Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Monday, September 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendants:

Commissioner Bartoe
Commissioner Kretschman
Township Admin. Christin Milnes
Commissioner Gilarno
Police Chief Bathgate
Jim Contis- CS McKee

Items discussed:

- Jim Contis from CS McKee provided the yearly pension review to the Board and explained the current market strategies.
- Discussion on agenda items.
- Commissioner Kretschman reviewed the Engineers agenda items advising that the Road Program has been completed. The walkthrough with the contractor revealed that there is one area on Figley Street where a section of curb will need to be cut out to allow for storm water to reach the catch basin.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that the catch basin repairs that were completed on Struby Ave. were a temporary fix. Commissioner Kretschman will be requesting additional funds be placed into the budget for a complete basin repair to occur in 2027.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he is working with Public Works to address the concerns on Fern Ave. He would like to include funds in the budget to complete pipe replacement in 2027. Discussion will need to be had with the Solicitor prior to any work being completed to ensure the Township is not taking on any additional liability with completing work in this area.
- Commissioner Kretschman advised that he spoke with Aqua who advised that they are interested in purchasing the entire sewer system. The Township would no longer be handling sewer billing for accounts that go into the Beaver Falls treatment plant as this would be handled directly by Aqua if the sale goes through. The Township would still be responsible for billing all residents that go into the Brady's Runs treatment plant. Per Aqua, the impending fines and penalties would no longer be a concern as any overflows would be addressed by Aqua. Discussion was held. There are still a number of items that remain that need to be investigated and researched. Commissioner Gilarno presented the potential impacts to the budget relative to costs (wages, insurance ect, if not absorbed by the Municipal Authority. Commissioner Bartoe recommended that the Township look to hire professional services to evaluate all our options.
- Bid opening for Recycling- 1 bid received from Aiken Refuse for $5,940.00/month or $71,280 annually. Board would like office staff to reach out to determine why other companies did not place a bid. Discussion on removing glass from bid list.

- Commissioner Gilarno reviewed her agenda items. She advised that the Township's out of pocket cost for the roof repairs is $17,000.00. This amount does include the deductible for the insurance company.
- Chief Bathgate presented his request to purchase a 2026 Tahoe with Equitable Sharing Funds. The total cost, with upfit, will be approximately $80,000.00.
- The meeting ended at 5:27 p.m.

End of Meeting