

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Work Session

Monday, April 10, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Attendants:

Commissioner Wagoner

Commissioner Inman

Commissioner Bartoe

Commissioner Kretschman

Township Secretary Milnes

Chief Stanislawski

Items discussed:

- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board of receipt of the letter of resignation from Kathy Eckelberger as Commissioner, Commissioner Wagoner advised that she spoke with Attorney Fawcett and the timeline to fill this vacancy does not begin until the resignation letter has been accepted by the Board. The letter will be presented for acceptance at the regular meeting on Thursday April 13, 2023. The letter of resignation cannot be accepted and a new Commissioner cannot be appointed at the work session as the meeting was not advertised to have a vote. There was discussion on whether to advertise the position or to select a candidate from the previous pool of applicants. Commissioner Wagoner advised that per Attorney Fawcett the vacancy can be filled at the same meeting that the resignation is accepted. Commissioner Bartoe advised that he will not physically be present at the meeting, he will be attending the ALOM conference in Seven Springs, he will attempt to call in for the meeting. The applicants are Chris Joliffe; Eric Hoover and Joseph Kristian, Discussion on each candidates' qualifications occurred.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised that there may be a greater presence from residents at upcoming meetings due to the reassessment notices being sent out to all residents. She advised that the Township will not be able to determine its mileage for 2024 until the final rolls have been received from the County, however the budget will need to remain revenue neutral. Commissioner Bartoe advised the Josh Eckelberger from the County Assessment Office will be at the COG Managers meeting and the Monthly COGs meeting to answer any questions regarding the reassessment. He advised the Board that they are all welcome to attend these meetings.
- Commissioner Wagoner thanked Commissioner Bartoe for attending the informational meeting with the DA's office on Police regionalization. At this time the meeting was informational only, with no report at this time. Commissioner Bartoe did discuss with the Board that this is something that may need to be considered and discussed in conjunction with the Police contract negotiations. Regionalization would eliminate contracts for police service coverage. The cost structure is based on the number of calls for each municipality.

- Brief discussion on the Electronic sign policy, at this time the Township is awaiting a response from the Fire Department and then the Agreement will be sent to Attorney Fawcett for finalization prior to final Board approval.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that per the Township's IT provider computers for Chief Stanislawski and Secretary/Administrator Milnes need to be updated as they are both between 8-9 years old, quotes have been provided and this will be added to the agenda for the upcoming meeting.
- Discussion was held with regard to Short Term rental policies, the Board requested that Secretary/Administrator Milnes obtain sample policies to be reviewed at the next work session for a policy to be drafted.
- Discussion occurred on separating Building Permits and zoning permits, not including MDIA fees. Discussion also occurred on the payment of permits.
- Chief Stanislawski advised that the new Police car should be in and upfit by mid to end of July. Commissioner Wagoner also advised that the Township has opted to purchase a demo vehicle for an additional \$2000 savings.
- Commissioner Inman showed the Board a number of maps and advised that he would like to work with LSSE to ensure that all Township road maps are up to date and correctly reflect what roads the Township owns and what roads are private.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that we are currently looking at additional options with regard to building security, one company provided an option to replace only the key locks with a digital key, discussion occurred, quotes will be provide prior to the May work session for discussion at that time.
- Commissioner Bartoe advised that at 26% of the year completed the Township has collected 43.7% income and expenditures are at 20% for the year. He also advised that he is in agreement with the suggested balance transferred from Wesbanco to PLGIT as requested by the Township Secretary/Administrator.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised that a Letter of Resignation was also received from Randy Eckelberger for the Civil Service Commission, Commissioner Wagoner advised that she will recommend that Joel Heeckt be appointed from an alternate member to an active member to fill this vacancy. The Civil Service Commissioner will then have a vacancy in the alternate member position.
- Commissioner Wagoner advised that with the changes to the Board members she will be reaching out to each commissioner to discuss possible reorganization among the departments to take advantage of each Board members strengths.
- Meeting ended 5:50pm

End of Meeting