

**Patterson Township Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 8, 2024**

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7:00 pm at Patterson Township Municipal Building, Beaver Falls. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Bartoe, Commissioner Kretschman, Commissioner Hammer, and Commissioner Jolliffe. Commissioner Kristian was not present.

**Public Hearing:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the reorganization meeting held on January 2, 2024, and Work Session on February 5, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the reorganization meeting held on January 2, 2024, and Work Session on February 5, 2024, by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Hammer; motion carried.

**Public Comment/Visitors:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT accounts were presented by Secretary Christin Milnes. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Jolliffe accepting the reports as presented; motion carried.

**Monthly Bills:** The monthly bills for January/February were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Jolliffe and seconded by Commissioner Kretschman approving payment; motion carried.

**Engineer's Report:** *Wyatt Dishler* presented his monthly report regarding the following items:

*8<sup>th</sup> Street Park Stream Restoration Project* – Awaiting PaDEP response. A short discussion was held on options for how to spend the remaining County ARPA funds as the rain garden will not utilize the entire grant. LSSE will investigate other options with the County and will have options to discuss at the Work Session in March.

*Highland Ave Rain Garden* – Bids were opened November 2, 2023. Work is completed less the restoration work which will be completed in the spring. Partial Payment request no. 1 in the amount of \$83,564.85 was presented for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to approve partial payment request no. 1 in the amount of \$83,564.85 to J.S. Paris Excavating, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hammer. Discussion was held on what the remaining work entails and what the remaining payment requests might look like. Following a roll call vote, motion carried.

*2023 Road Program* – Work has been completed and reimbursement requests are pending at this time.

*2024 Road Program* – LSSE provided potential costs for all prospective roads for the 2024 road program, totaling \$839,668.00. The prospective roads are as follows:

Cost sharing with Columbia Gas – \$268,722.37

\$151,651.65 Patterson Township / \$117,070.72 Columbia Gas

Highland Ave – 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street

12<sup>th</sup> Street – Darlington Road to Glenn Ave

Glenn Ave – 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street

11<sup>th</sup> Street – Glenn Ave to Highland Ave

Without Columbia Gas – \$570,945.63

15<sup>th</sup> Street – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave (Township line) – \$37,711

21<sup>st</sup> Ave – 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street – \$56,418

17<sup>th</sup> Street – 20<sup>th</sup> Ave to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave – \$75,686

W 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Darlington Road to Wagoner Way – \$35,784

W 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Wagoner Way to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave – \$60,328

6<sup>th</sup> Street – 18<sup>th</sup> Ave to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave – \$52,250

15<sup>th</sup> Ave – 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Township Line – \$65,206

8<sup>th</sup> Ave – 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – \$89,468

6<sup>th</sup> Street – Darlington Road to Wissner Ave – \$27,569

Windy Crest Drive – entire street – \$73,523

Columbia Gas will be responsible for the costs associated with milling, resurfacing, wearing course, lawn restoration and traffic protection; the Township will be responsible for all base repair and binder.

Commissioner Kretschman will look into the issue causing road damage in St. Andrews, it is thought that this could be a result of a broken water line. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to advertise the 2024 Road program for bids to be opened at the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jolliffe. Motion carried.

*PennDOT Multimodal Grant – Sidewalk improvements* – continuing to work with PennDOT awaiting Technical Design, Environmental, existing Right of Way and ADA compliance review; once all of these reviews have been completed LSSE will submit for a highway occupancy permit prior to the March monthly meeting.

*Patterson Township Sewer System Operations* – LSSE will complete the Chapter 94 questionnaires for Brady's Run and Beaver Falls Municipal Authority.

*2022 CFA – Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) Grant* – CFA approved the relocation of the parking lot on January 18, 2024 from Ray Street to Struby Ave. Correspondence is ongoing with regard to trails/access road.

*2023 CFA – Statewide Local Share Account (LSA)* – grant application has been submitted, awaiting award or rejection.

*2022 COVID-19 ARPA Small Water and Sewer – Fern Ave – This grant was denied.*

**Solicitor’s Report:** *Ken Fawcett provided the following report:*

Attorney Fawcett advised that he received documentation regarding Patterson Township being a participant in a class action lawsuit against an Opioid manufacturer. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to amend the agenda to add a motion to accept the second amended joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization of Endo International and its affiliated debtors and authorize the Township Solicitor to execute all required documents. The motion to amend the agenda was seconded by Commissioner Hammer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to accept the second amended joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization of Endo International and its affiliated debtors and authorize the Township Solicitor to execute all required documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. Following a roll call vote, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration, Police and COG –** Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports:

*Police Report –* Police Chief Stanislawski submitted his January 2024 report for review; no questions or comments presented.

*Ammo sell-back –* Commissioner Bartoe advised that the Police Department wishes to sell back the ammo that it has on hand from the old duty weapons. A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to sell back unused ammo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jolliffe. Motion carried.

*Police car CODY –* Commissioner Bartoe advised that the police are working to complete the process of having access to CODY in the police cruisers. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to approve costs associated with connecting CODY to patrol cars in the amount of \$1,295.00 less \$705.52 (cost for sale of ammo, magazines, and balance remaining on Beaver County Public Safety Grant) for a final cost to the Township of \$589.48. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hammer. Motion carried.

*Sale of Sick Days –* a motion is made by Commissioner Jolliffe to approve the sale back of sick days by K. Girting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. Motion carried.

*ALOM Spring Conference –* Seven Springs April 4-7, 2024 – A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman, seconded by Commissioner Jolliffe to cover the costs of any Commissioner wishing to attend the spring conference. Motion carried.

*COG update –* Commissioner Bartoe and Commissioner Kretschman attended the annual State of the County Breakfast.

*Resolution 2024-004 –* amend personnel policy regarding Township personnel responding to emergency fire and QRS calls – a motion was made by Commissioner Jolliffe

to adopt Resolution 2024-004 to amend the personnel policy regarding Township personnel responding to emergency fire and QRS calls, seconded by Commissioner Hammer; motion carried.

*Resolution 2024-005 – Document Destruction* – a motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to adopt Resolution 2024-005 regarding document destruction, seconded by Commissioner Kretschman; motion carried.

Commissioner Bartoe shared the article from the Beaver County Times, “Remembering Donald Inman”.

**Fire & Emergency Management, Buildings & Grounds, and HR** – Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports in Commissioner Kristian’s absence:

*Callout service* – Callouts for the month

December 2023 - 29 Calls (15 Fire/14 QRS), 83 Hours (58 Fire/25 QRS).

January 2024 - 32 Calls (17 Fire/15 QRS), 70.5 Hours (38.5 Fire/32 QRS).

*Fire Line Officers* – a motion was made by Commissioner Jolliffe to approve the fire department line officers as follows:

Chief – Phillip Graeser

Deputy Chief – Tony Ferrazzano

1<sup>st</sup> Captain – Bob Buck

2<sup>nd</sup> Captain – Sean Steifel

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hammer; motion carried.

**Public Works & Recycling** – Commissioner Kretschman presented the following report:

*2024 Road Program* – Motion tabled for further investigation.

*Recycling Center* – Commissioner Kretschman advised that he is continuing to research options for maintaining access to the recycling center. Attorney Fawcett advised that he will research the Township codes, however he believes that the Ordinance should be updated to list this specific site as illicit dumping. Attorney Fawcett will also do some research to advise who the proper party would be to issue any necessary citations.

*Dumping in Township* – Commissioner Kretschman asked if there had been any citations written for overweight vehicles on York Ave. Chief Stanislawski advised that he need to take any suspected overweight vehicle to be weighed; he will confirm where he can have the vehicles weighed and will enforce as requested. Brief discussion was held.

**Zoning, Code Enforcement and Community Life** – Commissioner Jolliffe presented the following reports:

*Monthly Code Report* – January Code Report was provided.

**Park, Recreation, and Finance** – Commissioner Hammer presented the following reports:

Commissioner Hammer advised that the Township is in good financial standing at this time.

Commissioner Hammer advised that he is working with Commissioner Kretschman and the Public Works Department to address the concerns raised about the Struby Ave. Park Entrance.

A motion to accept all committee reports as presented was made by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Jolliffe; motion passes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Financial interest statements need to be turned in to the Township Office.

**Township Agencies:** None

**Communications:**

Letter – Widmer Engineering – Annual Chapter 94 Waste-load Management Report – referred to LSSE

PA Fertilizer law change – informational only

Letter – Brady’s Run Sanitary Authority – 2024 sanitary sewer costs - 4.178% increase from 2023

Letter – Brady’s Run Sanitary Authority – 2023 summary – Credit for \$2,292.19

**New/Miscellaneous Business:**

*Patterson Township Municipal Authority* – Quarterly Lease payment - \$26,976.57 to Patterson Township Municipal Authority- A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to remit payment in the amount of \$26,976.57 to the Patterson Township Municipal Authority for the quarterly lease payment, seconded by Commissioner Kretschman; motion carried.

*Patterson Township Volunteer Fire Company*-Quarterly Payment- a motion was made by Commissioner Jolliffe to remit Quarterly payment in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Patterson Township Volunteer Fire Company, seconded by Commissioner Hammer; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Executive Session:** None

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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