

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

February 8, 2018

Attendants:

**Commissioner Policaro
Commissioner Hoover
Commissioner Bradow
Police Chief David Stanislawski
Attorney Sherri Hurst
Attorney Kenneth Fawcett**

**Commissioner Inman
Commissioner Mahosky
Secretary Rebecca Keller
Gary Gache
Attorney Greg Douglas**

Items discussed:

- Commissioner Policaro called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Meeting back in session at 6:16 p.m.
- Commissioner Policaro introduced Mr. Douglas, Council for the Patterson Township Municipal Authority, and Mr. Gache, Chairman for the Patterson Township Municipal Authority. Mr. Gache explained they were interested in pursuing the CDGB Grant to assist with payment for the 20th Avenue Sewer Project. Due to a prior discussion, it is believed Patterson Township would not be eligible based on the household income as 51% of income is required to be below \$40,000 per year. Mr. Gache stated the Municipal Authority is still applying for the Water and Sewer Grant. The sewer line on 20th Avenue and 14th Street is a 4” line (code is an 8” line) causing the line to clog and back up. Engineering estimates for the project is \$208,242. The Patterson Township Municipal Authority should know if they are accepted for the Water and Sewer Grant by April. The grant requires a 15% match. Attorney Douglas explained the Municipal Authority is currently looking into bank financing in order to complete the project. A hand out was provided by Attorney Douglas showing the costs. If the Municipal Authority borrows the money for the project (\$225,000) the estimated increase to the monthly sewer cost per customer is approximately \$3.23 if the loan is taken over a five (5) year period; approximately \$2.38 if the loan is taken over a seven (7) year period. No loans have been applied for at this point.

- Commissioner Policaro questioned the Board as to the Billing Clerk/Receptionist incident where billings were removed from the office. A discussion was held regarding the current performance of her work and if any further issues have arisen. Attorney Fawcett requested an audit of the sewer billing files be completed. Commission Hoover stated he will support any decision, up to and including termination, Commissioner Policaro makes, being the Commissioner responsible for the office. Commissioner Bradow and Commissioner Mahosky also stated they will support any decision made.
- A discussion was held regarding raising the sewer rates due to the increase in billing from Brady's Run Sanitary Authority (over 23%) and Beaver Falls Water Authority (3% per year) and the sewer projects that have been conducted in the past where rates were never increased in order to compensate for the additional costs. It was concluded to increase the rates by 24% across the Township.

End of Meeting