

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Work Session

Monday, October 10, 2022 3:30 p.m.

Attendants:

Commissioner Wagoner

Commissioner Bartoe

Township Secretary Milnes

Joseph Sniezek- Huntington Bank

Larry Lennon- LSSE

Kenneth Fawcett- Solicitor

Commissioner Inman

Commissioner Eckelberger

Police Chief Stanislawski

Susan Bell- Huntington Bank

Wyatt Dishler- LSSE

Items discussed:

- Joseph Sniezek updated the Board with the status of the current market and the status of the investments with the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension plans. Overall, the plans are doing well considering today's markets. Susan Bell advised the Board that she was able to obtain a fee reduction to .60. Discussion occurred with Commissioners and Huntington Bank representatives.
- Engineer Larry Lennon presented design options for Fern Drive with the Board, Grant opportunities were also provided to the Board including a Small Waters Grant with a 15% match and a H2O PA grant with a 50% match from the Township. Discussion occurred on the options provided to make permanent repairs for storm water the options range in price from approximately \$271,000.00 to \$956,000.00.
- Engineers discussed the status of the Lindsay Drive Restorations.
- Attorney Fawcett discussed the Memorandum of Understanding which was entered into between Chippewa Police and Blackhawk School District and advised that this memorandum only applied to having an SRO at the high school, nothing has been discussed with regard to BIS, Highland or Patterson Elementary. He also advised the Board that the State Police are currently conducting a vulnerability study for Blackhawk and additional changes may come as a result of this report being completed.
- Chief Stanislawski advised the Assistant Chief Bathgate has completed the School Resource Officer training and has received his certification. He also advised that he is continuing to work with Blackhawk School district on grant opportunities to facilitate these changes.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that the Police Department did receive a public safety grant from the County Commissioners in the amount of \$15,700.00, discussion was held with regard to options on what to purchase with these funds. Chief Stanislawski suggested purchasing new duty weapons, radios, and continued training.

- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that the Committee of Chief Stanislawski, Commissioner Bartoe and herself have come to an agreement with White Township with regard to Police Services, this has been approved and executed by White Township and will be presented at this week's meeting for Board approval. The changes from the previous contract included a reduction in the number of patrols per shift from 3 to 2 and a price increase of 2% for years 2024, 2025 and 2026 respectively.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that the Administrative Assistant hiring committee of Commissioner Eckelberger, Township Secretary Milnes and herself have completed interview and are planning to request contingent approval from the Board to hire Kayla Hall to fill this position.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that there is currently an opening in the vacancy Board and requested nominations for someone to fill this position. Discussion was held with regard to the position.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that the Civil Service Commission is ready to provide a certified list to the Board. Chief Stanislawski requested that if this list is received that a conditional offer of employment be considered for the candidate.
- Commissioner Eckelberger advised the Board that there have been a few instances of graffiti in the park and asked the Board to consider budgeting for solar lights and cameras for the park. Commissioner Wagoner asked if the Township still have Trail Cameras which could be used. Secretary Milnes will look into this. Commissioner Eckelberger also requested that Commissioner Inman have the Public Works Department completed the restoration in the park to the 2 sets of remaining stairs and handrails.
- Commissioner Eckelberger advised the Board that Commissioner Inman had given Township property i.e. broke metal tables to a township employee. Attorney Fawcett advised the Board the if an Township property is to be disposed of whether, through sale, or disposal, Board Approval must occur prior to the property being removes or disposed of. He also advised that should the sale amount be over \$2,000.00 the sale must be advertised. Discussion was held on whether the Board wants a specific policy for this type of actions.
- Commissioner Inman advised the Board that if they wanted to purchase a 2023 PW truck then a purchase order would need to be submitted by the end of the week. Discussion was held on the status of the requested grants and how to proceed. Commissioner Inman also advised that he had the public works guys take the truck to have the inspection completed and it needed new tires and ball joints which he approved. The total bill came to \$1,43.00 this bill will be added to the agenda for Board approval. Attorney Fawcett advised that this work should not have been completed without Board approval as the inspection was not due until the end of the month this approval could have waited for the regular meeting.
- 6:02pm-6:20pm executive session
- Attorney Fawcett advised the Board that the Township Zoning map needs to be done as it is not accurate at this time.

End of Meeting