

Patterson Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2019

The Patterson Township Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 12, 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 Policaro, Commissioner Inman, Commissioner Hoover, and Commissioner Mahosky. All Commissioner were present. Moment of Silence held for the late Commissioner Donald Bradow.

Minutes: The minutes and the deletion of the electronic recorded minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Inman approving as presented. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment/Visitors:

Justin Leonelli, Attorney- K&L Gates- Advised the Board of Commissioners that he is the attorney for Dr. and Mrs. Moskovitz. He demanded that the Board of Commissioner and the Township immediately address what he referred to as the failing drainage system on Lindsay Drive. He also advised that based on his research there are about 12 acres of runoff that come across the Moskovitz's property when it rains. Attorney Leonelli advise that in his opinion this runoff has caused massive sinkholes and has caused water to explode out of the ground. He stated that this excess water is putting the integrity of the retaining wall in jeopardy and is his opinion is creating massive liability for the Township. He advised that the township has been provided the report from the Moskovitz's engineer and demanded that the Township make all changes per the Engineers recommendations immediately. Commissioner Policaro advised that the Township's Engineer and Solicitor are currently addressing this issue and that the Engineer will be submitting their report in the near future. Attorney Leonelli advised that time is of the essence. Larry Lennon Jr, Township Engineer advised that they have completed the CCTV work, and survey and they will completed their report shortly.

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 Inman; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky accepting the report as presented. Passed unanimously.

Monthly Bills: The monthly bills for August/September were submitted for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Inman approving payment. Passed unanimously.

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

Lindsay Drive- CCTV work was completed and size of pipes was confirmed. They will issue a final report to the township and Solicitor very shortly.

MS4 Program –Annual staff training was held today. The next progress reports will be due in September.

2019 Road Program –Construction is complete. The total cost of the project was \$229,540.00 at this time the recommendation to pay the current bill for the amount of \$188,154.34.

Motion was made by Commissioner Inman; seconded by Commissioner Hoover to pay Youngblood Paving \$188,154.34 as presented. \$100,000.00 to be paid from the General Fund and all remaining bills to be paid from the Liquid Fuels account Passed unanimously.

20th Ave Sewer Project- Project is underway this week and should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

Solicitor's Report: *Mr. Ken Fawcett*, presented his portion monthly report regarding the following items:

Fourth Supplemental Lease Agreement- Minor changes in the lease were made by the Bank.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by Commissioner Inman to approve the Fourth Supplemental Lease Agreement as amended. Passed unanimously.

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

July fire calls with a total of 8 calls in the amount of \$234.00. Commissioner Hoover motioned for payment; seconded by Commissioner Inman. Passed unanimously.

August fire calls with a total of 11 calls in the amount of \$305.50. Commissioner Hoover motioned for payment; seconded by Commissioner Inman. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hoover requested authorization for the Fire Department to use Ray Street for Regional training in September.

Commissioner Hoover advised that the merger between Patterson Township Fire Department and Patterson Heights Fire Departments is moving forward.

Commissioner Hoover advised that the Fire Department is currently seeking and reviewing bids to refurbish their engine.

Commissioner Hoover presented the following bills for payment:

- o Witmer Public Safety Group- \$493.00 for Knight Hoods and LED Flashlights
- o The Rescue Store LLC-\$80.00- Fuel for Chainsaws

o Johnson Heating-\$810.00 for repair of Air conditioner in the Fire hall.- it was requested that this be paid out of line item 409.370 (Township buildings repair and maintenance)

Bills are within Commissioners spending limit, Commissioner Hoover approves payment.

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

Commissioner Mahosky advised that a Letter of Resignation from the Civil Service Commission was received from Richard Rocereto. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahosky to fill the open vacancy on the Civil Service Commission with Scott Weyman who is currently an alternate; seconded by Commissioner Hoover. Passed unanimously.

Public Works – Commissioner Inman presented the following report:

Commissioner Inman made a motion to hire Daniel Savilinsky at the part time rate of \$15.37 for leaf removal. The stipulation was made that should Daniel Savilinsky return as Summer Help in 2020, he will return to the Summer Help rate seconded by Commissioner Hoover approving hiring. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner in Inman presented a bill from Marecic’s Mechanical Repair in the amount of \$4,272.90 for the repair of the Backhoe to be paid out of the Sewer Maintenance PLGIT account. Second: Motion failed for lack of a second. Bill remains.

Commissioner Hoover requests additional information about what the bill is for. Joseph Cipolla advised that the bill was to repair the outrigger on the Backhoe, and to complete maintenance on the machine. Joseph Cipolla advised that one of the pins on the outrigger was broken and the other was seized up in place. During the repair Marecic made new pins for the outriggers to save the additional cost of buying brand new ones. Joseph provided oversite during the entire repair process and believes the bill is reasonable and correct. He advised it would have cost the township the same amount just to have the machine picked up and transported to another repair shop.

Commissioner in Inman made a second motion to pay the bill from Marecic’s Mechanical Repair in the amount of \$4,272.90 for the repair of the Backhoe to be paid out of the Sewer Maintenance PLGIT account seconded by Commissioner Mahosky to pay the bill as presented. Passed unanimously

Ordinances/Policies – No report

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

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

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

Commissioner Mahosky advised that the eligibility list for new officer is down to zero. Commissioner Policaro suggested that the Board consider hiring an additional full time officer as it is hard to get part time officer right now and the Township is spending a considerable amount to cloth and train officer who are not staying with the Department. Commissioner Policaro advised that he believes the amount received from White Township and Patterson Township would be enough to offset the costs of hiring a new full time employee. This should be discussed during budget preparations.

Commissioner Policaro advised that we anticipate the first reading for the 2020 budget will be in November meeting. The remaining concerns are the pending legal matter and the Fire hall mergers. Commissioner Hoover advised that the Fire Department budget should remain the same as this year, however the fire department is seeking bids to replace the furnace and air conditioner so we will need to look into how this will be funded in the 2020 budget.

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

Unfinished Business: none

Township Agencies: none

Communications:

Letter- Allegheny League of Municipalities- 2020 Banner Community Program announcement

Flyer- PA Association of Boroughs- Class announcements for Municipal Secretary and Civil Service training

Email- Local Government Academy- Preregistration for the Newly Elected Officials Course- Discussion held to send Secretary Christin Milnes to the 6 Saturday courses
 Motion made by Commissioner Inman to pay to cost for the course and to pay for hours attended for 6 Saturday classes plus travel expenses seconded by Commissioner Hoover as presented. Passed unanimous.

New/Miscellaneous Business:

The Township Secretary received 2 letters of interest for the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. One applicant was not resident of the Township and therefore was not eligible to serve on the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Inman to appoint the remaining applicant Renald D. Bartoe to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners until the end of the year by resolution 2019-013; seconded by Commissioner Mahosky due to Mr. Bartoe's qualifications. Held for a vote: Commissioner Mahosky- Yay, Commissioner Hoover- Yay, Commissioner Inman- yay Passed unanimous. Resolution passes
 Township Secretary Christin Milnes, Notary Public will swear in Mr. Bartoe.

The quarterly transfer from the Joint Sewer Fund to Joint Sewer Users was presented for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover; seconded by commissioner Inman approving payment of \$66,560.00. Passed unanimous.

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 Inman. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christin Lyn Milnes

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