

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

June 13, 2019

Attendants:

**Commissioner Inman
Commissioner Hoover
Police Chief David Stanislowski
Fire Chief Tony Ferrazzano
Tyler Crognale
Angelette Holtman (6:50)
Natalie Whittingham (Liberty National)**

**Commissioner Mahosky
Secretary Christin Milnes
Attorney Sherry Hurst
Frank Policaro III
Phil Graeser (6:45)
Patrick Moore (6:50)
Vernee Brock(Liberty
National)**

Items discussed:

- Short presentational from Natalie Whittingham and Vernee Brock from Liberty National regarding additional supplementation benefits to offer to the employees. The benefits include: No-Cost Accidental Death Policy for employees and families, free health discount services program, Supplemental Cancer, Critical Illness and Term Life Insurance products that the employees could purchase through payroll deduction. Commissioner Inman requested that pamphlets be provided to the office for distribution to employees to determine if there is an interest for the additional coverages by employees. Commissioner Hoover did confirm that the same policies can be made available to the commissioners should they be interested. Discussion was held on how claims were to be filed in the even it is needed.
- Commissioner Mahosky discussed the possibility of making a motion to vote on the Employee Evaluation forms, discussion was held and this was tabled for additional discussion at the next meeting when the additional board members would be present.
- Commissioner Mahosky advised that he had spoken with Ms. Tunno who was willing to opt out of the Civil Service Commission, and would be providing a letter to the same. Additionally Mr. Randy Eckelberger did submit a letter expressing his interest in joining the Civil Service Commission.

- Commissioner Mahosky introduced the idea of purchasing a chipper to mulching of branched and grass to take to Echo Valley Farms for disposal at no cost to the Township. Discussion was held, Commissioner Inman advised that he would like to look into purchasing a chipper next year with grant monies received from the disposal of the compostable materials at the Recycling Center in Brighton Township. Commissioner Inman is concerned if we take the compostable materials to Echo Valley then we would no longer get the points which are used to obtain grant dollars. Commissioner Hoover would be in favor of losing grant dollars if we are able to provide a service to the residents he would like to know the exact amount received for the grants. Commissioner Inman also advised that we would need a permit and under the current regulations we would only be able to hold on the grass clippings for 14 days, and that for the grant program we must have a third party verify the weight of the compostable materials to receive the points for the grant. Over the last several years the grants have been used to purchase the leaf machine and the new truck. As you can only receive one grant per year Commissioner Inman would like to hold off on purchasing a chipper until the next grant is applied for. Commissioner Inman is also concerned about the time and additional mileage to dispose of the compostable materials in Enon Valley.
- Attorney Sherry Hurst advised that there have been changes in legislation which reduce what items the Township is able to control with the installation of Small Cell Towers within the township. She advised that they are now considered the same as public utilities and we are only able to put ordinances into place with regard to the application fees and the aesthetics of the equipment. Mrs. Hurst believes we should be proactive in establishing ordinances.
- Commissioner Hoover raised a question with regard to the Joint Sewer Bill which will be researched prior to payment.
- Chief Tony Ferrazzano advised the Board that there has been a social media campaign launched by a resident against the Fire Department with several hundred comments. In response to this campaign Mr. Ferrazzano advised the Board that Beaver Falls Fire Department has not been removed from calls in Patterson Township. He advised that the officers of the Fire Department have made the decision to place Beaver Falls on the second alarm to prevent them from having to crew a call and be canceled on the way to Patterson

Township. Mr. Ferrazzano also advised that they train with several companies regionally and Beaver Falls does not participate in the regional training with them. The reason they train regionally is to better understand each department's strengths and weaknesses and to work more smoothly together on calls. Mr. Frank Policaro advised that he was not offended by the social media campaign but by the name calling that was occurring in this campaign. He also advised that all member of the Fire Department were advised not to respond to the social media campaign. The Fire Department is now looking into implementing a policy with regard to Social Media. Mr. Ferrazzano advised again the Beaver Falls was not removed from calls within the Township and that he has instructed all of his officers that if there is smoke showing or an active fire to have Beaver Falls called to respond as the second alarm. Patterson Township will continue to train monthly with the fire departments that are participating in the Regional Training Program.

END OF MEETING