

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

September 14, 2017

Attendants:

**Commissioner Policaro
Commissioner Inman
Commissioner Hoover
Assistant Chief Nick Bathgate
Rebecca Keller, Secretary**

**Commissioner Bradow
Commissioner Mahosky
Police Chief David Stanislawski
Ken Fawcett, Solicitor
Sherri Hurst**

Items discussed:

Mr. Policaro stated we are making preparations for the annual Patterson Township Holiday celebration to be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Yolanda's.

Mr. Policaro reviewed the prescription drug drop box is installed in the office lobby.

Mr. Policaro questioned Chief Stanislawski if the substance abuse policy has been reviewed by the police officers and is ready for adoption. Chief Stanislawski stated the policy has been reviewed and needing no further changes, ready for adoption.

Chief Stanislawski stated the revised pension policy for uniformed employees has been reviewed by the police officers and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Policaro advised the part-time clerk in the Township Office has resigned; her last day being today, Thursday, September 14, 2017. We are currently looking for a replacement; an advertisement will be placed in the next sewer bill. Mrs. Keller advised the Board the current hours worked for this position is 30 hours per week with the Tier 1 rate being set currently at \$13.00/hr. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the part time hours; it was agreed upon to keep the hours at thirty (30) hours per week and working five (5) days per week.

Mr. Bradow questioned what the special meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 with Mr. Foreman was going to include. Mrs. Keller advised this meeting was scheduled to review the budget and to answer any questions and concerns the Board may have. Mr. Inman stated he would like to utilize this meeting to discuss the Fire Department pumper truck refurbishment request regarding the possibility of taking out a loan as well.

Mr. Policaro advised the Board Greg DeLuca, Patterson Township Zoning Officer, turned in his resignation effective December 31, 2017. Mr. DeLuca had recommended Mr. Dan Snyder as a possible replacement.

Mr. Hoover stated he requested the Fire Department to research the possibility of refurbishing the pumper truck and requested multiple quotes to present to the Board. Mr. Hoover stated discussions have been held as to whether it makes sense to trade in the 2000 Engine 90 for a new truck while it still has some value, keep the truck on the road and keep maintaining it or refurbish it. Mr. Hoover stated there is money in the fire truck fund to support 85-90% of whatever decision is made and whatever money is left outstanding we would have to borrow. Mr. Hoover explained our residents pay each month into our fire truck fund which would be used to pay off the loan. Mr. Inman stated, unless Fire Underwriters changed their policy, the most you could have a truck on the road is 25 years. Mr. Inman stated upon prior research, Fire Underwriters advised us, at that time, our pumper was not sufficient. Mr. Hoover explained this is the discussion needing to be held. Mr. Inman requested information to be gathered from Fire Underwriters to be included in the discussion. Mr. Policaro questioned the option of purchasing an already refurbished truck. Mr. Hoover is to gather further information to be discussed with Mr. Foreman. Mr. Bradow questioned whether there was any threat to public safety if the Board holds off on making a decision. Mr. Hoover stated there is no threat to public safety but there is a threat to the protection of our investment.

Mr. Fawcett questioned the Board if they would like legal representation at the special meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Mr. Policaro stated it might be advisable for the Solicitor to hear what Mr. Foreman's concerns are in regards to the budget. Mrs. Keller advised this is an advertised public meeting. Motion made by Mr. Hoover to have the Solicitor attend the special meeting held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017; seconded by Mr. Bradow. The motion was passed on a roll call vote 3 ayes – 2 nays (Inman, Mahosky).

Mr. Hoover advised the Board he will be making a motion at the regular meeting for \$2,350.00 from the Rescue Store LLC. This is to refurbish the disconnects for the rescue tools on the rescue trucks. These new connectors, regardless of pressure at the truck, allow them to disconnect tools, such as the Jaws of Life and other cutting tools, faster in turn saving time in a emergency situations.

Mr. Bradow stated he is still looking for information regarding the Act 172. The state fire commission is also working on this and requested Mrs. Keller to inquire with them for any further information. Mr. Fawcett stated New Brighton may be passing something and would look into the status and forward any information.

Mr. Inman stated Mr. Bruce Matheny will be attending the meeting this evening regarding his interest in moving Ross Hill Auto Sales, 400 Darlington Road, to the Brake Stopp, 2615 Steffin Hill, lot. Mr. Inman stated he reviewed the ordinance, and advised this would need a conditional use permit. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the zoning. Mr. Fawcett

advised the Board; Mr. Matheny will need to submit an application for conditional use prior to any discussion or decisions being made.

End of Meeting