Patterson Township Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2017

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 8, 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, Bradow and Mahosky present. Commissioners Inman and Hoover were absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting and the deletion of the electronic recorded minutes held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving as presented. Passed unanimous.

Public Comment/Visitors: Mr. Fawcet advised a public hearing is not necessary for Ordinance # 462. Trish Faltenovich, 2000 18th Street opened with saying this is a wonderful community and how proud she is to live here. She presented an issue with residents letting their house cats run free, which are killing wildlife. Ms. Faltenovich read an article on house cat predation from the American Bird Conservancy. Ms. Faltenovich suggested public education regarding this issue. Mr. Policaro requested information on the owners of the cats. Ms. Faltenovich refused to present any owner information, stating she did not want to create a hardship for the owners. Mr. Policaro advised we would take the public education under consideration.

Mr. Jim Turnbull, a non-resident, Vice-President of the Council of Patterson Heights, requested a representative to start discussions on a possible merger with Patterson Township. Mr. Policaro questioned if the entire Board is in agreement. Mr. Turnbull responded the entire Board, Mayor, and the individuals in the audience were all in agreement regarding the merger. Mr. Policaro advised we would take the necessary steps to start the proceedings.

Public Hearing: none

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and PLGIT Accounts were presented by Mrs. Keller. Mrs. Keller advised the PLGIT Term monies invested in the Liquid Fuels fund has matured as of today. There being no questions or comments, motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow accepting the report as presented. Passed unanimous.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for May/June were submitted for payment. Included with this is a partial payment for Youngblood Paving, Inc. for \$134,960.00. Mrs. Keller stated she had spoken with Mr. Inman regarding how he would like the Youngblood Paving, Inc. invoice paid. In that discussion, Mr. Inman requested \$90,000 to be paid out of the General Fund and the remaining \$44,960 to be paid from Liquid Fuels. Motion was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

The invoice from Hebb & Company, our Auditor, for \$17,000 was submitted for payment. Motion made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow approving payment. Passed unanimous.

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

MS4 Program – Required training was held during the May Workshop Meeting. A separate training session will be conducted for township staff. Sampling is to start in the next few weeks. Currently working on the Pollutant Reduction Plan that is required for this year's permit application, a draft will be provided for Township review in the next month. Field reviews were conducted, where all the storm water ponds were looked at. Letters were sent out to the property owners for the maintenance that is required.

2017 Road Program – Partial payment for the roads was approved as stated above. Still waiting on the contractor to schedule the paving of 11th Street; still trying to coordinate with Beaver Falls.

Mr. Cipolla questioned the cracks needing filled along the newly paved road. Mr. Lennon advised the contractor has been placed on notice.

19th Avenue Storm Sewer Extension – still pending.

Meeting Room Wall Map – still pending.

Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program – notification of grant program through Penn DOT for sidewalk improvements. This is a 70% grant, Patterson Township would be responsible for 30% of the monies. The application fee is \$100.00.

20th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement – application was denied. Mr. Cipolla advised there are two residents whose sewer lines are gurgling when it rains. Tri-State Maintenance is scheduled to jet the lines next week. Mr. Mahosky requested a riser to be put on the sewer lid on 17th Street to eliminate the aggregate that is being washed into the sewer.

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2017 Darlington Road Sidewalk Construction – Contractor notified of a restoration complaint. A letter is to be issued to follow up on the status.

St. Andrews Drive - A detailed Opinion of Probable Cost for paving improvements to St. Andrews Drive is being worked on. Mr. Policaro requested Fairway Drive to be included in the cost analysis.

Solicitor's Report: Substance Abuse Policy – Mr. Policaro advised he presented a copy of the document to the Chief and he has some recommendations on possible changes to the policy. Once the recommendations are received we will can move forward.

Reopen Negotiations with Police Bargaining Unit – a notice was provided to the Police Bargaining Unit of our desire to reopen negotiations for the sole purpose of discussing the manner of funding for the retirement benefits. A meeting will need scheduled at the Township to review.

St. Andrew's Drive Property -20 St. Andrews which is currently abandoned and is currently owned by a deceased individual. The Board has decided to wait to see what happens when the taxes come due in July.

Resolution – 2017-010 – 2017 Spring-Summer Commodities Bid Contracts – This is a resolution of the Township approving entering into the 2017 Spring-Summer commodities bidding contracts from the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments; specifically it would approve the following: Reed Oil Company, A.R. Oliastro Inc, Wine Concrete, and McClymonds Supply and Transit Company. Motion made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow. Passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 462 – Mr. Fawcett presented Ordinance # 462 amending the non-uniformed employee pension plan of the Township to provide for the funding of the retirement benefits from the general assets of the non-uniformed employee pension plan fund. Motion to adopt by Mr. Mahosky, seconded by Mr. Bradow. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Fire – In Mr. Hoover's absence, Mr. Policaro submitted the May Fire Reports in an amount of \$222.50 for approval for payment. Motion was made by Mr. Bradow, seconded by Mr. Mahosky. Passed unanimously.

Parks/Recreation/Finance – Mr. Mahosky commented on the Survey Risk Control Recommendations from our insurance company, the Patterson Township Community Park is an open naturalist park. Mr. Mahosky is currently in the process of collecting contributions/donations that can be used to advance the park.

Public Works – no reports

Ordinances/Policies – no reports

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

Police/Township Office/COG – Mr. Policaro advised of the distribution of the monthly Police Report for May, 2017. No comments or questions were asked. Mr. Policaro advised applications are being accepted for part-time police officers. Mr. Policaro noted the receipt of a letter requesting payment for unused sick time by Officer Bathgate. He also noted this is a contractual issue and does not need to be presented before the Board. Mr. Policaro suggested implementing a request form to be submitted for these occurrences.

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

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

Township Agencies: Mr. Mahosky reported the Civil Service has been notified and activated and is in the process of going through the hiring procedure. Mr. Mahosky advised Matt Glomb is interested in becoming a member of the Civil Service. He will be attending the testing process. Motion to appoint Mr. Glomb as a member of the Civil Service was made by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made to appoint Paula Wagoner to the Board of the Patterson Township Municipal Authority by Mr. Bradow, seconded by Mr. Mahosky. Passed unanimous.

Communications: Letters from Penn DOT were received in the Township Office for seal coating work that is to be performed in Patterson Township. Copies of the letters are available for review in the Township Secretary's office.

The Examination Report of the Liquid Fuels Fund for period 1/1/16 - 12/31/16 was received and is available for review in the Township Secretary's office.

Information on the 92nd Annual Business Meeting from PSATC held at the DoubleTree Resort in Willow Valley on June 24, 2017. Motion made by Mr. Mahosky if any members would like to attend the meeting; seconded by Mr. Bradow. Passed unanimously.

The PFM Group submitted the Patterson Township Observations regarding the pension accounts with Huntington Bank for review.

Mr. Policaro requested the Township Secretary to contact Mr. Michael Foreman to start the process of possibly merging with Patterson Heights and to keep Patterson Heights informed as to the procedure. Motion made to entertain discussion and look into the possibility of merging with Patterson Heights by Mr. Mahosky; seconded by Mr. Bradow. Passed unanimously.

New/Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report

Public Comment: Nothing to report

Executive Session: Nothing to report

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, motion was made by Mr. Bradow to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mahosky the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca A. Keller Township Secretary

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