

**Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Budget Meeting
December 1, 2025**

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their Budget Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at Patterson Township Municipal Building, Beaver Falls.

The purpose of this Special Meeting was advertised to be held for the Board to review the 2026 budget, along with any other general business.

Following the call to order at 5:06 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Bartoe, Commissioner Kretschman, Commissioner Kristian, and Commissioner Gilarno. Commissioner Jolliffe was absent due to his attendance at another government meeting.

PROCESS OVERVIEW / DISCUSSION – 2026 budget:

After discussion, the following line-items were adjusted:

General Fund:

Income:

- 301.100 – Real Estate Taxes increased from \$830,000.00 to \$860,000.00.

Expenditures:

- 400.311 – Auditor's Fees increased from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00.
- 409.370 – Township Buildings Repair & Maintenance increased from \$10,000.00 to \$17,000.00.
- 430.260 – Minor Equipment increased from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00.
- 430.720 – Capital Equipment/Misc. increased from \$1,000.00 to \$7,450.00.

Sewer Fund:

Income:

- 364.100 – Sewer Collections increased from \$725,000.00 to \$750,000.00.
- 364.111 – Interest/Investment Income increased from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

Expenditures: No change.

Sewer Collections Rate: Discussion on increasing the sewer collections rate due to rising costs and upcoming sewer projects. The last rate increase occurred in May 2018. Upon discussion, it was agreed to increase the sewer collections rate 5% resulting in an increase of \$1.02 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$0.61 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Kristian to increase the sewer collections rate 5% effective January 1, 2026. An Ordinance for the increase of the sewer collections rate will be drafted and a motion to advertise will be made at the December 11, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Acceptance of budget changes and advertising of budget Ordinance – A motion was made by Commissioner Kristian and seconded by Commissioner Gilarno to accept the budget with the noted changes for advertisement of the budget Ordinance. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda – Motion to amend:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Kristian to amend the agenda to accept resignation and advertise. Motion carried.

Public Works - Road Foreman, chain of command, salt spreader:

Road Foreman - A motion was made by Commissioner Kretschman and seconded by Commissioner Gilarno to accept the resignation of our Public Works Road Foreman, C. Cassidy, with last day December 12, 2025, and to advertise to hire a new Public Works Road Foreman. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Public Works Road Foreman's job description and chain of command in the interim, including order of call for snow plow drivers.

Salt spreader – Commissioner Kretschman advised that we are down to one salt spreader as the other has stopped working. Discussion on maintenance of Public Works equipment. The purchase of a new salt spreader was added to the 2026 budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Gilarno to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kristian. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kayla Hall

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