

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2017

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed Commissioners Policaro, Inman, Bradow and Mahosky present. Commissioners Hoover was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving as presented. Passed unanimous. The deletion of the electronic recorded meeting held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 was presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment/Visitors: *Pollution Reduction Plan* – no comments.

Mr. Eric Snyder, 28 St. Andrew's Drive, stated he is a licensed professional engineer working for a large engineering, procurement and construction contractor and a former resident of Perry Township in Berks County PA. Mr. Snyder stated he has a good understanding of the works of a Township like Patterson. Mr. Snyder stated he and his family love living on St. Andrews Drive and walk the mile long road almost daily. He has met people from other communities who come to St. Andrews Drive to walk. Halloween brings hundreds of families and kids to St. Andrews Drive from the surrounding areas for Trick-or-Treat. Mr. Snyder stated he attended a meeting two months ago with other residents from St. Andrews Drive where a petition was presented from eight years ago regarding the paving of the street. Mr. Snyder stated he has reviewed the five year plan. The report indicated the repaving of St. Andrew's and Fairway Drives would be at a cost of over \$2 million. Mr. Snyder presented the following considerations for funding to pave St. Andrew's and Fairway Drive:

1. Borrow to fund the road project
2. Reallocate budgets to increase funding for paving of St. Andrew's Drive
3. Collaborative approach as done with the sewer project. For example; the electrical system in the area suffers from voltage drops and power outages. Is there an opportunity to distribute the electrical system to an underground system with new paving partially funded by the Township.

Mr. Inman responded they will not see any improvements made until at least 2019. Mr. Inman stated we are finding our budget right now is limited. Tentatively the Township will tar and chip next year and try to save the liquid fuels money in hopes to pave the one mile of St. Andrew's Drive in 2019. We may possibly pave St. Andrews Drive up to and including Fairway Drive in one year and the following year complete St. Andrews Drive.

Betty River, 1821 8th Street, was not in attendance; contacted the Township office regarding placement of a handicap parking space in front of her home. Mr. Policaro stated the side of the street is posted no parking. Mr. Inman to look into.

Ralph Fillipelli, 1816 21st Avenue, contacted the Township office regarding bugs from an old dumping site. Mr. Policaro stated this site is Beaver Falls property. Mr. Policaro requested Mr.

Cipolla to look into. Mr. Fillipelli attended the meeting late, addressing the Board, stating he would like the Township to spray the hillside, stating due to all the rain this year it is washing away and glass and debris that has been buried for years is now showing. Mr. Policaro questioned if the property is in Patterson Township or the City of Beaver Falls. Mr. Filipelli was not sure. Mr. Policaro requested Mr. Cipolla to contact the City of Beaver Falls to see if it is the City of Beaver Falls property and if we can work together to resolve the issue.

Public Hearing: none

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT Accounts were presented by Mrs. Keller. There being no questions or comments, motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky accepting the report as presented. Passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for July/August were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman approving payment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Keller presented an invoice to the Patterson Township Municipal Authority from the Patterson Township Sewer Fund for payment in the amount of \$26,976.57. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Larry Lennon presented his monthly report regarding the following items:

MS4 Program –Mr. Lennon conducted the annual public training on the Pollutant Reduction Plan. The permit renewal due in September 2017 is being finalized along with the required \$500.00 fee. A lengthy discussion was held regarding stipulations and criteria necessary for PRP.

2017 Road Program – No pay request was received. The paving on 11th Street is complete with some restoration work remaining. The concrete curb was replaced. Projecting we will be under budget for the year.

19th Avenue Storm Sewer Extension – still pending.

Meeting Room Wall Map – still pending.

20th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement – The Municipal Authority is proceeding with this project. This will be removed for next month.

2016 Darlington Road Sidewalk Construction – Contractor notified of a restoration complaint. Another letter is to be issued to follow up on the status.

St. Andrews Drive – LSSE met with Road Commissioner previously regarding budgeting.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Ken Fawcett presented his monthly report regarding the following items:

Substance Abuse Policy – still pending; waiting for review by police officers.

Social Media Policy – pending upon review.

Negotiations with Police Bargaining Unit – still pending.

St. Andrew's Drive Property – Mortgage lender is not interested in putting any money into the property, they are not going to foreclose on the property. Previous spouse has no ownership or interest in the property and there are no children. The property owner does have four sibling, none which are interested in the property. The mortgage company paid the taxes in error. The Board requested discussions on how to handle this property at a later time.

The same issue exists at the property at Highland Avenue. The Solicitor requested the Public Works department to secure the property.

Resolution for Destruction of Documentation – Resolution 2017 – 012 to authorize the destruction of documents according to the Document Destruction Policy. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Numbering of Buildings – Mr. Fawcett stated the Township's current ordinance does provide that the numbers are required to be one foot of the front door and the numbers should be 3" x 5" visible from the street. Mr. Fawcett recommended we would need to amend the ordinance if the sale of numbering is designed to be yard markers.

Fire Hall Rental Guidelines – pending discussions with Mr. Hoover.

West 10th Street Property Transfer – Mr. Fawcett stated the transfer of this property from Betters Real Estate to Patterson Township did not catch up with the taxes, therefore, the tax bills were issued including the bill from the school for \$37.00. It is corrected for next year. It would cost more in time and effort to pursue the exoneration than to pay the \$37.00. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky to pay the tax bill, seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Patterson Heights Merger – a document was provided to the Board regarding the current loans and where they currently stand from the Patterson Heights Solicitor.

Committee Reports: Fire – In Mr. Hoover's absence, Mr. Policaro presented the following reports:

No Fire Reports were submitted for July.

Active 911 Software – still pending.

Emergence Management Position – Mr. Policaro tried to reach out to Bryan Landman who serves as Patterson Heights Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Policaro has had no response and will follow up with Mr. Landman.

Rental Guidelines – still pending.

Numbering of Buildings – still pending.

Patterson Township/Patterson Heights Fire Department Merger – still pending.

Rescue Truck Preventative Maintenance – pending discussions with Mr. Hoover.

Pumper Truck Refurbishment – pending discussions with Mr. Hoover.

Fire Department Roof Repair – Anticipated cost of \$22,000 to replace the roof at the Fire Department.

Parks/Recreation/Finance – Mr. Mahosky presented the following items:

Mr. Mahosky stated we are continuing to work on the Survey Risk Control Recommendations, from our insurance company, at the Patterson Township Community Park. All items on the list have been taken care of.

Pavilion Roof Replacement – current bid of \$2,725.00 by Paul Ward to replace the roof on the pavilion with a metal roof. Mr. Mahosky recommended paying this out of the budget line item 452.310. Motion to replace roof made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Inman. Passed unanimously.

Public Works – Mr. Inman presented the following items:

Youngblood Paving Payment Update – Mr. Inman stated the paving of 11th Street is almost complete.

Service Order Authorization – Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. – Mr. Inman stated this is necessary in order to acquire the adjacent to Patterson Township Park. The order states it is not to exceed \$3,800 to perform the courthouse research, field work, and work necessary to retrace the boundary line. Motion to start the process made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky. Passed unanimously.

Ordinances/Policies – Mr. Bradow presented the following items:

Act 172 – Tax Credit for Volunteer Fireman – Mr. Bradow stated there is only one municipality that has enacted this Act. Mr. Bradow stated he was going to review and meet with the Fire Department to discuss.

Donation – Carnegie Library – Mr. Bradow requested this donation to be taken from line item 452.390.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Morrow submitted his July report for review. No comments or questions were asked.

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro presented the following items:

Mr. Policaro stated the Police Chief has obtained carbon monoxide detectors inside the police vehicles due to a known issue with the Ford police vehicles where the carbon monoxide seeps up through the vehicle. An anticipated recall is expected.

Police Report for June 2017 - No comments or questions were asked.

Website Redesign & Implementation – pending.

Sewer Billing; Rates – no discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Inman; seconded by Mr. Mahosky approving **all** Committee Reports as presented. Passed unanimous.

Unfinished Business: None presented

Township Agencies: *Civil Service Commission* – Mr. Gerald Goehring resigned. Mr. Matt Glomb will replace Mr. Goehring on the Committee.

Communications: No discussion on communications presented. Motion made by Mr. Inman to approve anyone interested in attending the Allegheny County & Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners Seminar held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort; seconded by Mr. Mahosky. Passed unanimously.

New/Miscellaneous Business: Jen Sherak reached out to Police Chief Stanislawski regarding the speeding on 17th Street, requesting a slow sign. The issue was addressed with Beaver Falls as well. Mr. Policaro requested Chief Stanislawski to speak with Beaver Falls Police Chief regarding the issue. After some discussion it was decided to paint SLOW on the roadway.

Patricia Faltenovich had a domestic animals complaint at the last meeting. Police Chief Stanislawski stated he reached out to the Humane Society, explained her concerns and gave them Ms. Faltenovich's contact information. The Humane Society is to follow up with Ms. Faltenovich to address the issue.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. for discussion regarding a personnel issue.

The meeting was back in session at 8:47 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Mahosky to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Inman the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca A. Keller
Township Secretary

Copy: Kenneth G. Fawcett, Esq.
Larry Lennon, Jr., P.E.
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