

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2021

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm held via Video/teleconference. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following Commissioners were present; Commissioner Inman, Commissioner DeLuca, Commissioner Wagoner, and Commissioner Bartoe. Commissioner Hoover was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday January 14, 2020 meeting, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to approve the Meeting minutes from the January 14 meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment/Visitors: None

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT accounts were presented by Secretary Christin Milnes. A motion was made by Commissioner DeLuca; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner accepting the report as presented, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for January/February were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner; seconded by Commissioner Bartoe approving payment after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

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

DEP Notification- Flow meters will be installed in the next week to allow for flow data to be collected.

2021 Road Program- Road review has been completed, proposed road program for 2021 will be presented at the March meeting.

CFA Small Water and Sewer Grant- Lindsay Drive: the field survey work has been completed the complete design is underway.

CFA Multimodal Grant- Sidewalk improvements- Resolution is needed to complete the grant application. The Project total is \$188,790.00 grant funding is being requested in the amount of \$132,153.00 with a local match of \$56,637.00. Motion is made by Commissioner DeLuca to adopt Resolution 2021 003 in support of the Multimodal grant in the amount of \$132,153.00 to be used for the Darlington Road Sidewalk seconded by Commissioner Wagoner Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: *Ken Fawcett provided the following report:*

Zoning Ordinance: Attorney Fawcett advised the Board that he had been approached regarding possible amendments to the Zoning ordinance to allow electronic signs in residential districts for churches, schools and municipal facilities. Attorney Fawcett provided memo with the current ordinance specifics and options to be reviewed and discussed at the meeting in March. The proposals include allowing schools, churches and Municipal Facilities to replace their one no lighted sign with 1 lighted sign. Discussion was held briefly on the current restriction for these areas. Commissioner Inman suggested adding an amendment to list an exception for the school, churches and Municipal facilities. Commissioner Wagoner added that consideration should be given to the commercial districts as well. She suggested that the Planning Commissioner be used to review any request for a lighted sign. Commissioner Bartoe stated he would like to have the residents input on this as well. Matter was tabled until the March meeting.

Committee Reports: Public Safety –

Commissioner Inman presented the following reports:

Police Report– Police Chief Stanislawski submitted his January 2021 report for review. No comments or questions were asked.

Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports:

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to approve payment to Patterson Township Fire Department for 13 reports for 49 hours totaling \$318.50 for the Calls in December, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe advised the board that he has met with the Bryan Landman the Emergency Management Coordinator and has brought him up to date on. He was advised that there will be a nuclear drill to be held in 2021. Commissioner Bartoe is also working with Mr. Landman to update the Title 35 plan as needed this year.

Commissioner Bartoe advised that the Patterson Township Fire Department has been certified through the state to run QRS calls. The Certification is valid until 2024. The department currently have 2 doctors, 1 paramedic and 4 EMTs on their roster. The Fire Department in conjunction with Patterson Heights Fire Department are working to get all remaining members certified with ERM which is needed to run QRS.

The Fire Department has applied for its annual EMS grant. And is working to schedule more trainings through the State Fire association.

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to approve payment to Witmer Public Safety in the amount of \$275.00 for a white officers helmet; Seconded by Commissioner DeLuca Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe made a Motion to approve payment to Marecic Mechanical Repair in the amount of \$470.93 for the yearly inspection and repair to rescue 90; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner; Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Public Works/Building & Grounds/Zoning/Land Use/Refuse/Recycling –
Commissioner DeLuca presented the following report:

Commissioner DeLuca made a Motion to approve payment to Stefanik Next Generation Contracting in the amount of \$4852.84 for the repair to the force sewer line which was damaged by Pennline; Seconded by Commissioner Bartoe Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Commissioner DeLuca made a motion to approve payment to Tri State Maintenance in the amount of \$1100.00 for cameraing the force sewer line which was damaged by Pennline Seconded by commissioner Bartoe Rollcall vote; held Pass unanimously.

Commissioner DeLuca advised the Board that the meter pit at Ray street is due to be upgraded this year. It is the only remaining meter pit that hasn't been upgraded to the Mission System. Commissioner DeLuca did receive quotes from John P. Place in the amount of \$3,125.00 for the unit and \$1,572.00 for Yates Electric to complete the installation of the unit for a total of \$ 4,697.00. Commissioner DeLuca made a motion to replace the unit at Ray Street Meter Pit, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe; Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe requested guidance from Commissioner DeLuca with regard to how to address the hole that is developing in the Fire Department's large lot. Commissioner DeLuca and Public Works Foreman Joe Cipolla advised that they best course would be to dig up where the hole is developing to determine what is causing it and then back fill the hole with aggregate and then to watch for settlement prior to repaving. Commissioner Inman suggested filling with cold patch until spring and then the hole could be dug up. Discussion was held with regard to the size and location of this hole.

Administration/ Finance/ Recreation and Community Life – Commissioner Wagoner presented the following report:

Secretary Milnes advised the Board that she continues to work with Mr. Denman from Edward Jones as requested by Commissioner Hoover. A meeting will be scheduled in the coming prior to the March meeting to allow Mr. Denman an opportunity to address the Board and provide on options relating to the Township Pensions.

Commissioner Wagoner proposed the idea of a brick project at the Honor Roll location to recognize commissioners for their time served. Paula asked the Board if they were in favor of her beginning to research this and fundraising ideas to pay for the project. Commissioner DeLuca, Bartoe and Inman are in favor of this idea, Commissioner Wagoner will begin the research and will come back to the Board with it at a later date.

Government Affairs/ COG/ Civil Service – Commissioner Hoover presented the following report:

No report absent

Code Enforcement – January 2021 Report provided no comments or questions were asked.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner; seconded by Commissioner Bartoe approving **all** Committee Reports as presented after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Sec-1 Financial forms- Completed forms need to be returned as soon as possible if they have not already been submitted.

Township Agencies:

Municipal Authority: Letter of Resignation of Bill Bonomo from the Municipal Authority Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to accept the resignation of Bill Bonomo from the Municipal Authority; seconded by Commissioner DeLuca; Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that the following officers were selected at the Municipal Authority meeting; Chairman: Bert Robinson; Vice Chairman; John Weaver and Secretary/treasurer: Paula Wagoner. It was also proposed to have the following individuals appointed to fill the open positions: David Ross (63 Darlington Road) to fill the unexpired term of Gary Gache until 2024 and Steven Kish (39 Darlington Road) to fill the unexpired term of Bill Bonomo until 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner Bartoe to appoint David Ross and Steve Kish to the Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired terms as presented; seconded by Commissioner DeLuca after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Communications:

- a. Letter- Brady's Run Sanitary- decrease in rates by 5.060%

New/Miscellaneous Business:

Patterson Township Municipal Authority Quarterly Transfer – Patterson Township Municipal Authority - \$26,976.57 a motion made by Commissioner Bartoe to approve payment to the Patterson Township Municipal Authority in the amount of \$26,976.57, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner Roll call vote; call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Executive Session: None

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Bartoe. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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