

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2017

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed all Commissioners present (Policaro, Bradow, Hoover, Inman and Mahosky).

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Inman approving as presented. Passed unanimous. Deletion of the electronic recorded minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 was presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment/Visitors: Deirdre Balmer, 1400 Struby Avenue wanted to express her thanks for the paving of Book Avenue. She questioned the deletion of the recorded minutes. Explanation was given.

The following residents attended the meeting to comment on the condition of St. Andrews Drive and ask the Board to take some action to pave the road. A copy of a petition from 2011 was presented:

Deborah Snyder, 28 St. Andrews Drive
Renold Bartoe, 36 St. Andrews Drive
Joe Lavalle, 91 St. Andrews Drive
Jack Morack, 74 St. Andrews Drive
Patty Lodovico, 87 St. Andrews Drive
Eric Snyder, 28 St. Andrews Drive

Mr. Inman explained the Township is using a new system where we cannot pave the roads every year. Currently we have a five (5) year plan. Right now, tentatively, St. Andrews Drive is on the schedule to be paved in 2019. We pave roads every other year and tar and chip roads on alternate years. Explained St. Andrews Drive has been looked at and the concern is we may not have the funding to pave all of it at one time. The road is one (1) mile of roadway. Mr. Inman explained we do not receive state or federal funding due to the funding being for low income areas. He also explained the Engineers looked at all the roads and rated them so we could work on the worst roads first. Advised residents they can review the five year plan at the Township Office.

Mr. Hoover reiterated the five year plan and the intention to pave St. Andrews Drive in 2019.

Mr. Inman commented the Engineers will be looking into the right of way encroachment issue on St. Andrews Drive and the possibility of the house drains being attached to the storm sewers.

Mr. Policaro requested the intersection of Fairway and St. Andrews Drive to be looked into to see if there is a spring underground. Mr. Inman to look into.

Public Hearing: none

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT Accounts were presented by Mrs. Keller. There being no questions or comments, motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky accepting the report as presented. Passed unanimous.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for April/May were submitted for payment. Included with this is a quarterly billing payable to the Patterson Township Municipal Authority for \$8,992.19. Motion was made by Mr. Hoover; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving payment. Passed unanimous.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Lennon presented his monthly report regarding the following items:

MS4 Program – Required training was held during the May Workshop Meeting. A separate training session will be conducted for township staff. Sampling is to start in the next few weeks. Currently working on the Pollutant Reduction Plan that is required for this year's permit application.

2017 Road Program – Majority of the roads are completed, except for 11th Street. Contractor will be working on restoration of 5th Street. Work on 11th Street is being postponed by the contractor due to work being done by the City of Beaver Falls, estimated to start in early June. 11th Street has deteriorated since the previous proposal. Currently we are \$24,500.00 under the budget for the Road Program. Two options for paving 11th Street: 1. Mill and place binder and wearing from 19th Street to Darlington Road. This would cost an additional \$26,000.00 for about \$1,500 over the current contract amount. 2. Mill and place binder and wearing between Darlington Road and 10 ½ Street, then from 10 ½ Street to 19th Avenue use scratch and overlay. This would cost an additional \$13,000.00 which would still be \$11,500.00 under the contract amount. Mr. Hoover questioned Mr. Inman as the Road Forman for his recommendation. Mr. Inman recommended due to the high volume on the road it would be better to spend the extra money now to pave the road correctly. Mr. Lennon agreed. Motion made by Mr. Hoover to use option #1, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

19th Avenue Storm Sewer Extension – still pending.

Meeting Room Wall Map – still pending.

Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program – notification of grant program through Penn DOT for sidewalk improvements. This is a 70% grant, Patterson Township would be responsible for 30% of the monies. The application fee is \$100.00.

20th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement – application was denied

2017 Darlington Road Sidewalk Construction – Contractor notified of a restoration complaint and is scheduled to be out in the next two weeks.

Mr. Mahosky brought to the attention of the Board, there was a piece of machinery driven over the new sidewalk last week and wondered who was responsible if there is damage done to the sidewalk. Mr. Fawcett stated the homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk, but there could be liability on the contractor if there is damage.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Fawcett presented Resolution, 2017-009 to Approve Pension Plan Investment Policy change with Huntington Bank. Motion to approve by Mr. Mahosky, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Substance Abuse Policy – still pending

Pension – Mr. Fawcett recommended a decision needing to be made as to how pensions are to be funded. In order for a change, this would require a new ordinance and advertising. Mr. Bradow requested a work session of the Board to discuss and make a decision. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to have the Solicitor, Mr. Fawcett, prepare for advertisement an ordinance to eliminate the requirement to purchase annuities upon retirement for the Patterson Township Non-Uniform employees and that he prepare communication to Patterson Township Police Bargaining Unit that the Board wishes to discuss the language in the contract that relates to their annuities and their pension plan by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Inman. Roll call vote: Mr. Hoover, yes; Mr. Mahosky, yes, Mr. Inman, yes, Mr. Bradow, abstain, Mr. Policaro, yes.

Committee Reports: Fire – Fire Chief Graeser is unable to meet with us, he is currently meeting with the Chief of Daugherty Township regarding the Active911 reporting software, and the software communicates directly with the 911 center in Beaver. If there is an emergency the software communicates directly with the fireman's phone who are registered. This should improve the response times. Also looked into IamResponding software. Active911 is the program the Fire Department prefers and will be prepared to make a motion at next month's meeting.

A bill from ProAm for air pack testing, was submitted for payment in the amount of \$480.00.

Mr. Hoover communicated to the Board the intention to purchase a floating strainer in the amount of \$600.04 and the adaptor in the amount of \$150.00. This is used to fill the tanker trucks and allow the hose to float on the top of the lake instead of sit on the bottom in the silt and sand. Mr. Hoover received three (3) price quotes for the parts:

	<u>Floating Strainer</u>	<u>Adaptor</u>
Whitmore:	\$647.00	\$150.00
Darley:	\$647.95	\$217.00
First Out:	\$600.04	N/A

Mr. Hoover submitted the April Fire Reports in an amount of \$191.38 for approval for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoover reported the information from our insurance company regarding the Survey Risk Control Recommendations report was shared with Fire Chief Graeser. Mr. Hoover will be researching what is needed to bring the smoke/heat detection system up to code. Mr. Hoover communicated with Fire Chief Graeser the need for an annual inspection of the firehouse cooking equipment. Mr. Hoover stated, at the request of the Board, a copy of each rental hall agreement for each tenant IS to be turned in to the Township Office which will include the hold harmless and liquor liability rules and the need post these rules at the rental hall.

Parks/Recreation/Finance – Mr. Mahosky commented on the Survey Risk Control Recommendations from our insurance company, the Patterson Township Community Park is an open naturalist park. Removal of a tree was done across a trail and was cut up and used as a side barrier/guardrail to prevent erosion. Requested a donation from Home Depot for some railing to be used and railroad ties we could use for steps. In reference to the electrical boxes and wiring the report refers to, there is no hook up to those wires, the box has been eliminated completely.

Public Works – Mr. Inman advised he brought back Chris Cassidy for summer employment. Mr. Inman requested a motioned to increase Mr. Cassidy’s wage from previous year by \$0.50/hr. bringing him to \$9.50/hr. Motion made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Inman requested hiring two (2) individuals, Danny Savaliksi and Michael Savalisky for summer help. One to work with Public Works and the other to work with Parks/Recreation. Mr. Inman proposed all five (5) employees work for Public Works four days a week and all five (5) employees work for Parks/Recreation one day a week. Mr. Mahosky requested some flexibility with scheduling should the need arise or develop. Motion made by Mr. Inman to hire Danny and Michael Savilisky and they are to be shared between the Public Works and Parks/Recreation departments pending they pass all new hire testing, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously. Motion made by Mr. Inman to hire Danny and Michael Savilisky at a rate of \$8.00/hour, seconded by Mr. Hoover. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Policies - Mr. Bradow questioned Mr. Hoover as to his inquiry at the previous meeting regarding the ordinance for number of houses. Mr. Hoover explained the question was brought to the Board that the fire department would like to begin a program in the name of “If We Can’t Find You, We Can’t Help You”. The fire department has been on many calls where it is difficult to find the address. Discussion was held at the fire department with the possibility of doing a fundraiser offering reflective signage to homeowners. Mr. Hoover would like to provide a copy of the ordinance that spoke to the requirement to mark your homes with a

request to participate in the program with the fire department. Mr. Hoover is to present a copy of the letter to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Bradow explained Joe Cipolla and Rick Smith checked the signage listed in the Patterson Code for No Parking Signs. It was found the study has been completed and the township is in compliance with the Code. Mr. Bradow asked if Mr. Policaro would request the Police Department to keep Ross Hill under surveillance for a while due to the additional installation of new no parking signage. Mr. Policaro will discuss with the Chief.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow submitted his April report for review. No comments or questions were asked.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro advised of the distribution of the monthly Police Report for April, 2017. No comments or questions were asked. At the request of Mr. Mahosky, a listing of COG bid sheets was given to the Board for review. A specific bid sheet can be printed upon request with the Township Secretary.

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

Unfinished Business: Pension resolved earlier in meeting. No comments or questions were asked.

Township Agencies: Nothing to report.

Communications: Invitation was received to 2017 Beaver County Local Government Conference held on Thursday, August 10th at Beaver County Community College.

The 2017-2018 Legislative Directory was received and is available for viewing in the Township Secretary office.

The Actuarial Valuation Reports for Uniform and Non-Uniform Plans were received and are available for review in the Township Secretary office.

New/Miscellaneous Business: Mr. Policaro and Mrs. Keller met with Leach Insurance and were presented with a Survey Risk Control Recommendations report. The report and actions were discussed by Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mahosky earlier in session.

Mr. Policaro and Mrs. Keller met with Bethany Willaims regarding the Marketing and Rebranding Campaign in the City of Beaver Falls. The intention is to see how we can promote this area, which includes everyone in the 15010 zip code, by possibly utilizing grant monies.

Public Comment: Mr. Lodovico questioned the agenda item: Patterson Elementary. Mr. Hoover explained a project was started about four years ago and this is a continuation of this project. Mr. Hoover advised there is a little more research needed in order to continue the project at this time. Mr. Mahosky added he has sent a letter to the Superintendent of Blackhawk

School District requesting donation of the lights and the sound system from the football stadium, if they should decide to build a new one.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session at 8:39 p.m. for discussion regarding an issue protected by the confidentiality provision.

The regular meeting was back in session at 8:52 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Hoover to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Inman the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca A. Keller
Township Secretary

Copy: Kenneth G. Fawcett, Esq.
Larry Lennon, Jr., P.E.
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