Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Monday, August 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendants:

Commissioner Bartoe
Commissioner Kretschman
Township Admin. Christin Milnes
Municipal Authority- Paula Wagoner
Commissioner Kristian
Commissioner Gilarno
Police Chief Bathgate

Items discussed:

- Executive Session 4:00- 4:13 Personnel matter
- Discussion on agenda items.
- Paula Wagoner as a representative for the Municipal Authority presented a request to the Board for a Sewer project on Highland Ave and Ross Hill which bids were opened last week. The Municipal Authority is requesting that the Board approve the request to cover the cost for the project once it is completed by Jet Jack up to the amount of the bid of $97,977.50. The Board agreed to place this item on the agenda for review at the monthly meeting. A discussion was held on the details of the project.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he is requesting that the Board approve the proposal from PFM to review the Township's sewer system and assets and provide their financial evaluations. Commissioner Bartoe requested that the Municipal Authority and the Township work in bootstep as the Township investigates the options moving forward. Paula Wagoner advised that the Municipal Authority has two remaining loans, one will be paid off in 2027 and the second will be paid off in 2029. She also advised that she will provide all Board members with a copy of the 2025 audit as soon as it is received. The Municipal Authority audit values the sewer system as approximately 3.5 million dollars with its depreciation documented. The audit also lays out a timeline of all projects and loans for the Municipal Authority. Discussion was held with regard to possible timeline and what may be needed to be provided by the Township for a review to be completed. Commissioner Gilarno advised the Board that upon her review of the finances, she is not in favor of moving forward with this proposal. Commissioner Bartoe asked if there are any other companies that do this same type of work. Discussion needed to be had with LSSE to determine if they are capable of providing the same type of evaluation.
- Board reviewed items listed on the Engineers Report. Commissioner Gilarno advised that she selected the color "Evergreen" for the roof of the pavilion and "Black Satin" for the steel frame.
- Chief Bathgate advised that the Blackhawk School District Superintendent has requested to speak with the Township Solicitor regarding the requested change to the MOU. He is currently awaiting clarification as to what will need to be discussed and voted on at the monthly meeting.

- Commissioner Kristian requested that a motion be added to the agenda to approve a $500 incentive bonus associated with The Moving Wall.
- A final accounting was provided for The Moving Wall. Donations received, expenditures and remaining balance. A motion will be included on the agenda to remit the remaining balance of the donations to the Vietnam Combat Veterans LTD. A letter will also be prepared and sent to White Township and Patterson Heights Boro with the final accounting acknowledging that no balance remains and no payment will need to be remitted by any municipality.
- Commissioner Gilarno advised that Eric Hoover did return a number of items that were purchased for working in the park however, there is a backpack blower and a trimmer that are still missing. Eric Hoover will be stepping away from the park upgrades at this time.
- Township Administrator/Secretary Milnes provided a final accounting breakdown and cost savings from completing the Figley Street storm water upgrades inhouse.
- Civil Service Commission held testing and provided a letter of recommendation for hiring an officer. Potential candidate has completed physical, drug screen and psychological exam. A motion to hire will be added to the agenda at the monthly meeting for consideration.
- Chief Bathgate advised that 11th Street between Darlington Road and Highland Ave will be closed this Friday evening for Riverview Methodist Church's Community Block Party.
- Discussion was held on when to have Trick or Treat this year. Board requested that Chief Bathgate discuss with Council for Patterson Heights Boro and White Township so that all municipalities hold it on the same day/time to reduce overtime.
- The meeting ended at 6:04 p.m.

End of Meeting