

**Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2026**

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m. 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 Kretschman, Commissioner Gilarno, Commissioner Bartoe and Commissioner Kristian. Commissioner Jolliffe was absent.

Public Hearing: None

Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2026, and work session held on April 13, 2026, were presented for approval. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2026, and work session held on April 13, 2026, by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Gilarno; motion carried.

Public Comment/Visitors – Agenda Items (only):

Mark Thomas- 1906 Figley Street- Homeowner came to the meeting to advise the Board that he has been dealing with this water issue for several years, he does not believe that the catch basin is currently in the correct place to catch the water. Commissioner Kretschman advised that they have not completed the work and will do so once the Township received the executed Right of Way agreements and easements back for the affected properties. The homeowner also advised that the water has been tested in the past and the Water company has confirmed it is city water and neglected to do anything to correct the problem. Commissioner Kretschman requested that Attorney Fawcett and LSSE look into this and advise if the Township has any recourse.

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 Gilarno and seconded by Commissioner Kretschman accepting the reports as presented; motion carried.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for March/April were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Kristian and seconded by Commissioner Gilarno approving payment; motion carried.

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

Patterson Township Municipal Building Roof Replacement – Patterson Township authorized the award of Contract No. 25-R1 to Beaver Home Improvement, LLC. in the total amount of \$90,760.00 which includes Contract A – Asphalt Shingle Roof and Add / Deduct No. 1 for replacement of the gutters and downspouts in lieu of reinstallation. All insurance paperwork has been received as requested. Contract documents have been completed. Preconstruction meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

2026 Road Program – LSSE met with Patterson Township and received preliminary road listing. LSSE provided Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost on March 9, 2026. Final road selection by Patterson Township ahead of finalization of Bid Documents.

A motion to advertise Contract No. 26-R01 – 2026 Road Program (Liquid Fuels) for Public Bidding was requested. One bid was received from Youngblood paving as follows:

Base bid- \$167,080.00

Add Alternate No. 1- \$23,646.25

Add Alternate No. 2- \$74,950.00

This includes the following increases from last years pricing, Milling increased from \$3.45/SY to -\$5.12/SY; Binder increased from \$92/ton to \$103.08; and Superpave binder course \$10.5/SY to \$12.21/SY. The Contract also includes an asphalt adjustment clause which could which is affected by the cost of oil. A potential price adjustment summary table was provided in the engineer's report. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to award the base bid plus ad alternate no. 1 to Younblood Paving Inc. for a total bid cost of \$190,736.25, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kristian, Roll call vote, motion carried. The Work bid out under Add Alternate no.2 will be completed in house prior to road program being started.

Figley Street Stormwater Improvements – Field survey completed January 2, 2026. Project reviewed with Public Works on February 27, 2026. LSSE provided updated Opinion of Probable Cost on March 10, 2026. Bid for work came in at \$74,950.00. This bid will not be awarded as this work will be done in house to save the Township funds.

Patterson Township Sewer System Operations – Field review was held with Patterson Township and LSSE on June 18, 2025. Next field review to be scheduled for the first quarter of 2026.

Struby Ave. Parking Lot and Parking Improvements – Field survey completed January 2, 2026. Preliminary concept plan prepared for park committee. LSSE will schedule meeting to determine final routing access. Hoping the weather will start cooperating so we can hit the ground running with the access trail and involve Public Works in getting the natural surface trail underway for a ¼ mile loop so the community has something to enjoy. LSSE held field review on April 9, 2026 with the Park Committee. The scope of the work has been confirmed and finalized. A motion was tabled to place the project out for bid. LSSE will send the bid packet to CFA for approval prior to placing out for bid.

Beaver County Hazmat Building Addition – Land Development package received from Widmer Engineering, Inc. on February 13, 2026. LSSE issued Review Letter No. 1 on March 11, 2026. The Land Development Application is being reviewed for conformance to Patterson Township's Subdivision and Land Development, Stormwater Management, Zoning and Grading, Excavation and Fill Ordinances. LSSE is awaiting a couple items from the County/ their engineers. Review/comment letter no. 2 issued on April 7, 2026.

2026 Grant Funding Opportunities:

1. *CFA – 2024 Statewide Local Share Account (LSA)* – Patterson Township was awarded \$302,197.00 from CFA for Bonnieview Drive Stormwater Improvements on December 18, 2025.
2. *CFA – 2025 Statewide Local Share Account (LSA)* – Awaiting award / rejection. CFA anticipating September / November 2026.
3. *F.Y. 26 Congressionally Directed Appropriations* – LSSE submitted applications to Congressman Deluzio on March 6, 2026 for PTMA – Corrective Action Plan Sewer Repairs. Patterson Township requested \$1,320,000.00 with a \$330,000.00 match requirement.
4. LSSE to submit application to Senator McCormick and Senator Fetterman by March 20, 2026 deadline.

Commonwealth Financing Authority Act 13 programs – The next round opened February 1, 2026, with applications due May 31, 2026. Below is a summary of applicable programs:

1. Greenways, Trails and Recreation (GTRP) – Max grant award: \$250,000.00. 15% local match. Development, rehab and improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails and river conservation.
2. Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) – Max grant award: \$300,000.00. 15% local match. Projects which involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, maintenance or rehabilitation of new or existing watershed protection Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund – The next round opened March 1, 2026, with applications due July 31, 2026. Below is a summary of the application.

a. Eligible Projects:

1. Transportation projects to enhance and connect existing communities;
2. Pedestrian improvements, streetscapes, sidewalk enhancement, lighting;
3. Improvement of connectivity and utilization of existing transportation;
4. 30% local match is waived through December 31, 2026; and
5. Grant requests of \$100,000.00 - \$3,000,000.00.

Commissioner Bartoe thanked and wanted to recognize Wyatt Dishler and Phil Davis from LSSE for assisting with getting the meeting with Senator McCormick's office regarding the 2026 Appropriations grant.

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

Consent Settlement agreements-Solicitor Fawcett advised that the Common level ratio is currently at 77% this is used to determine the assessed value. The fair market value – the common level value = the assessed value. As the common level value has decreased the court is recommending settlement on the following parcels: 72-001-0205-000 2807 20th Street Ext.; 72-010-0116.001 (3 Bonnieview Drive); and 72-003-

0900-000 (1805 13 ½ Street). A motion was made by Commissioner Kristian to approve the settlement of the tax assessment appeals 72-001-0205-000 2807 20th Street Ext. reduction in the assessed value from \$388,900 to \$229,800; 72-010-0116.001 (3 Bonnieview Drive) reduction in the assessed value from \$828,400.00 to \$675,000.00.; and 72-003-0900-000 (1805 13 ½ Street) a reduction in the assessed value from \$290,300 to \$192,800. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kretschman, motion carried.

Solicitor Fawcett advised that the Township is currently working with Pacer to ensure that the Township website is ADA compliant to reduce risk of future litigation.

Solicitor Fawcett advised that he has reviewed the Right of Way agreements, there is no need for a motion to approve by the Board.

Solicitor Fawcett advised the he had drafted a letter for PennDOT regarding the condition of 8th Street. The Board advised they did not have any additional comments, as such Solicitor Fawcett will send the letter, no motion is needed.

The Board passed along their condolences for the passing of Solicitor Hurst's loss of her father.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Police and COG – Commissioner Kretschman presented the following reports in Commissioner Bartoe's absence:

Police Report – Assistant Chief Bathgate submitted the March 2026 report for review; no questions or comments presented. Assistant Chief Bathgate advised There was a saturation of patrols due to a high number of vehicle break-ins and theft of vehicles. There were a total of approximately 10-15 vehicles broke into and 3 vehicles stolen within the three municipalities that the Police cover. New Brighton and Beaver Falls, also have cases pending. The police department is currently awaiting results from the Crime lab.

AK Nahas donated a used refrigerator for the Police to use to store evidence.

COG Update – no update.

ALOM Banner Community – Patterson Township was awarded Banner Community status for the second year in a row.

Sick Leave sell-back – A motion was made by Commissioner Kristian to approve the selling back of 15 days by Assistant Chief Bathgate and 13 days by Officer Garcia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. Motion carried.

Fire & Emergency Management, Buildings & Grounds, and HR – Commissioner Kristian presented the following reports:

Callout service – Callouts for the month:

March 2026 - 36 Calls (8 Fire/28 QRS), 63 Hours (52 Fire/9 QRS).

Spring clean-up – The fire departments' spring clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to accept the letter of resignation from EMC/EMA Bryan Landman, motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilarno. Motion Carried. Motion to appoint a new EMA/EMC was tabled to allow for the Township to find a qualified candidate.

Public Works & Recycling – Commissioner Kretschman presented the following reports:

Figley Street Update – Foreman Tony Campbell advised that Board that all of the catch basin's have been set, all large diameter pipe has been installed and connected. There are a few minor items which need to be completed once the Right of Way agreements have been executed and returned. At this time there is no water on the roadway it is all being collected by the newly installed catch basins. Commissioner Bartoe thanked the Public Works Department for stepping up and completing this project in house. The remaining work includes replacing a buried catch basin and the right of way work.

Rain Garden beautification- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he is currently pricing Arborvitae and Hosta's to make the Rain Garden look better.

Dixon Way 1 Way sign –Commissioner Kretschman requested that the Engineers take a look at what may be needed to place a "Do not enter/ One Way "sign on Dixon way at the corner of Wagoner way. LSSE will look into this and get back to the Township.

Zoning, Code Enforcement and Community Life – Commissioner Bartoe presented the following report in Commissioner Jolliffe's absence:

Monthly Code Report – March Code Report was provided.

Commissioner Bartoe advised that The Moving Wall will be in Patterson Township at Franciscan Manor from July 16-20. Office staff is working on getting together the budget and letters for the event. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to approve Resolution 2026-009 for the display of Banner of Darlington Road advertising the event, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kristian, Motion carried. Commissioner Kristian will request approval from Duquesne light approval to use their poles. The total cost for the Moving Wall is estimated to be between \$15,000-\$20,000. The Township will be sending out donation letters to community partners to help sponsor this event.

Commissioner Kristian advised that the Fire Department's Community Day is scheduled for September 5, 2026

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

Commissioner Gilarno advised that the Township is in good financial standing at this time. At 24.7% of the year, the Township has received 57.1% of income and have spent 23% of the expenses.

Approval of Committee reports: A motion was made by Commissioner Gilarno and seconded by Commissioner Kristian to approve all committee reports; motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies:

Township Administrator Milnes advised that the following vacancies remain on the Township Boards and Committee Vacancies

Civil Service Commission- 2 Vacancies

Planning Commission- 1 Vacancy

Communications:

Save the Date- Carnegie Free Library- Beaver Falls- 250 Celebration- August 29, 2026

E-mail- Invitation- Beaver County Conservation Municipal Outreach event April 29, 206 10-1

E-mail- Invitation LSSE Regulatory and Permitting Update meeting- May 13,2026

New/Miscellaneous Business: None

A. Municipay- ACH Provider- a motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman to approve Contract for ACH payment processing, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilarno, motion carried, under discussion all fees for processing will be passed along to the customer.

B. EMC Insurance- 2025 Dividend- \$6,492.27

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: None

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Kristian to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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