

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2019

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex, 1600 19th Avenue. Following the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed the following Commissioners were present; Commissioner Inman, Commissioner Hoover, and Commissioner Mahosky. Commissioner Bradow, and Commissioner Policaro were absent.

Minutes: The minutes and the deletion of the electronic recorded minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky approving as presented. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment/Visitors: *Mr. Nathan Noland, 1218 19th Ave, Resident-* came to discuss the work being completed with regard to water running along 19th Ave. He advised that prior to this work beginning he had an asphalt pad placed in his property to park. While installing the pipes along 19th Ave this pad has been torn up and contains a number of divots from the equipment. Mr. Noland is requesting that the pad be fixed. Commissioner Inman advised that he also would like this to be fixed properly and will be discussing the option of getting hot asphalt from another road project in the Township to fix the pad. He advised that there is a meeting with regard to the other project next week where he will explore this option. Mr. Noland also advised that there may be code issues with the property located at the corner of 13th ½ and 19th Ave. Commissioner Inman advised that we would have our Code Enforcement office take a look into this property.

Patrick Moore, 1 Lindsay Drive, Resident – Came to the Board to express concern with regard to the current policy which has removed Beaver Falls Fire Department as a first alarm response to calls within the Township. In his opinion this is unacceptable. He believes that the Patterson Township Fire Department is in no position to handle the calls by themselves. He advised that based on his research that the Patterson Township Fire Department has not completed any recommendations and receives no funding from the State or the Federal government. Additionally per the review of the Audit on the Relief Association only \$240.00 was spent on training and they should be spending a great deal more for training of its members. Commissioner Hoover advised that there is a call response list which the officers of the Department have agreed to and this list has Beaver Falls listed as a second alarm response. Mr. Moore believes that Beaver Falls is more equipped to handle calls as they are a paid department. Commissioner Hoover advised 96% of companies are volunteer and 3% are paid departments. He also advised that the Patterson Township Fire Department is equipped to handle the calls it receives and that the leadership can make the decision based on the companies they train with who to place on first alarm, second alarm and so on. Commissioner Hoover advised that Patterson Township Fire Department trains with Chippewa, Darlington, West Mayfield, South Beaver, Patterson Heights and White Township. Beaver Falls does not train with Patterson Township. With all of the companies that they train with they have 62 Volunteers to respond to the first alarm calls. They also have 20 Fire Fighter One Certifications and 32 members who have

additional state certifications including Structural Burn and Interior Firefighting. More than 50% have been through state certified burn classes and Essentials of Firefighting. Mr. Moore advised in his opinion the department does not meet state standards. Mr. Moore believes that this endangers the citizens of the Township. Commissioner Hoover advised that they train with the surrounding Fire Companies and this helps them to know who is going to do what and when, as Beaver Falls does not train with them at this time they will remain on second alarm and will be called any time there is smoke showing or an active fire. Mr. Moore believes that the Fire Department does not meet standards for Fire, Rescue or EMS.

Angelette Holtman, 1808 W 11th Street, Resident – to the Board to express concern with regard to the current policy which has removed Beaver Falls Fire Department as a first alarm response to calls within the Township. In her opinion this is unacceptable. Ms. Holtman advised that the reason why Beaver Falls does not train with them is because of the facial hair policy that Patterson Township has. She stated that she has asked for 10 years that the Fire Department get the certifications to meet the minimum standards. She stated that Beaver Falls invites the Fire Department to train with them and the invitation is declined. Ms. Holtman asked why they fire department is ok with borrowing certifications from other departments and not getting its own. Ms. Holtman advised that based on her research that the Fire Department is not licensed to handle QRS Calls. She stated that she believes that the Fire Department is not authorized to provide the QRS service without being licensed. She advised that there are only 10 fire departments in the County which are licensed by the state. Commissioner Hoover stated he will look into this as he was under the impression that the Fire Department was licensed. Commissioner Hoover advised that if they are not able to obtain the License they will no longer provide the service to the residents. Assist Chief, Phil Graeser advised that the department was all ready for the inspection and the State was in a budget crisis and has not completed the inspection. Commissioner Hoover advised there are 20 Members in the Fire Department. Mr. Frank Policaro III continued to advise that there have been conversations with Chief Mark Stowe from Beaver Falls and he is aware that all of the interior guys have been properly trained and do not have facial hair. The Fire Department has made the decision that they cannot tell a member that they cannot grow a beard but they can say if you have a beard you are not allowed to enter a structure fire, the guys who do have beards at the station are the ones who drive the trucks. The Fire Department does have a SOP addressing this. Chief Tony Ferrazzano advised that he also spoke with Chief Mark Stowe and they were in agreement to remove Beaver Falls as a first alarm so they were not burdened with having to respond to false alarms. He also advised that they are continuing to update their SOPs to meet all requirements from the Beaver County 911 center. He advised that they are not putting the residents in danger with the agreements and call structure that is in place. Mr. Ferrazzano advised that they are always on scene for calls within minutes.

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

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for May/June were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Mahosky; seconded by Commissioner Hoover approving payment. Passed unanimously.

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

MS4 Program –the Next progress reports will be due in September. Commissioner training was conducted and is attached to the monthly report.

2019 Road Program –the contract was awarded and the executed contract documents have been received. Pre-construction meeting tentatively scheduled for 19 June 2019.

Multimodal Grant –Grant is being worked on to request funds to complete the road work which is needed on St. Andrews and Fairway Drives and Fox Road. Resolution 2019-12 was presented.

Resolution 2019-012: to request a Multimodal Transportation Grant in the amount of \$384,300.00 and to appoint Christin Milnes and Frank Policaro, Jr to execute all documents in relation to this grant. Motion to accept Resolution 2019-012 made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mahosky asked about being allowed to have a surcharge to fund the MS4 program, Mr. Lennon advised at this time 1st Class Township and Boroughs are not permitted to do this but the law will likely be changing in the near future.

Solicitor's Report: *Attorney Sherry Hurst*, advised that the Small Cell Towers will be coming to Patterson Township in the future and that she recommends that we draft ordinances to regulate the limited items that we have control over based on the current laws. Attorney Hurst requested authorization to begin working on resolutions and the ordinance for the Small Cell Towers. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky to authorize drafting an ordinance with regard to the things we are permitted to regulate with regard to Small Cell Towers. Passed unanimous.

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

April fire calls with a total of 9 calls in the amount of \$279.50. Commissioner Mahosky motioned for payment; seconded by Commissioner Hoover. Passed unanimously.

May fire calls with a total of 15 calls in the amount of \$390.00. Commissioner Mahosky motioned for payment; seconded by Commissioner Hoover. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hoover- advised there would be a meeting on 30 June 2019 between Patterson Heights Fire Department and Patterson Township Fire Department to discuss the interest in a possible merger. Commissioner Inman advised that any potential merger would need to be presented to and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The Fire Department continues to follow the Regional Training schedule with the surrounding Fire Departments.

The Fall Clean-up day will be in September. There will be a leaflet with the information sent out with the July Sewer billing. This will be provided by the Fire Department.

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

Commissioner Mahosky advised the Board that he would like to table the discussion on the Employee Evaluation forms until the next meeting when all commissioners are present.

Commissioner Mahosky advised that there were three candidates who passed all three sections of the Civil Service Exam they are Ray Gossett, Lydia Songer and Jacob Young. Chief Stanislawski is now conducting the background investigations and verifying references.

Commissioner Mahosky advised that he would like to look into the option of purchasing a chipper for the compostable recycling.

Public Works – Commissioner Inman presented the following report:

The Public works guys have been working tirelessly to correct all of the damage from the heavy rains we have been having the past couple of weeks,

Ordinances/Policies – No report

Code Enforcement – Monthly Report for May was submitted for review. No comments or questions were asked.

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

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

Letter of Resignation/retirement for William G. Wagoner from the Police Department was read Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky to accept the letter of resignation/retirement. Passed unanimous. Commissioner Inman requested that a Letter of Appreciation be written.

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

Unfinished Business: none

Township Agencies: none

Communications:

Letter of Resignation/retirement for Dale Russell Foster from the Zoning Board was read Motion was made by Commissioner Mahosky; seconded by Commissioner Hoover to accept the letter of resignation/ retirement. Passed unanimous. Commissioner Inman requested that a Letter of Appreciation be written.

Letter was received from PennDOT- Response to Request re: Traffic Study 8th Street, this should be completed within 6-8 weeks.

Letter was received from Penndot- regarding how and where to access the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Forms digitally.

Letter was received from Office of Connor Lamb- providing contact information for municipalities.

New/Miscellaneous Business:

Liberty National- Benefits presentation was presented at the pre meeting, flyers will be distributed to eligible employees to see if there is any interest.

The quarterly transfer from the Joint Sewer Fund to Joint Sewer Users was presented for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner. Mahosky; seconded by commissioner. Hoover approving payment of \$58,546.88. Passed unanimous. Under discussion commissioner Hoover requested clarification on how the billing is recorded.

The Act 205 and the GASB 67/68 reports relating to the Township Pension funds have been completed and received from Findley Associates.

The Pension Investment report was received from Huntington Bank. Under discussion Commissioner Mahosky requested new reports that are completely legible.

The 2017 Liquid Fuels Audit has been completed and the report was received- there are no findings.

APPI Energy has provided a report with the updated Contract Pricing for Electric Supplier for review and consideration. Sherry Hurst advised current contract is until April 2020.

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 Mahosky. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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