

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Work Session

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendants:

**Commissioner Bartoe
Commissioner Jolliffe
Commissioner Hammer
Chief Stanislawski**

**Commissioner Kretschman
Commissioner Kristian
Township Secretary Milnes**

Items discussed:

- Commissioner Kretschman asked Commissioners to review the drafted ordinances provided by Attorney Fawcett via e-mail last week. He advised that there is a kick-off meeting for the recycling center. He advised that the fencing project is supposed to start Friday, 4/12/2024, pending building permits, and should be completed within a week.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he did not have a status of when Ross Hill Road would be opened. Brief discussion held in regard to traffic patterns on Ross Hill Road.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that bids were opened for the 2024 Road Program. There was only one bidder – Youngblood Paving, Inc. There will be a motion under the engineer’s report at Thursday’s meeting.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that the Growing Greener Grant is still pending submission.
- Commissioner Kristian advised that there is a grant opportunity for Municipal and Firehall buildings (multi-use bids). Grants range from \$200k - \$2M. He advised that we need to put together a list of projects/improvements for facilities. He also advised access control was an allowable expenditure under this grant. Brief discussion regarding possible projects.
- Commissioner Kristian advised that Guys Mechanical came today to complete an emergency repair on one of the water line gauges at the Municipal Building (back garage). They will provide a bid or quote for the remaining work that needs to be completed on the water line.
- Commissioner Kristian proposed a firefighter retention/certification incentive. This would be to increase the number of Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 certifications within the department. He proposes an incentive of \$250 for Firefighter 1 and \$500 for Firefighter 2. Commissioner Bartoe suggested giving tax credits for certification, however, this may not work within the Township as not all firefighters live within the Township limits. Discussion was held within defining term of active members/conditions of receiving

incentive/funding. Discussion with regard to tax credit option versus incentive payment. Commissioner Bartoe made recommendation to include an incentive for EMR and EMT certifications.

- Commissioner Jolliffe advised he was still working to identify the businesses and churches within the Township. He will work with Attorney Fawcett to determine proper ways to recognize/highlight on the Township website.
- Commissioner Bartoe requested that Commissioner Jolliffe take a look at current Township fees.
- Commissioner Hammer advised he met with Eric Hoover regarding the park. He asked Commissioner Kretschman how many hours public works will be dedicating to the park this summer. Commissioner Kretschman said they will work 4 hours per week in the park. Secretary/Administrator Milnes asked Commissioner Hammer to follow-up with Eric Hoover to receive a list of materials still needed to complete the exercise stations within the park - \$1,500 was approved by the Board of Commissioners in 2023 for the purchase of said materials.
- Commissioner Hammer advised that at 26.9% through the year, 44.5% of income has been received and 23.7% of expenditures have been paid. There was discussion in regards to the finances and timing on income being received throughout the year.
- Commissioner Bartoe advised that he informed COG about our benefits plan with Municipal Benefits Services (MBS).
- Commissioner Bartoe advised that Commissioner Kristian, Secretary/Administrator Milnes, and himself attended the ALOM spring conference in Seven Springs, PA. There were 534 attendees. Patterson Township was named a 2024 Banner Community. We also received recognition from Sarah Innamorato from Allegheny County for becoming a Banner Community.
- Commissioner Bartoe requested that each Commissioner provide a list of projects they would like to be considered for the use of the remaining ARPA funds; to be discussed at the May work session. Projects already discussed were Road Program, office water pipe repairs, fire department man-door, quarterly newsletter, digitizing records, and police vests.
- Meeting ended at 6:06 p.m.

End of Meeting