

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2019

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed all Commissioners present. No Commissioners absent.

Minutes: The minutes and the deletion of the electronic recorded minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Mahosky; seconded by Commissioner Inman approving as presented. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment/Visitors: *Mr. Gary Gache, Patterson Township Municipal Authority Chairman* – requested financing for a sewer project located on 20th Avenue between 13 Street and 13 ½ Street to replace 575 feet of four inch pipe that has deteriorated. A grant was applied for twice and both times the grant was denied. The project is projected to cost \$280,000. Mr. Gache requested approval to proceed with acquiring a loan in the amount of \$280,000 with a fixed rate for ten (10) years with WesBanco; at a cost of \$2,834.86 a month. Motion to approve the loan made by Commissioner Inman; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Scott Vidger, 97 St. Andrews Drive – questioned the Board regarding the continuation of paving on St. Andrews Drive. Commissioner Inman explained a meeting will be held with the Township Engineer to receive new pricing; the intention is to continue with the paving of St. Andrews Drive. Commissioner Inman stated he is anticipating bringing the paving project before the Board at next month's meeting, then put the project out for bid. Mr. Vidger express his appreciation to the company who did the paving last year, stating they were very professional. Commissioner Inman explained last year new drainage needed installed before we could replace the road. Mr. Vidger expressed his concern where the drainage was installed the top coat is now washing away.

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

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for December/January were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Inman; seconded by Commissioner Hoover approving payment. Passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Drew Null presented his monthly report regarding the following items:

MS4 Program – PaDEP has begun notifying municipalities of upcoming field inspections.

Beaver Falls Wasteload Questionnaire - Request was recently received from Beaver Falls, response to be prepared.

Brady's Run Wasteload Questionnaire - Questionnaire not received to date, response to be prepared upon receipt.

Fiscal Year 2019 CDBG Grant Program - Received notice from the County that Program Year 2019 has opened. The County will be holding a public meeting for assistance in completing the 2019 application on January 22, 2019. Household income survey information is required to be submitted by February 15, 2019 (household surveys must be completed by application deadline) and final applications are due by March 29, 2019. Eligible projects include property acquisition, public facilities and improvements, demolition and planning projects.

Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant Program (DCNR) - The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant Program provides funding to assist communities with the rehabilitation and development of sustainable public parks, recreation and conservation areas, and facilities. A 50% local match requirement is generally associated with these programs, however DCNR will accept funding through other grant programs as matching funds. Applications will be accepted from January 22, 2019 to April 10, 2019.

8th Street Meter Pit – issues have been reported with the flow meter not reading properly. A representative has been out to look at the meter and provide a quote to repair. A quote was submitted for replacement of the flow meter at \$2,850.00 by Mark Stevens, this includes the flow meter and the installation. Another quote was received at \$2,400.00 just for the equipment, not installation costs. Commissioner Inman advised this damage was due to the lightning strike last year. He continued to advise Chippewa is concerned with the current software and the modem. Commissioner Inman mentioned the Ray Street Meter Pit and the Lift Station will also need upgrades eventually. Commissioner Inman motioned to purchase the Ultrasonic Flow Meter and necessary equipment for the flow meter from Mark Stevens at a price of \$2,850.00; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky. Passed unanimously. Mr. Drew Null added an electrician will need to wire the flow meter to the panel.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Sherri Hurst presented the monthly report regarding the following items:

Resolution 2019-01: to exonerate the back taxes for 2017 and 2018 in regards to 1021 Highland Avenue property, which was purchase out of the County Repository. A request was submitted to the school board asking they exonerate back taxes as well. Motion to accept Resolution 2019-01 made by Commissioner Bradow; seconded by Commissioner Inman. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Fire - Commissioner Hoover presented the following reports:

December fire calls with a total of 15 calls in the amount of \$494.00. Commissioner Hoover motioned for payment; seconded by Commissioner Inman. Passed unanimously.

Fire Hall Roof Repair – repairs have begun; Blair Construction was paid 50% of the payment out of the Fire Truck Fund and will continue to work, weather permitting.

Parks/Recreation/Finance – Commissioner Mahosky presented the following reports:

Park Update – North Country Trail: Tracy Hagar with the North Country Trail, Wampum Group, has conducted a walkthrough of the park and will be providing recommendations on making the park more accessible.

Public Works – Commissioner Inman presented the following reports:

8th Street Meter Pit Repairs: see Engineer

Lift Station Update: working to improve; another pump has been changed. Commissioner Inman stated, once the 8th Street Meter Pit is upgraded and fixed, consideration needs to be made to upgrade Ray Street and the Lift Station from the outdated modem.

Ordinances/Policies – none

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

A thank you letter was received from the Morrow family for flowers sent for a death in the family.

Police/Township Office/COG – Commissioner Policaro presented the following reports:

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

Commissioner Policaro advised Mr. Mark Taylor, Chippewa Township Manager, has approached our Police Chief regarding a possible merger between Patterson Township Police Department and the Chippewa Police Department. Commissioner Policaro suggested a feasibility study to be conducted. Commissioner Policaro advised Commissioner Inman requested Patterson Heights and White Township to be included during this study. Commissioner Policaro stated the first point of contact would be with Mr. Michael Foreman from DCED to assist with this process.

Chief Stanislawski stated New Sewickley and Rochester Township are going through the merger process currently and it appears the merger will take place. Chief Stanislawski advised he would be reaching out to Chief of Police in those townships to gather

information and discuss hurdles they may have encountered. Chief Stanislawski stated he believes it would be beneficial for Patterson Township to entertain the idea of merging with Chippewa Township Police Department as we could potentially receive more resources and more manpower.

Commissioner Hoover questioned if Chippewa Township Police Department currently provides services to any other municipalities. Chief Stanislawski stated they do not.

Commissioner Mahosky questioned how the retirement would work. Chief Stanislawski advised this would be a question for Mr. Foreman.

Commissioner Hoover questioned if the full time officers wages are comparable between the municipalities. Assistant Chief Bathgate stated they are; stating they are within a dollar or two dollar range. Commissioner Hoover questioned if the current collective bargaining agreement with Patterson Township Police Department would have any impact. Chief Stanislawski advised, his understanding is Patterson Township would dissolve that contract then the officers would absorb Chippewa's contract. Commissioner Hoover stated he is in support of the study after hearing the recommendation from the Chief of Police. Motion to conduct the feasibility study made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky. Upon a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

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

Unfinished Business: none

Township Agencies: none

Communications: *Allegheny League of Municipalities – Spring Educational Conference – April 4-7, 2019 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort:* Commissioner Policaro advised if any Board members wish to attend to see the Township Secretary to set up.

New/Miscellaneous Business: None

Executive Session: None

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Commissioner Inman to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hoover. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca A. Keller
Township Secretary

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