

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

Year-end Meeting

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their year-end meeting on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA.

Following the call to order, roll call showed Commissioners Leiper, Bradow, and Policaro present. Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Bonomo were absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 9, 2010 were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Policaro. Seconded by Mr. Bradow, the minutes were approved as presented. Passed unanimous.

The minutes of the Budget Meeting held December 14, 2010 were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Policaro. Seconded by Mr. Bradow, the minutes were approved as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment: None

Final Bills/Budget Report/Transfers: The final bills for December, along with the final budget report and budget transfers were presented for approval. Mr. Policaro questioned the water line item in the General Fund Budget which is over by \$563.98 in regards to the high water bill still pending from the Fire Department. The Secretary advised that the line item is negative without paying the pending \$604.78 (additional discussion under fire report). Upon all questions being answered concerning the budget and transfers, motion was made by Mr. Policaro; seconded by Mr. Bradow to approve the final December bills; final budget report; and the budget transfers for 2010 for both the General Fund and Sewer Fund. Passed unanimous.

Ordinance #432 – Setting the tax rate and budget appropriations for 2011 was presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Policaro; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving the adoption of Ordinance #432. Passed unanimous.

Final Committee Reports:

- A. Buildings/Grounds – Mr. Bradow had no report.
- B. Fire/Utilities – Mr. Policaro reported that the air conditioning unit has been completed and Mr. Balsler needs to do his final inspection. Once done, the insurance company will be notified for payment of the claim.

Also, a discussion was held on the water bill for the Fire Department pending since October. The bill, \$575.98 was not paid by the due date; therefore, with penalties the bill is presently \$604.78. Mr. Policaro advised that the firemen have replaced or repaired the plumbing fixtures throughout the firehall and are currently looking into hiring a plumber to find any additional leaks. He advised that the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority met with Phillip Graeser (fireman) to look for any leaks to determine the source of the high usage. Mr. Policaro's proposal was for the Township to pay the bill in full and charge the Fire Department one-half (of which they are willing to pay). A discussion was held concerning past-practice. When a high water bill is received the Secretary notifies them of the high usage. This allows for corrections to be made. If a second high bill is received, it is turned over to them for payment. This is what was followed in this case. Since the firemen have taken corrective action and can't explain where the high use came from, Mr. Policaro made a motion for the Township to pay the bill and collect ½ from the Fire Department. Mr. Bradow expressed that he was not willing to pay unless we find out whether the usage has dropped, indicating whatever is wrong was fixed. The Secretary left the room to call BFMA to see if the meter was read since this high usage. Returning, it was noted the meter has not been read and that there has never been a request for a service call. She suggested that as the next step to make sure it is not a faulty meter. Mr. Policaro advised that he would go to the water company and arrange to meet a serviceman at the Fire Department to check for leaks. Because of a lack of a second on Mr. Policaro's motion, the motion died.

- C. Public Works – In Mrs. Bonomo's absence, no report. Mr. Leiper advised that the residents of Par/Divor (Fallston) are pleased with snow removal efforts.
- D. Parks/Recreation – In Mr. Hoover's absence, no report.
- E. Police/Township Office – Mr. Leiper advised the Board that the light bar for the new police car has been ordered. He referred the items on the agenda to the Secretary who explained that in order to purchase the police car from Day Chevrolet (as done before), it requires an associate membership to the Westmoreland COG. The cost is \$175.00. Additionally, the lease program will be through Dollar Bank, which requires a \$100.00 application fee. Both of these items were for information only, as the authorization to purchase the police car was given at the last meeting.

Unfinished Business: The bid results advertised for opening on December 23rd and scheduled for award at today's meeting was provided as follows: Valley Waste - \$2,400.00/month; Brunner's - \$2,445.00 for the bi-weekly program. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow; seconded by Mr. Policaro to award the bid to Valley Waste at \$2,400.00/month. Passed unanimous on a roll call vote.

Miscellaneous Business: The letter/proposal from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering for 2011 Engineering Services was submitted. It was noted that there is no increase in their

fees. Motion was made by Mr. Policaro; seconded by Mr. Bradow to retain LSSE as the Township Engineer for 2011. Passed unanimous.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Policaro to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bradow, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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