

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2022

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Patterson Township Municipal Complex, Beaver Falls. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following Commissioners were present; Commissioner DeLuca, Commissioner Wagoner, Commissioner Bartoe, Commissioner Inman and Commissioner Eckelberger, all commissioners were present. Commissioner Wagoner held a moment of silence for former Commissioner Cheryl Bonomo in remembrance of her service to the Township.

Public Hearing: None

Minutes: The minutes of the Special meeting held on April 26, 2022 and the work session held on May 9, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion was made to accept the special meeting minutes for April 26, 2022 by Commissioner Inman seconded by Commissioner Bartoe, motion passes.

Public Comment/Visitors:

Bert Robinson- Patterson Township Municipal Authority- Mr. Robinson came to the Board on behalf of the Municipal Authority to provide an update on the DEP CAP. He advised that a status report is due on July 31 and again on December 31, 2022, as such he is requesting that the Camera work, and dye and smoke testing be started. He advised the LSSE has completed the flow monitoring and mapping. At this time there are about 180 homes and 20 residential properties which will need to be dye tested, he has also requested cleaning of the catch basins. Mr. Robinson advised that the options at this point are to provide authorization for LSSE to proceed with the project, and to determine who will head the project moving forward under the direction of Emily Palmer from LSSE. He also advised that this project will cost approximately \$100,000.00 Commissioner Wagoner advised that this will be discussed in further detail under the engineer's report. Commissioner Inman advised the Board of his findings after reviewing the data provided from LSSE with regard to the flow meter readings.

Kyle Frederick-1504 W. 8th Street- Mr. Frederick came to the Board to explain his reasons for requesting a conditional use for his property. He advised that he wishes to run an internet based Federal Firearms business. He advised that he will not be stocking or selling any items from his home, and as such he would not have any need for the additional parking. He also advised that he will have no inventory located at this location as this is all handled through ad drop shipping method. He will be handing transfers as allowed under the Federal Firearms License. Commissioner Wagoner advised that he will need approval of the Planning Commission and then once a recommendation is received from the Planning Commissioner a public hearing will be scheduled prior to the Board making a decision.

Ernie Piscioti- 14 Ray Street- Mr. Piscioti came to the Board to request a turn around be placed at the end of Ray Street to accommodate the additional traffic and big trucks from turning around in his driveway. He is concerned that the additional truck traffic on this road is going to cause extensive damage. Commissioner Inman advised that he will look into this matter and determine what can be done by the Township.

Stanley Dobrowski- 2 Ray Street- Mr. Dobrowski came to the Board to seek additional information on the work being completed on Ray Street at the Park and to express concern for the roads due to the additional truck traffic on this road. He requested that the Township look into sealing the cracks that have started before the road is too bad for this to be completed. He also asked what work was the Board planning on completing on the Ray Street entrance to the park. Commissioner Eckelberger advised that the Township was able to purchase a piece of property that has been in repository for several years. With this piece of property, she would like to create a handicapped entrance for access to the park to allow for it to be enjoyed by all.

Mark Stewart- 9 and 11 Ray Street- Mr. Stewart came to the Board to ask about the plans to the park property which directly abuts his property. He asked who would be responsible for ensuring that trash and garbage was disposed of properly so it didn't get blown into his or anyone else's yards. He questioned whether any of the plans were ever discussed with the people who live on Ray Street and will be directly affected with these projects. He is sure that the residents will not be happy with the increased traffic in this currently quiet part of the Township. He also expressed frustration with being told by Commissioner Inman that "this was going to happen whether the residents like it or not" Commissioner Eckelberger advised that the intentions for this area are as follows: to restore the park and add additional trails and a handicap entrance to allow for all to enjoy this park. Discussion on these projects occurred with Eric Hoover providing additional information on the work being done in the park. Commissioner Wagoner advised that the Township will continue to work with him and the other residents to ensure that their properties are protected.

*Chris Jolliffe-612 Darlington Road-*Mr. Jolliffe came to the Board to express his concerns with adding names and addresses to the bag of grass for grass collection. He stated that he spoke with the head of the county recycling program and was advised this is not necessary. Secretary Milnes advised that per Holly Vogt this information was required for the Township to bring the bags. He thanked the Road crew for all of their hard work. Mr. Jolliffe also asked why the grass pickup and brush pickup ended on October 6th. He was advised as this allows for the public works crew to begin leaf collection. Commissioner Inman advised this is due to a staff shortage, and that should it be needed the grass collection program is able to be extended. Mr. Jolliffe questioned why the Township did not seek grants and funds for recycling. Commissioner Wagoner advised that the Township does receive these grants and has made several improvements to the recycling program as a result. She advised that the Township was just notified that it was awarded approximately \$216,000.00 to create a specific site for recycling. Lastly Mr. Jolliffe expressed concern with building inspections that he feels have not been completed in a proper fashion. Commissioner Wagoner advised that she will look into this.

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 Bartoe; seconded by Commissioner DeLuca accepting the reports as presented, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for April/May were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe; seconded by Commissioner Eckelberger approving payment after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Engineer's Report: *Larry Lennon*, presented his monthly report regarding the following items:

Municipal Authority CAP/DEP Notification-Larry Lennon advised that a motion will be needed to proceed with CCTV camera and dye testing on Steffin Hill, discussion occurred with regard to the timeline for this step as well as who will handle what parts. A motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to proceed with up to \$100,000.00 for CCTV and smoke testing to be paid from the Sewer Maintenance account, the Municipal Authority will continue to address the CAP plan and the Township shall fund to work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeLuca.

MS4 Program- Engineers met with Commissioner Inman and Christin Milnes on March 30, 2022. Field surveys have been completed concept plans will be presented the Board for review once they have been completed.

2022 Road Program- Contact documents have been completed and will need to be executed by the Township and the Township Solicitor and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

CFA Small Water and Sewer Grant- Lindsay Drive: Larry Lennon advised the Board that a motion will be needed to proceed with Partial payment no 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Eckelberger and seconded by Commissioner DeLuca to remit partial payment no 1 in the amount of 81,828.00 to Youngblood paving. Mr. Lennon advised that he will need a copy of the cancelled check to proceed with seeking partial reimbursement for the grant program, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

PennDOT Multimodal Grant- Sidewalk improvements- Working to complete the Engineering approval process with PennDOT. Mr. Lennon advised that there was a phone call today with Secretary Milnes, PennDOT and LSSE to discuss what was needed to proceed. The representative advised that he believed that PennDOT would be willing to handle this project under the Liquid Fuels guidelines, however he will need to seek this formal approval. Mr. Lennon advised that he would wait until the next meeting to see if this written approval was received prior to executing the agreement. The Motion to execute the agreement was held until the June meeting.

Fern Ave Drainage Improvements- Survey work has completed by engineers; study of area and conceptual plans are being completed and will be presented the Board for review.

CFA Local Share Account (LSA)- Awaiting grant award/rejection notification.

Lowman/ Norcia Plan of Subdivision- Field survey completed. Final calculations are being completed on the property corner/trails, plan will be completed and provided to the Township prior to the June meeting.

Solicitor's Report: *Chad Bowers provided the following report:*

Resolution 2022-013- to authorize the police Juvenile holding and Brady Giglio policies, a motion was made by Commissioner Eckelberger, and seconded by Commissioner Inman to adopt resolution 2022-013, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Administration and Police – Commissioner Wagoner presented the following reports:

Police Report– Police Chief Stanislawski submitted his April 2022 report for review. No comments or questions were asked.

Website update – Secretary Milnes provided the following update to the Board. There was a special meeting held on April 26th, where Pacer Studios presented the current draft for the website rebuild. Discussion was held on what changes and additions the Board wishes to see. Pacer Studios anticipates providing a final draft at the June work session for approval for launch at the June meeting.

Police Radio Reimbursement- Commissioner Wagoner advised that the Township has received notification with regard to the new radio purchases. The County advised that the Township's 20% cost for the Police radios would be \$5,424.31. the Township will be reimbursed a total of \$1,021.40 leaving a balanced owed by the Township for the Police Radios of \$4,402.91. The County advised that the Township's 20% cost for the Fire Department radios would be \$12,549.09. The Township will be reimbursed a total of \$7,662.81 leaving a balanced owed for the Fire Radios of \$4,886.28. A motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to amend the agenda to include for a motion to approve the agreements with the County and commit to the balances owed, Seconded by Commissioner Inman, Motion passes to amend agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to accept, execute and return the agreements to the County for the police and Fire radios after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

An additional request to amend the agenda was made by Commissioner Bartoe to add a motion to pay Lattamus for 3 additional portable radios for the Police Department, seconded by Commissioner DeLuca. A motion was made by Commissioner Eckelberger to approve the purchase of 3 additional portable radios from Lattamus from ARPA funds in

the amount of \$5,623.80 to take advantage of the discount for turning in 3 radios after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Finance Fire & Emergency Management – Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports:

Callout service- April call outs consisted of 19 call outs for a total of 55 hours. A motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to remit the quarterly payment in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Patterson Township Fire Department for the second quarter of 2022, seconded by commissioner Inman after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Fire Department Radio Reimbursement- Commissioner Bartoe advised per the letter received from the County the Township's 20% cost for the Fire Department radios would be \$12,549.09. the Township will be reimbursed a total of \$7,662.81 leaving a balanced owed for the Fire Radios of \$4,886.28.

*Donation-*Commissioner Bartoe advised that the Fire Department received a donation of 2 brand new Stihl Chainsaws and 2 Brand new Stihl blowers from Mr. Remo Bazolli of Alder Hauling in Rochester. This donation was much appreciated by the membership.

Financial Report- Commissioner Bartoe advised that he has reviewed the current P&Ls with Township Secretary Milnes, the Township is 30.7 % through the year and has received 60.3% of the projected income and spent 26.1% of the projected budget. He also noted with the rising fuel costs the line items for fuel have been exceeded, with this being said the Township is still on very solid ground.

COG- Commissioner Bartoe advised that he is working with COG and Shell to determine the status of the Picnic table donation, at this time the hold up appears to be on shell's end.

Public Works– Commissioner Inman presented the following report:

DEP CAP Plan- Commissioner Inman advised that this was previously addressed under the engineer's report.

South Lift Station repairs – Commissioner Inman advised that over the past 2 weeks there has been repairs made to the South Lift Station, to date he has not received the invoice and is unable to present for approval to pay.

Buildings & Grounds and Zoning – Commissioner DeLuca presented the following report:

Fire Department Electronic sign - Commissioner DeLuca advised that the sign has an anticipated ship date of August 9th, he will continue to work with Hank Crognale with regard to completing the prep work needed to install the sign once it has been received.

Recreations and Community Life – Commissioner Eckelberger presented the following report:

Park Pavilion Insurance Claim - Commissioner Eckelberger made a motion to remit payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Fox's Home Renovations to cover the deductible for the insurance claim for the Park Pavilion. motion was seconded by Commissioner Bartoe after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Park Improvement Project- Commissioner Eckelberger made the following motions relative to work in the park

Commissioner Eckelberger made a motion to remit payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Fox's Home Renovations for the tree removal at the Ray Street entrance to the park to be paid with ARPA funds, seconded by Commissioner DeLuca, a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously. Commissioner Eckelberger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-014 regarding additional ARPA spending, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Eckelberger made a motion to approved up to \$6,000.00 be spent from ARPA funds for the preparation and installation of a concrete pad under the new pavilion, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Eckelberger made a motion to accept the lowest quote from Fox's Home Renovations in the amount of \$15,198.22 to rebuild the damaged pavilion to be paid with the proceeds from the insurance claim, seconded by Commissioner Inman, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Code Enforcement – Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that New Brighton was remaining firm on the cost of \$1,200 per month or \$14,400.00 per year for Code Enforcement services. Discussion was held on how long to have the initial contract with New Brighton, Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to accept the contract through the end of 2023 as presented with an exit clause, seconded by Commissioner DeLuca

Motion was made by Commissioner Inman; seconded by Commissioner DeLuca approving **all** Committee Reports as presented after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: None

Communications: None

New/Miscellaneous Business:

Patterson Township Municipal Authority – a motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to remit Payment # 3 CAP Plan in the amount of \$16,068.63 from the Sewer

Maintenance PLGIT for work on the Corrective Action Plan, seconded by Commissioner Inman, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Patterson Township Municipal Authority- Quarterly Lease payment - \$26,976.57 to Patterson Township- A motion was made by Commissioner DeLuca to remit a payment in the amount of \$26,976.57 to the Patterson Township Municipal Authority for the quarterly lease payment.

COG Winter Commodities- a motion was made by Commissioner Inman to accept and execute the agreement to participate in the COG winter road salt contract, seconded by Commissioner DeLuca, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Executive Session: None

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Inman. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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