

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Work Session

Monday, March 11, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Attendants:

**Commissioner Bartoe
Commissioner Hammer
Chief Stanislawski**

**Commissioner Kretschman
Township Secretary Milnes
Attorney Ken Fawcett**

Items discussed:

- Commissioner Bartoe advised that he attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' Newly Elected Officials training over the weekend. He advised that he has some informational documents for each commissioner regarding items related to each of their departments.
- Brief discussion on code enforcement.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he has obtained several quotes for the fencing and gate options for the recycling center. He also advised that as he was working to obtain the quotes it was determined that there needs to be electric, as well as a Wi-Fi connection, established at the site. He has worked with Duquesne Light to arrange for the electricity to be installed and is working with vendors to solidify a plan for Wi-Fi access at the site. Discussion occurred with regard to the quotes which were received regarding Wi-Fi access and key card access versus keypad access.
- Discussion was also held on components of a policy for the use and access to this site. It was suggested that a nominal cost of \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents be charged for access to the site. Discussion was held in regard to cost for commercial access to the recycling center. Discussion was held with regard to changes that are needed within the ordinance to match the use of this site, as well as ticketing provisions for violations.
- Discussion was held with regard to the 2024 road program which is being placed out to bid. Patterson Heights advised that they are not able to complete 8th Avenue this year, so it has been removed from the list of potential streets. The current list contains the roads associated with the Columbia Gas main-line replacement on Highland Ave. and Glenn Ave. The additional alternates will include 8th Street from Darlington Road to Wagoner Way, 6th Street from 18th Ave. to 16th Ave., 15th Street from 19th Ave. to 18th Ave., and 6th Street from Darlington Road to 16th Avenue. Once bids have been received the Township will make a final decision on which roads will be completed based on the total bid cost provided.

- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he is working with Hannah Ward at the Conservation District on a Growing Greener Grant application to help with the cost of the 8th Street Stream Restoration Project. Commissioner Kretschman is proposing that the Township use the engineering fees already paid to increase the Township's match for the project to 25% (instead of the 15% required on the grant) to make the grant application more competitive.
- Attorney Fawcett provided a brief background of the sale of the Beaver Falls Sewer Plant to Aqua; discussion was held on the status of the PUC matters relative to this sale.
- Executive session – Legal matter 5:52 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Bartoe reviewed his agenda items and requested to table the matters relative to the ARPA funds and record digitization.
- Commissioner Bartoe advised that the County is requesting each municipality pass the America250PA Resolution for the United States' semi-quincentennial.
- Commissioner Bartoe advised that COG has been exploring the idea of hiring a joint grant writer for interested municipalities. At this time, this is still being explored and there are a number of questions that need to be addressed before this moves forward. Should any commissioner have any comments on the questionnaire provided they should forward it to Township Administrator/Secretary.
- Commissioner Kristian advised that there were 2 insurance claims filed for the Fire Department, one workman's compensation and one for property damage; the claims are not related.
- Commissioner Hammer advised that the Township is in good financial condition at approximately 17% of the year being completed.
- Commissioner Hammer advised that he will be meeting with Eric Hoover regarding the 9/11 5k and Community Day event.
- Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

End of Meeting