

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2020

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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 May 14, 2020, was presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner to approve the Meeting minutes from the May 14, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe 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: 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. 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 May/June were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner DeLuca 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:

MS4 annual BMP report was completed. Annual Outfall testing has been completed. Annual Commissioner Training will be rescheduled for July.

2020 Road Program- Award letter was issued to Youngblood paving in the amount of \$186,600.00 Preconstruction meeting will be scheduled as soon as the contract documents have been executed by all parties.

Engine 90 Refurbishment- One bid was received from Keystone Fire Apparatus. The bid was received with multiply exceptions and without a bid bond, discussion was held for the fire report.

Multimodal Grant- grants are now being accepted for the Multimodal grant and are due to the Commonwealth Financing Authority by July 31, 2020. Should the Township wish to apply for the sidewalks then the grant application could be completed quickly as we have previously applied for grants for the same project. Commissioner Wagoner inquired as to when the grant would be awarded and how long the Township would have to use the funds. Larry Lennon advised

that it generally takes about a year for the grant to be awarded. He also advised that this is a multiyear grant, the grant would be awarded in 2021 and the Township would have until 2023 to complete the project and request reimbursement. Larry Lennon advised that the Township would be able to budget for this project over multiple uses. Discussion held, motion made by Commissioner Hoover to authorize Larry Lennon to prepare the resolutions for approval at the July meeting 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:*

*Declaration of Emergency Extension-*Attorney Fawcett requested a motion to Adopt the Declaration of Emergency Extension, extending the declaration through July 9, 2020 Motion was 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.

Committee Reports: Public Safety –

Commissioner Inman presented the following reports:

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

Commissioner Inman advised that the Attorney General (AG) detail was placed on hold when the pandemic began. Commissioner Inman advised he would like to continue with not participating at this time to allow time for the Chief to see what other departments are doing at this time. Commissioner Wagoner stated as Beaver County is entering the Green phase, and other officers are allowed to work other departments and other details. Why can't the AG detail also resume activities? Commissioner Wagoner asked if the AG's Office has any restrictions or protocols in place. Chief Stanislawski stated that he had a conversation at the beginning of May when the County was still in the red. He requested time to reach out to other Chiefs who also have officers participating in the AG Detail to see how they are proceeding. Commissioner Wagoner advised she did not believe this issue needed to be tabled for the next meeting in July. Commissioner Inman advised the Board that he would like the Police Chief to be able to make the decision. Officer Girting addressed the Board and advised the Board that Chief Stanislawski has already had the opportunity to address his concerns prior to this meeting, he was aware of the guidance from Chippewa and New Sewickley. Officer Girting also advised the Board that Ambridge has guidelines on where their officers can travel and the Attorney General's office is abiding by the CDC's recommendations for operations. Officer Girting also advised the Board that the Township is currently set to receive about \$6,000.00 in funds from a previous drug seizure case. These funds will be received once the case has been resolved by the Courts. These funds can be used to support certain police purchases.

Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that she would like to see things get back to the "new normal" She doesn't understand the delay in everyone getting back and resuming regular police activities, she questioned what the delay was in this process, why are we sitting on the sidelines while other departments are moving forward? Commissioner Inman stated he was concerned about officer safety and wants to follow the chief's recommendations and wait for him to receive the guidance from the other chiefs in the County. Officer Girting stated that the Chief, knew this was on the agenda and should have had the answers to these questions prior to this meeting. He

advised the Board that there were officers from the Department who were selected to assist Beaver Falls for a protest, why is this wait and see approach only selective for the AG detail and no other details? He questioned why it was ok to go to a restaurant and sit and eat dinner with the AG agents, but he wasn't being given permission to return to work with them.

Commissioner Bartoe stated that there is a chain of command and empowerment that he believed should be followed, however with that being said, the County is going green and the Township still has a current Declaration of Emergency through at least July 9. He stated that we have officers who work other jobs, both part time and full time, he questioned what made the AG detail unique. Commissioner Bartoe would like the Chief of Police to make a recommendation to release the restrictions. Chief Stanislawski responded that he had been in correspondence with Commissioner Inman when the County was still in the Red phase and wanted to discuss with him how to proceed when the county entered the green phase, what restrictions should look like if any, he suggested only allowing surveillance with no in person contact. Commissioner Wagoner again requests why we are waiting to allow the officers on this detail to return to AG work. Commissioner Hoover stated that when this detail started about 2 years ago he felt it was a good thing for the Township, as long as wages, Overtime, pensions and the costs for the Township are not increased, he does support moving forward, he does agree that the Chief should have the authority to move forward once his questions have been answered and not have to wait for the July meeting.

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to relieve the restrictions on the Police Department regarding the AG detail predicated on the Chief's decision making authority on when that is appropriate. Seconded by Commissioner DeLuca. Officer girting asked to comment on the motion, Commissioner Inman advised him no, they were voting. Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Inman advised that under Act 111 the Township must have a committee in place no later than 1 July 2020 to negotiate the Police Contract. Commissioner Inman would like to appoint himself and Commissioner Bartoe to handle the negotiations. He requested a motion. Commissioner Wagoner asked why a motion would be needed as he can appoint the committee as he is the Chairman of the Board. No motion made.

PennDOT Detail- Secretary Milnes advised the Board that the PennDOT project on Rt. 51 was scheduled to start the week of June 22, this detail will include periodic road closures and will require a uniformed Police officer to sit on site. The contractor (Lindy Paving) will reimburse the Township for all hours worked during this detail.

Police Contract- Commissioner Inman advised the Board that he received a letter from the Patterson Township Police bargaining Union notifying of their intentions to begin contract negotiations with the Township.

Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports:

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to reject the bid from Keystone Fire Apparatus for the refurbishment of Engine 90.0, seconded by Commissioner Hoover. Commissioner Bartoe advised that Board that he has had meetings with Fire Chief Phil Graeser, assistant Chief Tyler Crognale, and Engineer Larry Lennon and they have went through the bid line by line and have removed some of the specs and are now comfortable to put the truck out for rebid, should the Board like to do so. Commissioner Bartoe also advised that he has spoken with Representative Vogel, Marshall, and Lamb regarding grants and funding opportunities and they advised that the funding

for 2020 has already passed and they will follow-up once the 2021 funding information becomes available. Commissioner Bartoe also advised that he is continuing to speak with other departments who has their trucks completely grant funded. Fire Chief Graeser advised that he has done extensive research and that a new truck will cost anywhere from \$350,000.00 to \$675,000.00. He advised that the officers of the Fire Department have requested to see the spec sheets for these trucks to determine what would be needed by the Township. Commissioner Bartoe advised that should the truck be purchased through Costars, then the Township would not need to put this out for bid. Commissioner Bartoe advised that the Fire Department is continuing to reach out to area dealers to seek specs to send to costars for pricing. Commissioner Hoover advised the Board that we wants to see all the details, the total cost, the terms of any loan, the interest, the length of the loan, and would like to compare that to the Township budget and the Fire Fund and determine if this is something the Township could financially support. He is in favor of the Fire Department moving forward with obtaining quotes at this time. Commissioner DeLuca agrees, he would like to see these details as well before making a decision on which direction to proceed. Commissioner DeLuca also questioned what the plan is for the current engine 90. Commissioner Bartoe advised that the fire department would like to list the truck for sale on the same online auction site (Muncibid) that the Public Works truck was sold on. Commissioner Wagoner stated that once we know the cost, Secretary Milnes will be able to contact the Bank to determine what financing options will be. Commissioner Inman advised that he believes that the Township and the Fire Department should be able to secure some type of grants to help fund this purchase. He suggested that Commissioner Bartoe also reach out to Michael Foreman from DCED to look into this. Chief Graeser requested clarification from the Board “do I have permission to obtain specs for a new truck” Commissioner Bartoe advised, yes.

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to approve payment to Patterson Township Fire Department for 8 reports for 25 hours totaling \$162.50, 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 made a Motion to approve payment to Witmer Public Safety in the amount of \$540.00 for the purchase of new boots for a member. 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 Works/Building & Grounds/Zoning/Land Use/Refuse/Recycling – Commissioner DeLuca presented the following report:

Commissioner DeLuca advised the Board that the trees on S. Old Oak has been removed by Fox’s Tree Service and it did come in under what was previously approved.

Commissioner DeLuca advised the Board that there are two (2) manholes on Ross Hill (across from 16th Street and across from the Quarry) that are in desperate need of repair, the inverts are blown apart and there are several bricks missing at this time. Commissioner DeLuca advised the Board that he has contacted Tri-State Maintenance and they advised that it would cost about \$1800.00 to repair. Commissioner DeLuca made a motion to approve the Tri-State Maintenance complete the repairs. 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 DeLuca advised that he would like to bring Daniel Savilisky and Michael Savilisky for summer help at a rate of \$10.00/ hour. Discussion was held on what the current pay scale for summer help was and if this rate is in line with the pay scale. Commission DeLuca makes a motion to bring Daniel Savilisky and Michael Savilisky for summer help at a rate of \$10.00/ hour 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 DeLuca advised the Board that he was contacted by a food truck owner who was requesting permission to park her food truck near the Attorney's office on Darlington Road on a Commercial property lot. Commissioner Hoover advised that he would like to see this happen, he also suggested that the Township open the Fire Department Lot and make this into a fundraising event for the Fire Department. Discussion was held with regard to this topic, Commissioner Bartoe stated he would reach out to the Fire Department and get their blessing to have an event in their lot. Commissioner Wagoner stated she didn't see any reason why a food truck couldn't come to this location on Darlington road separate from the Fire department.

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

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-008 which allows for the document destruction following the Records Retention act, seconded by Commissioner Hoover Roll Call vote Commissioner Wagoner Yea, Commissioner Hoover Yea, Commissioner Bartoe Yea, Commissioner DeLuca, Yea, Commissioner Inman Yea, Pass unanimously

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

Commissioner Hoover thanked the Civil Service Commission for completing the most recent testing cycle. He advised the Board that the testing has been completed and the background has been completed. Discussion was held on why the psychological evaluation has not been completed. Commissioner Hoover sought advice from the Chief and Solicitor regarding past practices. Discussion was held regarding making updates to the ordinance to reflect how long the Township would accept past psychological evaluations for. Chief Stanislawski advised that under MOPEC officers are required to complete the psychological evaluation before being issued a number, the current applicant does have a MOPEC number and is currently working for another department in Beaver County. Commissioner Wagoner stated we needed to have a copy of the psychological evaluation on file, the applicant will need to provide a copy to the Township or she will need to undergo another evaluation. Solicitor Fawcett concurs with Commissioner Wagoner, we must follow ordinance and the Township needs to have the documentation on file. Commissioner Hoover made a motion to officer conditional employment to Malynda Garcia contingent upon successful completion of drug screen and physical examination as well as successful completion of psychological evaluation or by providing proof of completed psychological evaluation. 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 Hoover advised the Board that the Civil Service Commission is currently reviewing the Ordinance and has a meeting scheduled for August 12th, 2020 with the Civil Service

Commission, Chief Stanislawski, and Commissioner Bartoe as representative of the HR committee to review possible changes which will then be reported back to the board for review.

Commissioner Hoover advised the Board that he would like to review the current use of force policy to make sure there are no updates needed, he will bring any suggested changes back to the Board for review. Chief Stanislawski advised the Board that the last policy review was in 2018, however he stated that any commissioner is welcome to review with the Solicitor to review for changes to protect the department.

Commissioner Hoover stated he will also be reviewing the Police contract and making his recommendations to the committee handling the negotiations.

Commissioner Hoover discussed the functionality of Microsoft Teams with the Board, and provided a short presentation on how the program functions, discussion was held on how this would serve the Township, and what potential risks it could pose. Commissioner Hoover stated he would like to see the Township use this program to store files to allow for new commissioners or committee members to quickly get up to speed on past events. Discussion was held on who would have access to data. This item was then tabled to allow commissioners time to explore the program before any decisions are made.

Code Enforcement – No report

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

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: None

Communications: None

New/Miscellaneous Business:

Joint Sewer Users– Quarterly Payment - \$58,310.72 to Joint Sewer Users: motion made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Bartoe. 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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