

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
1600 19th Avenue Beaver Falls PA 15010

Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2013

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting Thursday, September 19, 2013 (rescheduled from September 12, 2013) at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held in memory of Officer Mark LaValle, who recently passed away. Roll call indicated all Commissioners present (Policaro, Bonomo, Bradow, Hoover and Mahosky).

Minutes: The minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment: Mr. David Kane, 1825 W. 9th Street attended the meeting to advise of the upcoming Clean-up Day in conjunction with Project Greensweep. The date selected will be Saturday, October 12th and as always, the meeting time/place is Riverview United Methodist at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Policaro thanked Mr. Kane for his continued efforts in the clean-up of 8th Street and around the Township. Mr. Kane advised that the Spring clean up will be held May, 2014 (instead of the usual April).

Mr. Donald Martin, of Rochester advised the Board that in April of this year, he received a traffic citation on Route 51 for going 55 miles/hour in a 35 mile zone. He went before Magistrate Livingston, then Judge James to plead his case in that the Patterson Township Officer could not have been able to determine Mr. Martin's speed based on where he was parked. He provided pictures and a map. He was not able identify the Patterson Township officer and advised that the officer did not show up for the recent court proceedings (Judge James). He wanted the Board of Commissioners aware that this is going on. Upon completing his presentation, Mr. Martin left the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ferrazzano presented the monthly Treasurer's Report(s) for August for the General Fund, Sewer Fund, and the Other Accounts. The report was accepted as presented.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for August/September were presented for review and approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Ned Mitrovich, LSSE presented the written monthly report and advised of the following items: Darlington Court – No change since last meeting. It was noted that the Engineer was unaware that a variance has been applied for and scheduled. Mr.

Bradow questioned whether the Engineer should be present for this zoning hearing. Mr. Mitrovich suggested that he review the zoning application (letter) to determine whether his presence is needed. The Secretary will forward the letter of application to Mr. Mitrovich. The zoning hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Complex. 2013 Road Program – The pre-construction meeting was held August 29, 2013 with East Cost Paving. The tentative start date is September 30th. 2011 Road Program – Repairs are needed to 19th Avenue and School Street under the Maintenance Bond of Youngblood Paving. It was noted that the Solicitor sent a letter to the Contractor. Steffin Hill Sanitary Sewer – Permit applications and fees were submitted to Beaver County Conservation District for review. Notification was provided that technical review is underway. Right-of-way drawings being prepared. MS4 Program – Year 2013 Sampling is complete. Plan for Control Measures is currently being drafted. Scott Donley, Jenny Street – Agreement regarding grading/excavating (fill) has been executed by Municipal Authority with the revisions. Board of Commissioners need to sign as well. Mr. Mitrovich will take back to Mr. Donley for final signatures.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett responded to a letter received from Youngblood Paving (follow-up to last meeting) advising of the need for repairs on 19th Avenue and School Street as per the 2011 Roadway Improvement Program, noting the problem is not related to the lack of base repair. Mr. Youngblood's letter advised that core samples were taken and claimed they met the specifications on this project. He believes the cracking is a result of the subsurface being inferior. Mr. Fawcett will keep the Board posted.

Committee Reports: Fire/Finance – Mr. Mahosky submitted 12 fire reports in the amount of \$565.50 or 87 man hours for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Fire Chief Policaro was in attendance and advised the Board that the State Grants for Fire Departments are currently available and that he is putting in a grant for \$8,000.00 to cover the cost of Minitor Pagers. He also reported recently purchasing 5 pagers (\$500.00/each) from Interstate Communications for a total of \$2,500.00, to be paid from the Fire Relief Association. A short discussion was held on the recent public meeting held with residents in the area of the firehall regarding the siren. It appears that this issue is resolved for now.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover reported reviewing old maps of the Township Park for potential future projects. He requested assistance from LSSE regarding a survey. Mr. Mitrovich indicated that aerial mapping was done of the entire Beaver County area in early 2000, which may be of some help. An estimate for a survey will be provided regarding LSSE doing the work.

Mr. Hoover advised of additional projects: Beegle Hill Project – opening up a trail. He is working with Beaver County on this project. A lighting project for the ballfield behind Patterson Primary for evening baseball games is also being considered. Mr. Hoover will be seeking grants, donations, etc. to do this project. He noted that he has Mrs. Wagoner checking on codes/zoning, etc. Fire Chief Policaro advised that the ballfield behind the school is used by Medivac for a landing zone and requested consideration for that when placing light poles.

Ordinances/Policies – Mrs. Bonomo had no report.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow's monthly report for August was submitted for review.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro advised that there is no report from the Council of Governments. The monthly Police Report for August was submitted for review.

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

Township Agencies: Emergency Management – The Secretary advised of receiving a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Beaver County towards the Generator Project. These funds were expensed from Beaver County Emergency Services budget.

Zoning Hearing Board – Although this was already addressed under the Engineer's report, the public hearing for Darlington Court (regarding set-backs) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., Municipal Complex.

Communications: An invitation was received to the Beaver-Lawrence Labor Council Banquet on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

An invitation was received from the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority to a Buffet Dinner and Tour of the newly renovated Eastvale Pump Station on September 28th. Mr. Policaro noted that he would attend.

New/Miscellaneous Business: The UPMC proposal for 2014 has been received indicating an increase in premium of 7.3%. The Secretary advised that it is the recommendation of the Township's agent for Healthcare (Hicks, Heim, & Mustio) to sign with UPMC for 2014. With the new healthcare law coming, it is best to stay with UPMC. The Secretary reminded the Board that our participation is through COGCare. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mrs. Bonomo approving the renewal with UPMC for 2014. Passed unanimous.

The Secretary presented the COG Contracts for the Winter Commodities for approval. The salt contract will be with Morton Salt for a cost of \$42.94/ton; and anti-skid will be with Oliastro for a cost of \$11.45/ton. Upon approving the contracts, copies will be submitted to the contractor as well as back to the COG. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving the contracts for the purchase of salt and anti-skid. Passed unanimous.

Resolution #2013-013 was presented establishing the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2014 Pension for Police and Non-Uniform Employees. The resolution indicates no employee contributions at this time. The Secretary advised that this resolution must be adopted by September 30, 2013; however, as budget preparation is made for 2014, the employee contribution can change prior to December 31, 2013 if need be. Motion adopting

Resolution #2013-013 was made by Mr. Hoover. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo the motion passed unanimous.

Invoices from MetLife for the annuities & life insurance (for the Police and Non-Uniform Employees) have been received. The total to be taken from the respective pension accounts is: \$21,393.83 (annuities); and \$306.25 for Chief Cindrich's life insurance premium. Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

The Secretary noted action by the Board is needed to sign off on Huntington Bank's portfolio (form). As a result of the meeting held with the pension professionals, Huntington is requesting a new form be submitted. The form confirms the current investment activity. Mr. Policaro will sign on behalf of the Township. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the financial strategy currently being done by Huntington Bank as discussed at the work session. Passed unanimous.

The 3rd Quarter Sewer Invoice from the City of Beaver Falls was received in the amount of \$66,248.28. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover approving payment. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo, the motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Executive Session: Not needed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, CMC
Township Secretary

Copy: Kenneth Fawcett, Esq.
Ned Mitrovich, P.E.
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