

**Patterson Township Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Budget Meeting**  
**November 25, 2024**

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their Special Budget meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024, 12:00 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 Bartoe, Commissioner Hammer, Commissioner Kristian and Commissioner Kretschman; Commissioner Jolliffe attended via phone. All commissioners present.

**Process overview/Discussion – 2025 Budget**

Board of Commissioners reviewed the budget as proposed in the second reading. They also compared the budgeted totals v. the actual totals spent in years 2019-2024. For line item 452.390, \$25,000.00 is allocated to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Stream Restoration project to help offset the total cost for this project. Discussion was held on the potential for additional savings if volunteers complete the planting required for this project.

There was a discussion on the document provided which included the cashflow projections and remaining bills for the year. Review of amounts needed to cover cashflow. Discussion on the average assessment within the Township which is \$182,000.00. The average tax bill is \$473.00. Discussion on the change in assessed value with the reassessment and reduction to Cambridge Village. The Board discussed options for funding the 2025 budget; options proposed included taking a short fall in 2025 and 2026 then, making up in the following years, or raising taxes to cover the needed expenditures. Line 430.700 was decreased from \$205,000.00 to \$175,000.00 with the funds being used from the capital expenditure account saved from 2024. Line 452.390 reduced from \$25,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to allow for a smaller tax increase. Discussion on tax rates and the amount of carryover they would bring. Total projected income will be \$1,996,809.00. Total projected revenue is \$1,995,672.00, leaving a carryover of \$1,137.00, with a millage rate of 3.65 Mil. This would be a 39.8% increase from 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to set the millage rate at 3.65 Mil for 2025. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kristian who noted that this is a necessary increase due to not having a tax increase in 8 years, the cost of MS4 mandated projects, and a loss of revenue due to the County Reassessment. Roll call vote; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kristian to approve the transfer of \$105,000.00 from PLGIT Capital Project Fund to the WesBanco General Fund to cover cashflow for the remainder of the year; these funds will be returned in the first quarter of 2025. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. Motion carried.

**New/Miscellaneous Business:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to approve the sale back of 14 days of unused sick leave by Officer Stanislowski. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kristian. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Hammer to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kretschman. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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