

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Agenda (Pre) Meeting

January 10, 2019

Attendants:

**Commissioner Policaro
Commissioner Mahosky
Gary Gache
Police Chief David Stanislawski
Assistant Chief Nicholas Bathgate**

**Commissioner Inman
Commissioner Bradow
Attorney Sherri Hurst
Attorney Douglas
Secretary Rebecca Keller**

Items discussed:

- Attorney Douglas provided a handout with financing options for the Patterson Township Municipal Authority proposed 20th Avenue Project, reviewing the cost of a 10 year loan with a fixed rate at 4% from WesBanco in the amount of \$280,000.00.

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Total</u>
10 Year Amortization	\$2,834.86	\$34,018.32	\$340,183.80

He stated the bank called this a General Obligation Note; which he pointed out to the bank we are not looking for a General Obligation Note we are looking for a Sewer Revenue Note. The bank advised it would be the same interest rate.

Attorney Douglas reviewed the previously provided costs for a loan with a variable rate, at the initial variable rate of 2.11%.

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Total</u>
6 Year Amortization	\$4,143	\$49,723	\$298,343
7 Year Amortization	\$3,588	\$43,061	\$301,432
8 Year Amortization	\$3,172	\$38,067	\$304,542

Commissioner Policaro stated he believes interest rates will go up and it might be better to go with a fixed rate. Attorney Douglas replied it would be the most prudent way.

Commissioner Mahosky advised he would be more comfortable with a fixed rate. Commissioner Inman agreed. Commissioner Bradow questioned what payment amount the Budget can handle.

Attorney Douglas advised the other outstanding loan with WesBanco is approximately half way through the 10 year term.

After a brief conversation, the Board agreed on a 10 year loan with a fixed rate. A motion will need to be made at the regular meeting.

- Commissioner Policaro advised a thank you letter has been received from the Morrow family for flowers sent due to a death in the family.
- Commissioner Policaro advised due to the absence in the office, Secretary Keller has worked extra hours in order to keep up with tasks in the office. Commissioner Policaro advised temporary agencies have been contacted and are in process of providing some candidates. Commissioner Policaro commended the Secretary on the job she is doing in the office.
- Secretary Keller advised the Board, in auditing the Liquid Fuels Fund, it was noticed the payment for the Public Works Truck due August 1, 2018 for \$8,116.36 was paid out of the Sewer Maintenance Fund instead of the Liquid Fuels Fund. The Sewer Maintenance Fund will be reimbursed from the Liquid Fuels Fund in January in order to correct.
- Commissioner Policaro advised of the approval for a new Ford F-550 truck in the amount of \$49,500 from the DEP Municipal Recycling Grant. He questioned how many quotes were received; requesting multiple quotes. Commissioner Inman agreed to request multiple quotes.
- Commissioner Policaro advised Chippewa Township contacted the Police Department regarding a possible merger of the Police Departments. He advised he has not reached out to Chippewa Township's Manager, Mark Taylor, and questioned if the Board would like to look into the feasibility of a merger. Commissioner Mahosky questioned the current obligation to Patterson Heights and White Township. Commissioner Policaro stated Chippewa would assume those contracts. Commissioner Mahosky requested Patterson Heights and White Township to be contacted for discussion. Commissioner Policaro replied they would be informed and discussions

would be held with both. Commissioner Inman suggested a township merger with Patterson Township and Chippewa Township.

Chief Stanislawski explained he believes it is wise for Patterson Township to look at merging even if the dollar value is a break even. The merger would provide more resources than we currently have. Chief advised he would not focus solely on the cost savings, as we would be gaining access to more manpower, equipment, vehicles, facilities and officer qualifications with the merger. A discussion was held regarding current manpower.

Commissioner Inman again questioned if a total merger should be looked into as Chippewa has a Recreation Committee, a nice facility and we are too small to have these programs. Commissioner Policaro advised this would be a referendum issue. Commissioner Bradow requested the Board to contact the Regional Police Departments to question their thoughts on a regionalized police department. Commissioner Policaro stated this would be done with the feasibility study. Commissioner Inman again stated he would like the Board to look into merging the townships. Commissioner Mahosky suggested taking one step at a time and look into merging the Police Departments and then look at merging the townships.

- Commissioner Inman advised he will need to speak with the Engineer regarding the lift stations.
- Commissioner Mahosky advised Tracy Hagar of the North County Trail, Wampum Chapter, has walked the trail and will be providing suggestions on improvements in the park.
- Attorney Hurst advised Resolution 2019-01 has been prepared to exonerate back taxes for 2017-2018 for the property located at 1021 Highland Avenue. She stated a meeting has been scheduled next week with Blackhawk School District to exonerate the school taxes. Taxes have already been exonerated for 2019 and moving forward.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

The Board was back in session at 6:51 p.m.

End of Meeting