

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Year-end Meeting

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their Year-end meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order, roll call showed all Commissioners present (Policaro, Bradow, Inman, Hoover and Mahosky).

The minutes of the Agenda Meeting and Regular Meeting held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the minutes as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment: None

Final Bills/Budget Reports/Budget Transfers - The final list of December bills, the final budget report for the General and Sewer Funds and the Budget Transfers were presented for approval. Upon answering all questions by the Township Secretary regarding various line items and specific bills paid, motion was made by Mr. Inman to approve all three (bills/budget report/budget transfers). Seconded by Mr. Hoover, the motion passed unanimous.

Ordinance #456 – Setting the Tax Rate and General Fund Appropriations for 2016 was presented for adoption. The tax rate will continue to be 16.25 mills. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving the adoption of Ordinance #456. Motion passed unanimous.

Ordinance #457 – Adjusting the Sewer Rate for 2016 to a one tier rate for all residential and commercial customers effective February 1, 2016. The rate structure to be a minimum of \$16.50 per month for the first 2,000 gallons per quarterly consumption plus \$9.90/1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons per quarterly consumption. The minimum monthly charge is \$16.50. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Hoover approving the adoption of Ordinance #457. Motion passed unanimous.

Final Committee Reports: Fire – Mr. Mahosky provided an update on the water damage done at the firehall in conjunction with the Insurance Company's denial of the claim. He was contacted (as a follow-up) by the Insurance Company, of which he expressed that this has dragged on and he was not pleased. The Engineer sent by the Adjuster did view the damage and it was noted that the claim is continuing. There was some discussion by the Board regarding moving forward with the repairs. Mr. Hoover advised that he requested a liason from the Fire Department to work with the Township to get the repairs done. Dillon Utnehmer is the President of the Fire Department and he assigned Tyler Crognale. Mr. Hoover expressed that he has walked the building several times and wants to proceed with restoration. Tyler will be in a position to make the decisions on behalf of the Fire Department. Mr. Hoover reviewed the scope

of work to be done and advised that Bob Mazzant (Mazzant Painting) receives donations from Home Depot, of which is allowed to be used for non-profit organizations. He may be able to get some of the materials for free from Mr. Mazzant. He will take a look at what he has. Mr. Bradow recommended authorizing Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mahosky to move forward with this project. Mr. Inman expressed some concern for moving ahead without a final decision by the Insurance Company, in that they may not pay the claim if the Township proceeds with restoration. Mr. Bradow made the motion to proceed with the repairs without an answer from the Insurance Company under the supervision of Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mahosky. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the motion passed unanimous.

Additional discussion was held on the restoration of the fire building in regards to what type of commode to install. Mr. Hoover will look into the cost of “auto” flushers. The bathroom on the first floor (left of steps) is currently being used by the firemen. The door is kept locked to keep the renters from using since there are restrooms on the kitchen/bar side of the building. It was noted that it is also in need of an upgrade.

Public Works – Mr. Inman had no report; however, noted the items under Unfinished Business that pertain to Public Works. An invoice was received from the City of Beaver Falls in the amount of \$49,439.76 for the paving of 18th Street from 15th Avenue to 17th Avenue. Our share was to be ½ of the project; however the original estimate was approximately \$28,000 of which the Township would pay ½ of this amount. The Secretary advised that she has a call into City Manager, Steve Johnson to question the amount billed. The Board agreed to wait until we hear back from Mr. Johnson.

The letter received from Tom Bonomo at the December meeting regarding his request to vacate the alley behind the home he owns at 1719 21st Avenue was addressed. The Secretary noted the map is available for viewing to see the paper alley’s location. Mr. Policaro advised that he walked the alley and found there to be other issues in this area. Upon discussion, Mr. Hoover pointed out that by closing the alley, it eliminates the ability by the homeowners to build and have access to garages, etc. on the alley. It was noted that there are currently zoning violations on the paper alley and discussion was held on enforcing the Ordinance. Although Mr. Bonomo took the right steps regarding his desire to build a storage shed on the right-of-way, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to deny this request to vacate the alley. Seconded by Mr. Inman the motion passed unanimous including the reason being the lack of ability for future development.

Parks/Recreation – Mr. Hoover had no report.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro had no report.

Ordinances/Policies – Mr. Bradow had no report.

Unfinished Business: The Mischka Subdivision (18th Avenue) presented at the December meeting was discussed. The Secretary noted that the Township Planning Commission’s reasons for not approving was the lack of the zoning denotation on the adjoining properties and the need for a DEP Planning Module. The Secretary reminded the Board that

there is no need for a planning module since this subdivision is dividing 3 lots into 2, eliminating a building lot. The zoning designation is minor. Since the Township's Planning Commission is an advisory board, the Board of Commissioners can approve and sign off on the mylar. The Secretary will send a letter to the Planning Commission advising of this action. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman approving the Mischka Subdivision. Passed unanimous.

A memo was received from Assistant Chief Stanislawski advising of a contract item that allows the Police Officers to give sick days to a fellow officer. Since Chief Cindrich is still off and is short the sick days to get to the end of the year, AC Stanislawski is donating 4 days; Officer Bathgate 2 days; and Officer Girting 2 days. Since this is a contract item, motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Hoover accepting the memo for documentation purposes as per the Police contract. Passed unanimous.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Policaro brought about discussion on rental properties and the need for registration to the Township Office. The Secretary noted that this is being done by Mr. Morrow's office in conjunction with the rental inspections. Mr. Inman brought about a discussion on the existence of trailers, vehicles, etc. on the roads during the winter months and the difficulty for the snow plows to get through. There is an Ordinance prohibiting this. It was recommended that Joe Cipolla / Rick Smith provide a list to the Township office for the purpose of sending out letters to those violators.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Executive Session: None

Next meeting to be Reorganization Meeting – Monday, January 4, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Inman, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula J. Wagoner, Secretary

