

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2021

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm held at Patterson Township Fire Department located at 319 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following Commissioners were present; Commissioner Inman, Commissioner DeLuca, Commissioner Wagoner, Commissioner Bartoe, and Commissioner Hoover, all commissioners were present.

Public Hearing: None

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday May 13, 2021 meeting, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner to approve the Meeting minutes from the May 13 meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe. Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Public Comment/Visitors:

Kathy Eckelberger- 57 S. Old Oak Drive- inquired regarding the status of a recycling area for grass clippings. Commissioner DeLuca advised we are still working to come up with a plan for a recycling site, a new grant round has opened and the Township will be applying for funds to defray the cost of installing this dedicated recycling area. Commissioner Hoover questioned where the Township was on the status of purchasing a fence and was advised that funds were not budgeted to purchase the fence will need to be placed out for sealed bid to be completed due to the cost of the installation. Discussion was held on the competitiveness of the grant process. Public works Foreman Joe Cipolla advised that all DEP regulations must be followed and this is part of the hold up for making a dedicated location. Public Works foreman and commissioners will discuss options for an interim program until grant funds are able to be secured.

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 Bartoe accepting the reports as presented, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for May/June were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner; seconded by Commissioner DeLuca 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- Progress report is being completed for the deadline of 31 July 2021.

MS4 Program- Watershed restoration grant was submitted. Opinion of probable cost was provided and reviewed with the commissioners.

2021 Road Program- Map showing the scope of work was provided to the Board, Change order has been submitted. Discussion was held on the upcoming potential Columbia Gas project, which may include Fox Ave, which is set to be paved this year. Commissioner Hoover asked why we are not waiting to pave Fox Ave until after Columbia Gas completes their project, Larry Lennon advised that this was a Liquid Fuels project with Fox Ave included as part of the base bid. The entire program would need to be rejected and placed back out for bid to remove Fox Ave from this year's Road program. Attorney Fawcett also advised that the Township has an ordinance which would require Columbia Gas to pave from curb to curb. Commissioner Hoover noted his disagreement with including Fox ave in this years Road program.

CFA Small Water and Sewer Grant- Lindsay Drive: Meeting is scheduled with Township staff on 16 June 2021.

PennDOT Multimodal Grant- Sidewalk improvements- award letter has been executed and returned, awaiting contract review meeting with PennDot.

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

No Report

Committee Reports: Public Safety –

Commissioner Inman presented the following reports:

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

Commissioner Inman advised the Board that the Civil Service Commission provided an eligibility list following testing for promotion from part time to full time to fill the vacant position. Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to hire Malynda Garcia as a full time officer effective June 11, 2021. Seconded by commissioner Hoover; after a roll call vote, pass unanimously.

Commissioner Inman advised the Board that the Civil Service Commission also provided an eligibility list to fill the vacant position for a part time police officer, a motion was made by Commissioner DeLuca to hire Lydia Songer as a part time police officer for the Township, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner; after a roll call vote, pass unanimously.

Commissioner Inman advised the Board that it is the intention to purchase a new police car for the Police Department. He advised that the CoStars price for a 2021 Police interceptor would be \$34,041.00 a motion was made by Commissioner DeLuca to purchase a new police cruiser from McCandless Ford through the Costars program for the amount of \$34,041.00, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe, under discussion commissioner Bartoe asked if the oldest Police Cruiser would be traded in as part of this deal, Chief Stanislawski advised that it is his intention to place the car up for sale on the Municbid site as this would net the Township a bigger profit. Commissioner Inman advised that the Police Chief was working to get the exact quote for the cost of outfitting and marking the new Cruiser. Chief Stanislawski advised the Board that it will be the 2013 Ford that will be placed for sale on Municbid. Commissioner Hoover questioned the purpose of this purchase. Chief Stanislawski advised that there are several rust spots that will become costly to repair. Commissioner Wagoner raised the question on funding for the vehicle, and advised that the Board has some time to determine who they wish to pay for the new police cruiser, with the options being to pay for it all upfront or to pay semiannually to finance the vehicle, roll call vote on the motion Commissioner DeLuca-yea, Commissioner Bartoe- yea, Commissioner Wagoner- yea, Commissioner Hoover- nay and Commissioner Inman yea- 4 yea and 1 nay.

Commissioner Inman advised that the Police Department will be sponsoring a community event on 6 July 2021 from 1-3pm. The Residents of Patterson Township will receive free sno cones at the Big Sno, compliments of the Patterson Police Department.

Commissioner Bartoe presented the following reports:

Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to approve payment to Patterson Township Fire Department for 18 reports for 54 hours totaling \$351.00 for the Calls in May, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner, after a Roll call vote; Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe presented the following bills for payment: Witmer Public Safety in the amount of \$88.42 for purchase gear repair; Marecic Mechanical Repair in the amount of \$416.08 for inspection and repair to Engine 90; Marecic Mechanical Repair in the amount of \$416.08 for inspection and repair to Squad 903; Witmer Public Safety in the amount of \$42.99 for suspenders for gear; and Traverse Creek in the amount of \$79.98 for an air filter and fuel filter for the vent saw, Commissioner Bartoe made a motion to pay all bills for the Fire Department as presented, seconded by Commissioner DeLuca, Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

Commissioner Bartoe advised that the new engine should arrive on or about September 2nd he will be working with the fire chief to gather all information needed to list the current engine for sale on Municbid or another location.

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

Commissioner DeLuca advised that a letter was received from Zoning Officer Owen Pella demanding and increase to \$18.00/ hour or he would resign at the end of

June. Commissioner DeLuca made a motion to accept Owen Pella's resignation, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Commissioner Hoover questioned accepting the resignation without having a trained replacement. Commissioner DeLuca advised that he did have a replacement ready and this individual would be trained. Commission Wagoner advised that she was in agreement with accepting this resignation as Mr. Pella was not attentive to residents and the Office staff has received numerous complaints. Commissioner Bartoe concurred and advised that he has been approached by residents as well who were not hearing back from Mr. Pella, discussion was held. Roll call vote; Commissioner DeLuca- yea, Commissioner Bartoe- yea, Commissioner Wagoner- yea, Commissioner Hoover- nay, Commissioner Inman- yea- 4 yea, 1 nay

Commissioner Deluca made a motion to hire Joseph Cipolla as the Zoning officer at a rate of \$750.00 biannually or \$1500.00 yearly stipend leaving the same setup for permits as the current zoning officer; Seconded by Commissioner Wagoner Roll call vote; held Pass unanimously.

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

Commissioner Wagoner advised that she would like to work with the Fire Department to plan a community event for late August. She advised that she was thinking about maybe a food truck day and movie night, and will reach out to Hank Crognale to coordinate a community event. Commissioner Bartoe advised he would be willing to assist with the planning of a community event.

Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that as a result of the previous meeting with the Township's actuary Findley, our actuary Keith Nichols did provide additional assumptions. The assumption and breakdown was provided to the Board and meeting will be scheduled for the Board to discuss the specifics with the actuary.

Commissioner Wagoner expressed thanks to the Road crew for assisting Dave Tate with removing a large tree which had fallen on the Pavilion in the park. She also thanked the Road crew for the repair the bridges and trails as well as the work that has been completed in the park over the last couple weeks.

Commissioner Wagoner advised the Board that the Township has been notified that they shall be awarded \$298,307.26. Secretary Milnes advised that the application to accept these funds has been completed. She also advised that she is working with the Township Engineer for clarification as to how the funds can be used, specifically in the water, sewer and Stormwater infrastructure sectors. The Township will received the total award amount in 2 separate payments which will need to be placed into a separate account. A motion was made by Commissioner Wagoner to open a new account at PLGIT to deposit the funds into once they are received to comply with the U.S. Treasury's rules, motion seconded by Commissioner Bartoe; following a roll call vote, pass unanimously.

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

Commissioner Hoover advised that the Civil Service Commission will be meeting on 17 June 2021 to start the process for a new eligibility list.

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

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

Unfinished Business: None

Township Agencies: None

Communications:

1. Letter- Equova Technology- setting the rate of bioxide at 3.60/ gallon for this contract year

New/Miscellaneous Business:

Joint Sewer Users - Quarterly payment – Joint Sewer Users - \$60,660.44 Motion made by Commissioner Wagoner to approve payment to the Joint Sewer Users in the amount of \$60.660.44, seconded by Commissioner Bartoe 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 Hoover to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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