

# **Patterson Township Board of Commissioners**

## **Agenda (Pre) Meeting**

**January 11, 2018**

### **Attendants:**

**Commissioner Policaro  
Commissioner Hoover  
Police Chief David Stanislowski  
Assistant Police Chief Nick Bathgate  
Attorney Sherri Hurst**

**Commissioner Inman  
Commissioner Mahosky  
Secretary Rebecca Keller  
Fire Chief Tony Ferrazzano  
Deputy Chief Tyler Crognale**

### **Items discussed:**

- Commissioner Policaro reported at the prior meeting a resolution was passed to disband from the Drug Task Force Unit and the Beaver County ESU due to the cost to the Township. Commissioner Policaro requested reconsideration on termination of these agreements due to the following accommodations: the \$400 co-pay for workers compensation the Township incurs can be paid out of drug fund money, therefore, not costing the Township any money to be on the Drug Task Force Unit. Police Chief Stanislowski advised the ESU requires training twelve (12) days per year costing the Township approximately \$2,000 per year. An agreement has been negotiated with Officer Girting in which he will use compensatory and/or vacation time to attend five (5) of the training days. Commissioner Hoover questioned if there is any written agreement in place between Officer Girting and the Township. Assistant Chief Bathgate advised he would have an agreement signed by Officer Girting to provide to the Township. Assistant Chief Bathgate questioned, due to the pending cases Officer Girting has established with ESU currently that are on hold, if Officer Girting could be reinstated with ESU tonight. Mrs. Hurst advised he is still currently on the ESU due to the requirement to provide thirty (30) days' notice to discontinue the program and Officer Girting is still within the thirty (30) days. Assistant Chief Bathgate provided a listing of pros and cons to being involved with both the Drug Task Force Unit and the ESU.
- Chief Stanislowski advised a discussion will be held with the District Magistrate adjusting dates and times of when court hearings are scheduled to

lower the cost to the Township. Chief Stanislawski explained the department is also looking at various holidays, in which full time officers currently work, to have part-time officers work the holidays in an effort to lower costs.

- Commissioner Policaro expressed the desire to establish a Financial Committee to overview the Townships expenses and revenues for the year 2019. Commissioner Policaro suggested Commissioner Hoover to chair the committee, Secretary Keller and Commissioner Mahosky to also be on the committee. Items Commissioner Policaro requested to be reviewed are contributions to health care, possible contributions to pensions, step increases for wages and the elimination of the crossing guard position. Commissioner Policaro requested the Financial Committee to report back to the Board with their findings by the May Board Meeting. By May the Board will be making decisions regarding hiring for part time public works positions and the school crossing guard will be finishing up for the school year. Commissioner Hoover stated he would like to see participation from all the Commissioners for all their respective departments as to where there are potential cost cutting measures. Commissioner Policaro stated cooperation will be received from the Police Department, as meetings have already been held with the Police Chief and Police Commissioner regarding finances. Commissioner Hoover stated discussions have already been held with the Fire Department regarding decreasing costs.
- Commissioner Inman passed out a financial analysis of the general fund budget; stating he looked at the expenditures and fund balances for the year. An explanation of the document was given and a discussion was held.
- Commissioner Policaro requested a survey of other first class townships be done to find out if the employees contribute to their health plans, pensions, etc.
- Commissioner Policaro congratulated the new 2018 Fire Chief Tony Ferrazzano. Fire Chief Ferrazzano stated he is looking forward to working together. Commissioner Policaro questioned the Fire Hall Rental Agreement updates to include a hold harmless clause. Commissioner Hoover explained with this year's election Mr. Tyler Crognale is now the new President of the Social Side of the Fire Department and discussions have been held and Mr.

Crognale is willing to provide the proper documentation and move forward with this request. Commissioner Hoover requested a copy of the Risk Control Recommendations from the insurance carrier with the hold harmless language be provided to the Fire Chief.

- Fire Chief Ferrazzano presented changes, effective January 1, 2018, to the payments for fire and QRS calls; stating the township will no longer be charged for QRS calls saving approximately \$500 to the township.
- Fire Chief Ferrazzano presented reporting for 2017. Secretary Keller was requested to make copies for all Commissioners. Fire Chief Ferrazzano presented outstanding bills from 2017 for payment; Whittmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Out Supply, and Horn Automotive totaling \$2,257.12. A request was made to pay the bills out of minor equipment. Fire Chief Ferrazzano present the estimated expenses for 2018; Pump Certification; Inspections of Engine 903 and 90; new front tires for Engine 902; two new hubcaps.
- Commissioner Inman commented the township ordinance which established the fire department requires the results of an election to be turned into the Board of Commissioners to approve at a public meeting. Fire Chief Ferrazzano stated he will turn in the results of the election to the Secretary along with an updated roster distinguishing who is certified to operate and drive the truck(s). Commissioner Policaro stated he can have the fire department officers sworn in at their convenience.
- Commissioner Hoover requested an insert into the sewer billings regarding the upcoming fire department fish fry. Secretary Keller stated the office is happy to add the insert if the fire department could provide the copies, due to a shortened holiday week and time constraints with mailing bills early to save on postage. Mr. Crognale stated he would provide the township with the copies.
- Assistant Chief Bathgate presented a signed letter by Officer Girting regarding the utilization of vacation and/or compensatory time for ESU training.

**End of Meeting**