

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

1600 19th Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010

Year-end Meeting

December 31, 2012

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their year-end meeting on December 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue, Beaver Falls. Following the call to order by President Policaro, roll call indicated Commissioners Bradow, Bonomo, Mahosky also present. Mr. Hoover was absent.

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

Public Comment: No visitors were present.

Final December Bills/Budget Transfers: The Secretary distributed the final December bills along with a final budget report for the General Fund and Sewer Fund. The memo included the final year-to-date figures along with a summary of 2012 revenues/expenditures and line item transfers. A lengthy discussion was held on the sewer rate increase proposed. The Secretary wanted the Board to be advised of the impact this increase will have on the residents. Examples were given on current usage at the current rates versus the proposed rate increase of \$2.00 on the minimum and \$2.00/1000 gallon rate on all rate structures. A customer using 10,000 gallons per quarter will pay an approximate \$6.00/month more; a customer using 20,000 gallons per quarter will pay an approximate \$13.00/month more. The handout provided by the Engineer at the December meeting provided scenarios of \$1.00/increase and \$1.50/increase. The Board decided to stay with the \$2.00 increase as approved at the December meeting. The Secretary noted that she would advertise as an Ordinance for adoption at the January meeting. Since the quarterly consumptions were entered into the system in November (for November, December, and January); the effective date of the increase will be February 1, 2013. A suggestion was made by the Secretary to distribute handouts to the sewer customers explaining the increase.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving the final December bills and budget transfers. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

The General Fund year-end balance (December 31, 2012) was noted to be approximately \$120,000.00. The Secretary noted a recommendation from Mr. Policaro to deposit some of the cash balance (i.e. carryover) into the Capital Fund for future capital projects. The amount could be \$20,000-\$30,000. The Secretary will provide a recommendation at the January or February meeting on how much to transfer.

Ordinance #437: A motion for the adoption of Ordinance #437 (setting the tax rate and budget appropriations for 2013) was made by Mr. Bradow. Seconded by Mrs. Bonomo, the motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Final Committee Reports: Fire – Mr. Mahosky provided an update on his recommendation to purchase a new computer for the Fire Department, along with the remodeling of the upstairs kitchen into an office. He advised that Mr. Inman may be able to provide a used computer from Blackhawk School District for free. He has also received one bid so far from John Marzano (Contractor) for the kitchen remodeling job. The bid is \$3,800.00. He is securing two additional proposals.

The status of the generator project was noted as follows: Patterson Heights to provide \$1,000.00 towards this project; Fallston Borough \$500.00; and White Township – to be determined. The Secretary advised that the two resolutions received have been sent in to Michael Foreman (DCED). Mr. Mahosky also noted being contacted by a representative of the State Surplus Program for possibly purchasing a generator through them.

Public Works - No report in Mr. Hoover's absence.

Parks/Recreation – No report in Mr. Hoover's absence.

Police/Township Office – Mr. Policaro advised of allowing the Township office to be closed over the holidays (note: office staff took vacation/comp time). Designation for holiday hours is included in the Personnel Policy.

Ordinances/Policies – Mrs. Bonomo had no report.

Unfinished Business: The question was raised on the status of the action taken at the December meeting concerning the naming of "Wagoner Way". The Secretary advised that the first step in this process (prior to the Ordinance) is to get approval from Beaver County Emergency Services. The Secretary attended a training session in December for a new program regarding municipal addressing. This Beaver County website includes GIS mapping software and provides the Township with the ability to draw in addresses on maps of the Township. The 911 Center reviews, approves and provides feedback.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Policaro advised that the next merger meeting between Fallston Borough and Patterson Township officials will be Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. here at the Municipal Complex.

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, January 10th. It was agreed to keep the work sessions (1st Thursday); and the regular meetings (2nd Thursday).

No **Executive Session** needed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mrs. Bonomo to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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