

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Work Session

Monday, October 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendants:

Commissioner Bartoe

Commissioner Jolliffe

Commissioner Kretschman

Township Administrator/Secretary Milnes

Ken Fawcett- Solicitor

Larry Lennon- LSSE

Commissioner Kristian

Commissioner Hammer

Chief Stanislawski

Asst. Fire Chief Ferrazzano

Wyatt Dishler- LSSE

Items discussed:

- Wyatt and Larry reviewed the scope of the Stream Restoration project. Discussion was held on using volunteers versus placing the entire project out for bid. There are approximately 20,000 plantings for the project. Commissioner Bartoe suggested that the Township reach out to the local Scout groups, Blackhawk Athletic Department and local churches for volunteers. Attorney Fawcett advised that if the project is completed by contractor, then the plantings are covered by the maintenance bond from the contractor.
- Discussion occurred on the 2024 Road program. The milling has been completed and the paving should begin by the end of the week. Wyatt advised that there is significant base repair that is needed on Highland Ave and Glenn Ave and it is likely that the Township will use the entire contingency budget amount for this work.
- Notices were sent to homeowners affected by the sidewalk project. Township has received 2 calls; one homeowner had questions regarding liability and one property owner had questions regarding authorization. Attorney Fawcett advised he will clean up the language and circulate a revised authorization for resident(s) to review.
- Review of pending grants statuses Bonnieview LSA grant has not been awarded or rejected; we are hopeful that a determination will be made at the special meeting that is scheduled for 22 October 2024. Commissioner Kretschman requested that if the previous grant is denied that the grant be resubmitted in the current open round of LSA grants. Commissioner Kretschman also advised that he has received a quote and would like to request a grant for a new skidsteer for the Public Works Department.
- LSSE advised they would like to schedule a meeting to go over the specifics of the Struby Ave LSA grant to get moving on and to be prepared to include the paving with the 2025 Road program.

- Discussion occurred with regard to fill/ dumping within the Township. Solicitor Fawcett advised that the Township does have ordinances in place to address this and that the permits are obtained from the County. Discussion also occurred on what fee should be placed for an excavation/grading permit review for the Township residents. Research will be completed on this and rates will be brought back for discussion.
- Commissioner Bartoe requested that Solicitor Fawcett provide a summary or cheat sheet regarding the Sale of the Beaver Falls Sewage plant so that all commissioners are providing unified answers when approached by residents.
- Solicitor Fawcett provided draft ordinance for keeping of chickens. He advised that this needs to be reviewed by the Patterson Township Planning Commission as well as the Beaver County Planning Commission for comments. The ordinance will also be advertised for public meeting on November 16, 2024 at the start of the regular meeting.
- Short discussion on if traffic patterns have improved at School Street intersection. Chief Stanislawski advised that he has spoken to residents who live near this intersection and they have reported that traffic conditions have improved at this time.
- Discussion was held with regard to purchasing new safes for the Township office with the additional funds that are remaining from ARPA. Commissioner Jolliffe asked if it would be better to fireproof the entire room; discussion was held on this. Ren provided copies of the proposed purchases to all board members for consideration. Ren requested that a motion be added to the agenda.
- Commissioner Bartoe advised that a quote was received in the amount of \$4,633.21 from Haymond Locksmith for access control on the Police doors. We are waiting on a quote from Allegheny Door for the outside door replacement. These costs will be covered by the Drug Forfeiture account funds.
- Commissioner Bartoe advised the COG Christmas party will be on December 4th at Frankie G's in Bridgewater.
- Commissioner Kristian advised that the way QRS calls are calculated will need to change. The Township pays a quarterly stipend for fire and QRS call outs. Discussion was held on callout payments and past practices. Tony F. is the only QRS personnel for the Township.
- Commissioner Kretschman reviewed the quotes received to complete repairs to the public works garage from the night of the microburst; he would like them included on the agenda for approval. The costs will be submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement less the deductible.
- Discussion was held on the Budget and the first reading. Budget was reviewed briefly. Board was advised to review and advise Christin or Kayla of any updates/ requests that are needed prior to the November work session.
- The meeting ended at 6:25 p.m.

End of Meeting