**Patterson Township Board of Commissioners**

**Agenda (Pre) Meeting**

**April 12, 2018**

**Attendants:**

**Commissioner Policaro Commissioner Inman Commissioner Hoover (late) Commissioner Mahosky**

**Commissioner Bradow Secretary Rebecca Keller**

**Police Chief David Stanislawski Attorney Kenneth Fawcett Asst. Police Chief Nick Bathgate Attorney Sherri Hurst**

**Fire Chief Tony Ferrazzano**

**Items discussed:**

* Commissioner Policaro explained the a vote is necessary on the proposed increase to the sewer rates due to receiving an increase of 23% from our vendors and the need to pass the expense along to our residents.
* Commissioner Policaro advised of issues with the roof at the Township office and the Fire Department, recommending a contractor be contacted regarding the Township office roof to look at the leak. Commissioner Bradow suggested the contractor from Aliquippa who we had used before. Commissioner Mahosky recommend Mr. Paul Ward who put the roof on the pavilion at the park. Commissioner Policaro asked the Secretary to contact Mr. Ward and make arrangements to have the roof looked at and quoted for repair.
* Commissioner Policaro discussed the transfer of $125,000 from the WesBanco General Fund account into the PLGIT General Fund account in order to obtain better interest. Advising these funds will remain liquid.
* Commissioner Policaro advised Part Time Police Officer Leigh Heberling has resigned.
* Commissioner Inman advised the new Ford F-350 has been received and would like to advertise for the sale of the old one; stating the money for the purchase of the truck came out of the sewer maintenance fund and the monies from the sale of the truck should go back to the sewer maintenance fund.
* Commissioner Inman advised we are in receipt of the Commodities Contracts through COG which will need approved at the meeting.
* Commissioner Inman advised receipt of the invoice from W.D. Wright for the repairs to the sewer lines on Route 51 in the amount of $9,710.00. The work for these repairs was contracted out due to state regulations when conducting work on a state highway. A discussion was held on testing sewer lines for infiltration and how to gain access to homes in order to conduct the testing. Mr. Fawcett is to look into what can be done to currently gain access to homes and if an ordinance can be amended in order to gain access.
* Commissioner Mahosky advised the Civil Service Committee currently has two successful applicants who passed the physical and written exams and will proceed to the oral exams.
* Commissioner Mahosky explained the deadline for the DCNR Grant has been extended to April 18, 2018. A waiver has been requested to include the Spinnenweber property donation in order to use as matching funds. Kathy Frankel, DCNR Advisor, strongly suggests the Township proceed with applying for the grant. A Resolution will need acted upon at the Regular Meeting in order to proceed with the grant. Commissioner Mahosky stated the grant will be applied for $60,000 with a matching $53,000 for the property plus the legal and engineering fees. Commissioner Policaro questioned what the money would be used for. Commissioner Mahosky stated he is concerned with the items presented by the insurance company regarding deteriorating steps, missing handrails and bridges in need of repair or replacement. Drawings and estimates were received by the Township Engineer in the amount of $1,000 per foot for the material. For installation we would be required to pay full wages for labor, which would be a bid item. Commissioner Inman requested a thank you letter be sent to Ms. Judy Cleary for providing the property estimate.
* Commissioner Mahosky stated all the trail markers for the Township Park are made and are needing painted. There are twenty-eight (28) markers in total.
* Commissioner Hoover advised on behalf of the Financial Committee a report has been submitted with information and findings from speaking with Commissioners and Department Heads with different ideas to cut/curb costs within the township. Anticipating a meeting to be held next week with the Financial Committee and the findings to be proposed to the Board at the May meeting.
* Commissioner Bradow advised the Solicitor has reviewed the current fees and has submitted his recommended changes. Requested Commissioners to review and give any suggestions to the Township Secretary. A report with changes will be presented at the May meeting. Solicitor Fawcett stated if there are any questions regarding the proposed fee changes to reach out to him. Secretary Keller questioned if the fees are able to be adjusted mid-year due to them being a budgetary item. Solicitor Fawcett stated the change will be minimal and will not increase revenue significantly.
* Solicitor Fawcett reviewed Ordinance 466 which adjusts the sewer rates needing approval at the regular meeting.
* Fire Chief Ferrazzano advised the drill being conducted for the Nuclear Power Plant in June with the EOC is being held in Chippewa only for the drill. The Patterson Municipal Building is still the primary EOC location.
* Secretary Keller advised the Fire Department is having their Christmas Party at the Fire Hall on December 8, 2018 and is interested in combining with the Township and share in fifty (50%) percent of the cost. All agreed.
* Commissioner Policaro advised the payment for the Fire Department hall rentals is currently paid on an annual basis. The Fire Department President has requested to pay this on a quarterly basis. No one opposed.

**End of Meeting**