

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2020

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 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 Hoover, Commissioner Wagoner, and Commissioner Bartoe. All Commissioner were present.

Minutes: The minutes and the deletion of the electronic recorded minutes of the meetings held on Thursday June 11, 2020, was presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner DeLuca to approve the Meeting minutes from the June 11 , 2020, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment/Visitors:

Charles Liebegott, *509 Darlington Road*- Resident came to the Board to express concern that Ordinance 425 is not being followed with regard to the property located at 507 Darlington Road. He asked whether there is a Rental License or Permit. He is concerned that when he puts his house on the market this month he will lose money on the sale as a result of the current state of the neighboring property. Resident is requesting that the Township ensure that the property is brought up to code in a timely manner. Resident stated that he will file civil charges against the Township should action not be taken on the property at 507 Darlington Road. Commissioner Inman advised that the complaint as well as one other complaint have been turned over to the Township's Code Enforcement officer to be addressed. Secretary Milnes advised that the Code Enforcement officer has temporarily condemned the property in question and is working with the home owner and the rental company to get the property brought up to code.

Randy Eckleberger-57 S.Old Oak Drive- Resident came to the Board to thank the Board for removing the sycamore tree on S. Old Oak, however he wanted to put it on records that he disagrees with the minutes from the May Meeting. He wants the minutes to be corrected to state he did not demand that the stump be removed. He believes he request was misconstrued. Additionally he wanted the Board to know that the Meeting was not advertised as he was told it was. Commissioner Inman advised that the advertisement for the June and July meeting were combined and put in the paper in May to save on the advertising costs. Resident asked why updates were not made on the website regarding the office being open, Commissioner Inman advised that although the office was open to drop off payments, it was not open to the public for other business, except by appointment only due to the ongoing pandemic, once the pandemic is over the webpage will be updated to reflect this. Finally the Resident wanted to be known that the tree on 8th Street is still on the Township's property and needs to be removed. Commissioner Inman advised that per the Arborist the tree was no dead or dying and then therefore the Township would not be removing this tree. Resident questioned the Board as to who planted the Tree, he commented that he didn't believe the Board knew who planted the tree.

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 Wagoner;

seconded by Commissioner Bartoe accepting the report as presented. Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for June/July were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner DeLuca; seconded by Commissioner Hoover approving payment. Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

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

DEP Notification- The Township and Patterson Township Municipal Authority as well as 7 other Municipalities received notification from the DEP regarding the need for a Corrective Action Plan as it relates to the Beaver Falls Municipal Sewer Plant. Per the DEP they have been conducting flow metering as a result of several basement backups. The Engineers will meet with the Public Works Foreman and Commissioner DeLuca to complete the items necessary for the Corrective Action Plan. Commissioner Inman wanted to be sure that it was put on the records the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority is not following its own contract with the Joint Sewer Users.

MS4 annual BMP report was completed. Annual Outfall testing has been completed. Annual MS4 training was completed. 2020 Annual Report is due in September and will be provided at the August meeting to the Township's review.

Solicitor Fawcett advised the Board that they may want to start to consider what the Township would like to do to fund the MS4 program moving forward. Should the Township have an interest in implementing a fee to support this program, there may be some legal steps that need to be completed prior to doing so which could delay the process. Commissioner Inman advised that it was his intention to spread the project over several years to use Township funds and not have to implement any fees. A short discussion was held.

2020 Road Program- Award letter was issued to Youngblood paving in the amount of \$186,600.00 Preconstruction meeting was held on 9 July 2020. 2020 Road review will be completed later this year to rate the Township roads to make a plan to move forward with upgrades.

Multimodal Grant- Multimodal Grant resolution 2020-010 was presented to the Board approving the Grant application in the amount of \$145,200.00 for sidewalk improvements along Darlington Road. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-010 regarding application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Commonwealth Finance Agency to be used for Darlington Road sidewalk improvements by Commissioner Hoover, Seconded by Commissioner DeLuca Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

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

*Resolution 2020-011-*Solicitor Fawcett presented Resolution 2020-011 regarding the Chairman's ability to declare an emergency. This Resolution would allow Chairman of the Board to declare an emergency for 7 days, at which time the Board would need to hold a meeting and

either extend the Declaration or end the Declaration. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-010 regarding the Chairman's ability to declare an emergency by Commissioner Bartoe, Seconded by Commissioner Wagoner Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Inman asked Solicitor Fawcett if the Township was required to take any action regarding the Governor's most recent recommendations for self-quarantine if returning from 15 specific states. Solicitor Fawcett advised that this is not mandatory, however the Township needs to determine how it would like to address these matters and if they are going to require the self-quarantining, will the Township be paying wages to the employees during this time. Discussion was held. Commissioner Hoover advised the Board that he believes there needs to be some sort of policy in place to remind employees of the CDC guidelines. He advised that he believed that Commissioner Bartoe as the HR Committee should come up with the Policy and will present at the meeting in August for Board review. Commissioner Bartoe expressed concern with how for the Township should go to enforce some of these mandates, with regard to family members and then also with members of the Fire Department as well. Discussion was held. The consensus was to develop a policy that was a reminder of what steps to take should the employees feel they have symptoms or that they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. Solicitor Fawcett summarized the discussion by saying it appeared that the Township did not have an interest in fully enforcing the self-quarantine recommendations, however they favored a policy with more broad strokes that would reinforce and reeducate the Township employees for increase monitoring, and temperature check requirements.

Committee Reports: Public Safety –

Commissioner Inman presented the following reports:

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

Commissioner Inman advised the Board the Officer Thompson is requesting the sellback of 9 unused sick days. A motion to approve the sell back 9 unused sick days was made by Commissioner Wagoner, seconded by Commissioner Hoover Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports:

Commissioner Bartoe advised the Board that the Fire department Officers have been busy meeting with multiple companies (Glick, Keystone and First Out) to review specs and details for a new truck, this process is ongoing. Commissioner Bartoe has also been in contact with other fire companies in the area who did receive grant funds to discuss the process and the requirements, he advised that the common denominator with regard to the amount rewarded was the number of individuals who had the Firefighter I and Firefighter II certifications within each department. He advised that he will come back to the Board in the coming months with the loan specifics for review and approval. Commissioner Hoover thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work on this.

Commissioner Bartoe advised the Board that the Fire Department has applied for the COVID grant available to Fire Departments.

Commissioner Bartoe advised the Board that the Fire Department has the flyer for the annual cleanup day which will be held in September. The back of the flyer contains advertisements which were sold by the fire department, therefore there will be a separate mailing the Fire Department will pay for this postage.

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to approve payment to Patterson Township Fire Department for 17 reports for 76 hours totaling \$494.00, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe made a Motion to approve payment to Pro-Am Safety the amount of \$597.94 for the yearly testing and repairs to the SCBA packs. Seconded by Commissioner Hoover, Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously

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

Commissioner DeLuca advised the Board that the Township had received notification from Duquesne Light requesting the list of lights they wish to have updated to LED lighting, Commissioner Inman advised the Board that in 2015 the Board had voted to upgrade all lighting in the Township and that to date we have had 42 lights updated. He believes we should continue with this and have another 10-20 lights upgraded this year. Commissioner Inman and Commissioner DeLuca will work together to determine which light should be replaced this year. Discussion was held.

Commissioner DeLuca advised the that he approve the purchase of a first aid cabinet for the public works garage and a commercial eye wash station for the South lift station from Cintas.

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

Commissioner Wagoner advised all board member to review their budget items as we approach the end second half of the year. A budget for all expenses and income for Jan-July was provided.

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

Commissioner Hoover asked whether the collective bargaining process has begun for the Police Contract. He was advised that it would be beginning this month. Commissioner Hoover advised he would be providing his recommendation to the committee for review.

Commissioner Hoover also advised Commissioner Wagoner that he has been working with the Blackhawk Basketball Society on a project to replace the Basketball hoops at the intermediate school and asked if Commissioner Wagoner would like him to inquire as to whether they would be interested in updating the Basketball area near Patterson Elementary school, she agreed.

Commissioner Hoover thanked the Fire Department and the Police for all the work and the efforts when assisting with the crowd control for protests in Beaver Falls.

Commissioner Hoover advised there will be a Civil Service Commission meeting in August.

Code Enforcement – No report

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

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: None

Communications: None

New/Miscellaneous Business:

Sewer Fund – Quarterly Transfer 4th Supplemental Lease - \$8,526.78 to PTMA: motion made by Commissioner DeLuca; seconded by Commissioner Hoover. Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously.

General Code- Codification of 2018-2020 Ordinances and 2018-2020 Resolutions a motion to approve payment to the General Code in the amount of up to \$550.00 for the codification of the 2018-2020 Ordinances and 2018-2020 Resolutions which have not been previously codified made by Commissioner Wagoner seconded by Commissioner DeLuca Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, 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 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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