentiments of Mrs. Terlizzi.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Joann Ferrazzano distributed and reviewed the monthly Treasurer's reports for the various accounts. The balances in the accounts were noted as follows: General Fund - \$152,896.15; Sewer Fund - \$86,879.75; and Other Accounts – PLGIT balances as noted. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the reports as presented. Passed unanimous.

**Monthly Bills:** The monthly bills for September/October were distributed for review and approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Kevin Brett (LSSE) attended the meeting and reviewed the monthly report as follows: Corrective Action Plan – Wet Well Project is complete except for restoration; Darlington Court – the sanitary sewer was relocated and successfully tested. Beaver County Planning Commission comments were issued and the Developer needs to respond; 2012 Road Program – All the work has been completed. Partial payment request #1 was received in the amount of \$105,742.126. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote. A final walk through has been scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>; Steffin Hill Sanitary Sewer – no change in status; MS4 Program – Permit renewal form was submitted to DEP on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The storm system map needs updated by March, 2013. Mr. Brett advised not to be alarmed if the application comes back regarding the submission. The filing requirements have changed and it was noted that some of the applications have been returned. Mr. Brett provided additional information on the requirement to update the maps. He also advised that there is a need for a Public

Education Training session forthcoming by all municipalities. The purpose is to educate the residents so that they don't dump "trash" items into the storm sewer system.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Fawcett noted the ongoing audit of the past Treasurer's records. He advised that the current Treasurer is having a problem with verifying the tax records from the past tax collector's records. Mr. Fawcett recommended action by the Board to instruct the current Treasurer to complete the tax certifications requested based on the information available from the previous Tax Collector/Treasurer's records. This action would provide Mrs. Ferrazzano with a comfort level to proceed with issuing the tax certifications. Additionally, in relying on the previous tax records, he noted that she would not be held responsible for the past records not being correct. A letter was approved on motion by Mr. Bradow to authorize the Treasurer to complete the certifications; holding her harmless concerning her reliability upon the past Treasurer's records. Seconded by Mr. Hoover, the motion was approved. Mr. Fawcett will compose the letter. Passed unanimous.

**Committee Reports: Fire** – Mr. Mahosky presented nine (9) fire reports for a total of \$848.25 (or 130 ½ man hours). Motion to pay was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo. Passed unanimous.

Mr. Mahosky gave a report on the proposed generator project whereby he has received a high proposal in the amount of \$44,163.15 (diesel); and a low proposal in the amount of \$28,176.00 (gas). Letters were sent out seeking assistance.

Civil Service Commission – Mr. Mahosky provided an updated report on the testing. He noted that 6 of the 10 qualified (dropping 4 of the applicants) and expressed that Mr. Bruce Davies, who was asked to serve on the Commission, wishes to be dropped. Mr. Mahosky noted the need to replace Mr. Davies. He was serving as an alternate.

Mr. Mahosky stated that the 2012 allotment for Fire Relief was received in the amount of \$16,578.01. This will be dispersed out to the Fire Department from the General Fund, where the money was deposited as required by the state.

**Parks/Recreation** – Mr. Hoover reported that the first batting cage has been completed. Cain Fencing (contractor) will be installing the second one this weekend.

**Public Works** – Mr. Hoover recapped the road program noting that the Public Works employees are currently patching in the area of the program. The driveway tie-ins have been completed. He advised that 17<sup>th</sup> Street will be done some time in the future. The side streets were chosen as to not have the heavy equipment going over the newly paved road (if 17<sup>th</sup> Street was done first).

Mr. Hoover advised of reviewing the sewer budget with the Township Secretary. With the increase in the costs passed on by the Beaver Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant, it is likely that the Board will need to review the sewer budget in conjunction with a rate increase.

**Policies/Ordinances** – Mrs. Bonomo had no report at this time.

**Code Enforcement** – Mr. Morrow’s written monthly report was distributed for review and comment. No questions were asked.

**Police/Township Office/COG** – Mr. Policaro noted the distribution of the monthly Police report for review. There was no COG report.

Mr. Policaro reminded the Board of the upcoming public meetings to be held regarding the merger between Fallston Borough and Patterson Township. They are as follows: Fallston Borough – Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building and Patterson Township – Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department. He advised that he would be out of town and encouraged the remaining Board members to attend.

Mr. Policaro submitted a request from Chief Cindrich for payment of unused sick days in the amount of 23 ½ days. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving payment of the 23 ½ days. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

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

**Unfinished Business:** The Secretary provided an update to the request of White Township to join Patterson Township’s Emergency Operation Center (Plan). She was contacted following the last meeting by White Township’s Secretary advising that Beaver County Emergency Services Director Wes Hill wants to meet prior to the final approval. The pending resolution and plan documents will be forthcoming following this meeting.

The suggestion was made (regarding the generator project) to request monetary assistance from the EOC municipalities for the funding of this project. This would include Fallston Borough, Patterson Heights Borough, Patterson Township and pending White Township. Mr. Mahosky advised of a 50% grant that may be available.

The Beaver County Planning Commission response to Darlington Court was received back and was addressed during the previous Engineer’s report.

**Township Agencies:** No report.

**Communications:** A letter/invitation was received from the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council to the 2012 Human Rights Banquet on October 27, 2012 at the Fez in Hopewell Township. Mr. Hoover advised that he was instrumental in sending if anyone is interested in attending.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Frank and Cathy Stanyard, 1305 Struby Avenue thanking the Board for the paving of Struby Avenue.

**New/Miscellaneous:** A letter was distributed by the Secretary indicating the amount to be transferred (representing the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation) to the Pension Funds in the amount of \$21,104.69. This payment is to be expensed from the General Fund prior to the end of the year. A motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving this transfer in the amount of \$21, 104.69. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

The City of Beaver Falls Joint Sewer Users 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter invoice was presented for payment in the amount of \$76,504.90. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

**Executive Session:** The Board went into an executive session regarding a personnel issue at 7:36 p.m.

Back in session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Hoover to provide all Board members with a copy of the proposed police contract for review. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the motion passed unanimous.

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Bradow to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Township Secretary

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