

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Elliot Abrams, Chair Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair George Downsborough, Jr., Supervisor Jeff Luck, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Brent Brubaker, Township Engineer Kim Wyatt, Finance Director John Petrick, Chief of Police Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor Eric Vorwald, Centre Regional Planning Agency Susan Wheeler, Project Manager
ABSENT	Walt Wise, Supervisor
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Scott B. Miller, Resident Laura Steager, Resident Trish Meek, Centre Regional Planning Agency Jeremy Hartley, Centre Daily Times Constance Martin, Resident Marcus and Kelly Barbery, Residents Melissa Ostroff Gundrum, Graysdale Homeowner's Association, VP Brenda Catherman, Resident John Sacha, Resident Mary Jo Brown, Resident Harold N. Brown, Resident Nicole Webster, Resident Jim Steff, CRCOG Joe Viglione, CRCOG Sunchul Soohoo, Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

The August 20, 2014 Patton Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Elliot Abrams.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the July 16, 2014 meeting minutes with the change to the police report including bike patrol activity. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 4-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Miller asked why the radar speed limit sign on Clearview Avenue was removed and asked if it could be returned during football season. Chief Petrick stated that the Township shifts them around in the Township to cover as many neighborhoods as possible.

Mr. Miller stated that Walmart has increased the number of storage trailers and asked what their permit entails for this. Mr. Erickson stated that the permit was approved for the area where the trailers are but there was no limit on the number of trailers permitted. He noted that next year the Township will look into limiting the number of storage trailers that can be placed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Continued)

Mr. Miller asked the Township to look into getting access to the steps at the bank for easier access to Wal-mart. Mr. Erickson stated the Township does not have the authority to make access to the steps installed by Susquehanna Bank until First National Bank approaches the Township for a revision to their development. Mr. Miller stated he will contact FNB to see about an access to the steps.

4. SAFETY

a. Police Update

Chief Petrick stated that a copy of the July 2014 Public Safety Report was enclosed with the agenda materials. He stated that the department logged 42 miles during bike patrol in the month of July and that Officer Snyder and Officer Shaffer participated in the Camp Cadet Program. He stated that the department held an Apartment Complex Management Meeting to keep an open dialogue with apartment management. He stated that there was a slight increase in Part 2 Crimes due to increase of DUI arrests and minor criminal mischief.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Circleville Bikeway; Phase 2 Alternate Routes

Mr. Erickson stated that in July the Board reviewed alternate routings for the second phase beyond the original design (Option 1) along the easterly side of Scotia Road. To enable these alternate routes, work would need to be done on Scotia Road to improve the available sight distance near the Circleville Road intersection. This work would include re-grading and flattening the sharp hill (over-vertical curve) on Scotia Road just south of Circleville Road.

The consultant developed alignments and cost estimates for three alternate routes. Options 2 and 3 include re-profiling Scotia Road, with Option 2 running along the westerly side of Scotia and Option 3 running through the reserved right-of-way behind the homes on Thorndale Road. Plan and profile drawings, along with detailed cost estimates, for the options were included with the agenda materials.

Item	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	East Side of Scotia	West Side of Scotia	Between homes and stormwater basin
Est'd Const. Costs	\$309,825	\$348,561	\$351,831
Est'd Utility Costs	\$43,750	\$17,500	\$17,500
Est'd Right-of-way Costs	\$37,500	\$56,250	\$56,250
Number of affected Properties	4	5 + GWP	5 + GWP
Est'd Total Costs	\$391,075	\$422,311	\$425,581

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)**

a. **Circleville Bikeway; Phase 2 Alternate Routes (Continued)**

The Board asked staff to gather route preferences from the area residents and the Centre Region's biking community.

The Public Works Project Manager mailed surveys to more than 200 area households and contacted three bicyclist groups. In addition, an Open House was held on July 30th to allow residents to more closely review the options and ask questions. The information provided to residents and a summary of the survey results are included with the agenda materials. These materials also include the written comments that residents provided, as well as a petition "Against Option 3."

The survey respondents had the following route preferences:

Option #1	40%
Option #2	11%
Option #3	49%

The bicyclists groups all responded with a preference for Option #1.

The Board can consider action to choose a preferred route or provide staff further direction on the matter.

The alternative route drawings and costs estimates provided at the July meeting are also included with the electronic copy of this agenda.

Mr. Luck asked if the Bike Path Phase 1 stops in property owned by the Township and why the Township acquired the property. Mr. Erickson answered yes and that the future plan is to straighten up the "S" turn on Circleville Road.

Mr. Luck asked that these three options are the only options that are feasible.

Ms. Gundrum stated that she is here to represent the Graysdale Home Owners Association and asked the Township if anything has been done in regards to environmental impact of the bikeway. Mr. Erickson stated that the Township could do a species survey and that the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would require the Township to obtain a NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit in which there are a series of environmental assessment steps that have to be completed. Any prior work done by the Township would not be considered by DEP

Mr. Abrams asked how long does the environmental assessment take. Mr. Erickson stated anywhere from 3 to 6 months unless they find something.

Ms. Steager stated that she is concerned about the safety of crossing at Scotia Road and of the possibility of increased crime with having a bike path behind her property. She asked what the distance from her property to the actual bike path. Mr. Luck stated that he has tried to find data to back up that a bike path would cause any change in crime rates.

Ms. Steager stated that she is in favor of Option #1.

Mr. Chensky stated that he is concerned about the bike path crossing three driveways in Option #1 and was surprised to see the low votes for Option #2.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)**

a. **Circleville Bikeway; Phase 2 Alternate Routes (Continued)**

Mr. Soohoo stated that he has gone through this intersection several times and the most common accident on a bicycle is that a motor vehicle will pass them then turn right. He stated he is in favor of Option #1 in which it avoids crossing the road.

Mr. Luck stated he favors Option #3 due to the fact that it eliminates about 30 vertical feet of climbing for people to get from the subdivision to the bike path and feels it is the best option for recreational bikers.

Mr. Barberry stated that to him it does not make sense to go across the driveways if there is an option not to go across the driveway.

Ms. Webster stated she is concerned with the foot traffic generated from the bike path being right in her back yard and would like to keep her privacy.

Ms. Steager stated that with Option #3, what is the point of creating it then having to redo in the future and that cutting down the trees would get rid of the sound buffer for the neighborhood.

Ms. Catherman asked why traffic cannot be rerouted to force residents from Graysdale to Meeks Lane. Mr. Luck stated that the Township has not obtained enough right-a-ways to straighten out the road.

Mr. Sacka stated that he is concerned with Option #2 and #3 because of the intersections.

Mr. Downsborough asked Mr. Erickson to inform the audience of the survey response from the biking groups. Mr. Erickson stated that the 3 biking groups in the area all elected for Option #1 and provided some comments.

Mr. Downsborough stated that after hearing the comments he keeps coming back to supporting Option #1.

Mr. Boyer stated that he is in favor of Option #1.

Mr. Abrams stated that he is in favor of Option #1 due to safety of crossing and it is the lowest cost option.

Mr. Luck stated he is in favor of Option #3 and that all the options have impacts on private property but now is favoring Option #4 of doing nothing.

Mr. Miller stated why put the money into this project if the road is not going to be fixed.

The Board selected Option #4 in which the Township will not be proceeding with the Circleville Bikeway Phase 2.

b. **CNG Fueling Station Change Order**

Mr. Erickson stated that due to commercial building code requirements the proposed location for the Township's compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station has been relocated from the original site adjacent to the main shop building, to the easterly side of the Public Works maintenance yard. This will entail trenching across the parking lot for gas and electrical service. The permit for the fueling station is in-hand and our contractor has provided a proposal for the additional costs involved in the installation.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)**

b. **CNG Fueling Station Change Order (Continued)**

Along with the additional work needed, the contract value now exceeds the threshold requiring the contractor to pay “prevailing wages” for government construction contracts.

The contractor, K.C. Larson, Inc., of Williamsport proposes a revised total cost of \$41,935.00 for the project, an increase of \$20,076.00. The Township has made payments totaling \$15,120.00 to date for the CNG compressor and fueling equipment and additional labor to determine the best new site for the equipment.

The costs for the fueling station and vehicle conversions are to be paid from the Act 13 revenues the Township receives from the State based on the shale gas “unconventional wells” in Centre County.

An advantage to relocating the fueling station is there is now additional room to expand the fueling capacity. The system to be installed permits the ‘slow fill’ of one vehicle at a time. (We currently have two pickups with bi-fuel systems.) The next step would be to install a larger compressor that would permit a faster ‘slow fill’ on multiple vehicles. The next expansion would be to a ‘rapid fill’ system that would require pressurized storage tanks for the CNG.

The Manager recommends approval of Change Order #1 as described above. Change Order #1 and the revised location drawing were included with the agenda materials. The approved building permit for the fueling station was included with the electronic version of the agenda.

Mr. Luck moved to approve the CNG Fueling Station Change Order #1. Seconded by Mr. Downsborough, the motion passed 4-0.

6. **PLANNING AND ZONING**

a. **Planning Commission Report**

Ms. Bressler stated that at the last meeting the Buffalo Run Farm Land Development Plan, the Best Line Equipment Land Development Plan, the Stormwater Management Regulations and the Conditional Uses within the R-1 District were discussed, She stated that she attended her first CRPC Meeting and a concerned College Township citizen was concerned about the stormwater at the Hilltop property. She stated at the Work Session a plan to change some of the set backs in the A-1 Rural Districts which is at 75 feet.

b. **Buffalo Run Farm - Land Development Plan (Continued)**

The Board moved to reschedule this to next month’s meeting due to the fact the applicant was not present.

c. **Best Line Equipment – Land Development Plan – Phase 2 Building & Storage Yard Expansion**

The Board moved to reschedule this to next month’s meeting due to the fact the applicant was not present.

6. **PLANNING AND ZONING (Continued)**

d. **Chapter 147 Stormwater Management Regulation Amendments; Schedule Public Hearing**

Patton Township currently holds a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s) Permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) with oversight by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The permit is designed to require municipalities to implement a formal Stormwater Management Program. The Permit covers a five year period with our most recent permit covering 2013-2018. New requirements under the 2013-2018 Permit require municipalities to have a Stormwater Management Ordinance prepared in accordance with PA Act 167 approved by PA DEP after 2005. The Act 167 Plan that was prepared for the Centre

Region and is the basis for our current stormwater management ordinance was approved in 2003. PA DEP provided three options to municipalities to bring their current ordinance into compliance as follows:

1. Enact, implement, and enforce an ordinance from an Act 167 Plan approved by DEP in 2005 or later; or
2. Enact the MS4 Model Stormwater Operation & Maintenance Ordinance; or
3. Enact an ordinance that satisfies all applicable requirements in a completed and signed MS4 Operation and Maintenance and Stormwater Management Ordinance Checklist. –
(SELECTED OPTION)

The agenda materials include a marked-up copy of Chapter 147 Stormwater Management that identifies the additions and deletions that satisfy the requirements of the PA DEP MS4 Operation and Maintenance and Stormwater Management Ordinance Checklist. Patton Township received comments from Mr. Jeffrey Sherry, Penn Terra Engineering regarding the proposed regulations. Township Staff has issued a comment letter, which is included in the agenda materials, and the changes have been made in the regulations attached. A 'red-line' and final proposed versions of Chapter 147 are included in the agenda materials. A copy of the Stormwater Management Ordinance Checklist is also included with the electronic version of this agenda.

The Township Engineer will review and discuss the proposed amendments.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the amendments to Chapter 147.

The Manager recommends that the Board schedule a Public Hearing for comments and possible action for the September 24, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Downsborough moved to schedule a Public Hearing for September 24, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 4-0.

e. **Conditional Uses Within The R-1 District**

Mr. Erickson stated that one of the items identified as a work task for 2013 was a review of the existing conditional uses of the Township. Conditional uses are a class of uses for which additional regulatory controls are in effect beyond those of permitted uses. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) provides the legal basis for regulating conditional uses as such.

6. **PLANNING AND ZONING (Continued)**

e. **Conditional Uses Within The R-1 District (Continued)**

The Township recently revised the conditional uses for the A-1 (Rural) district. The proposed revisions to the conditional uses for the R-1 (Rural Residence District) are similar. The Township's Land Use Planner will review and discuss the proposed amendments included with the agenda materials.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the amendments to Chapter 147.

The Manager recommends that staff reach out to residents and property owners in the R-1 district to explain the nature and reasoning behind the proposed changes and gather feedback.

Following that effort, the Manager will report back to the Board and recommend the appropriate follow-up on this matter.

No Board action is required on this item at this time.

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Council of Governments (COG) 2015 Program Plan and Capital Improvement Plan**

Mr. Erickson stated that the General Forum has referred the 2015 Centre Region COG Program Plan to the municipalities for review and comment. The full plan can be viewed or downloaded from the COG website by [clicking here](#).

Included with the agenda materials was a matrix with the questions posed by the COG Executive Director's introductory comments, along with comments from the Township Manager and a section for recording the Boards comments.

Comments will be forwarded to the Executive Director and the COG Finance Committee.

Mr. Abrams stated that Mr. Luck suggested that the projector for the meeting room should be HD. Mr. Downsborough stated that it is not for 2015 but it was to be a 2014 purchase.

Mr. Steff stated at the meeting in July the General Forum authorize the expenditure of funds to upgrade the video system as long as it was under \$40,0000 and had bids from qualifying bids. He stated that he received a bid for Empire for \$37,000 and COG has executed the contract.

Mr. Luck asked about the Energy Coordinator position. Mr. Steff stated that the position would look into the energy consumption but did not receive a strong support so it will not be in the 2015 Budget. Mr. Luck stated that he semi-supports the idea but it was unclear to him of what the person would be doing on a full time basis. Mr. Steff stated that the Public Services and Environmental Committee agree with you and have invited someone from SEDA-COG to come to their next meeting to learn how this position could benefit the community.

Mr. Downsborough stated that this position was not supported by Human Resources and does not understand why choosing advocacy when we are not a provider of this service.

Mr. Boyer stated that Public Services discussed this and feels this is too narrowly focused but at this point it has been withdrawn.

Mr. Luck asked if the Deputy Code Director position is fully funded by Code Fees. Mr. Steff answered that the position was withdrawn due to lack of support.

7. **ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

a. **Council of Governments (COG) 2015 Program Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (Continued)**

Mr. Downsborough stated that he supported all of the managers' comments. He stated that he also supports Option #2 of the Hess Softball entrance in Parks Capital. He asked if they are replacing or buying an additional Codes Fire Trailer. Mr. Steff stated that there will be two trailers until it is unfeasible to keep the second one up.

Mr. Luck stated he agrees with Mr. Downsborough.

Ms. Wyatt stated that her concern for CODE is spending \$396,000 for staff positions and that COG is only looking at the short term and suggested looking into some more long term financial planning. Mr. Downsborough stated that Human Resources discussed this and if in the future if CODE cannot support the personnel costs that CODE will need to let people go.

Mr. Steff stated that there are 3 Senior Staff Personnel who are getting close to retirement age in which if something does happen there is an escape outlet.

Mr. Luck stated if that is the strategy, he would like it articulated like Ms. Wyatt stated.

Mr. Erickson asked if hiring two inspectors at a time or are they going to stagger the hiring. Mr. Steff stated he will talk to Mr. Schnieder about this.

Ms. Wyatt asked about the review of the permitting process costing \$25,000. Mr. Steff answered that this was also withdrawn due to lack of support.

Mr. Erickson asked about how the video systems for the pools are utilized. Mr. Steff answered one for the cashier station and one for at night for security reasons. He stated that the pixels of the security cameras makes it hard to identify a person on the film.

Mr. Luck suggested getting motion detected lights for security reasons. Mr. Steff stated he will look into this. Mr. Erickson stated that the Township has used a video vendor with very reasonable prices and will forward the contact information to Mr. Steff.

b. **Council of Governments (COG) Regional Solid Waste Collection Bids for the 2015 – 2019 Contract**

Mr. Erickson stated that on July 28, 2014, COG Staff received and opened bids for the regional refuse and recycling contract from 2 hauling firms: Advanced Disposal Services and Burgmeier Hauling. State College Borough and Waste Management provided letters indicating that no bid would be submitted.

The bid packages have been sent for evaluation to the COG Solicitor and to the municipal managers from the five participating townships, and are being reviewed by the COG Office of Administration. To date, it appears that both firms were responsible bidders and that Advanced Disposal submitted the lowest bid. The agenda materials include a Bid Evaluation Report which summarizes the bidding process and the bids received.

The COG Public Services and Environmental (PSE) Committee reviewed options for awarding the contract at their August meeting. The Committee is recommending approval of the 5 year CNG vehicle option. The Committee is still reviewing the merits of the proposed Recycling Rewards program.

The Board had no comments.

7. **ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

c. **Mid-Year Financial Report**

The Finance Director will provide an update on the Township's financial position based on revenues and expenditures from the first six months of the year and projected revenues and expenditures through the end of the year.

A memo from the Finance Director was included with the agenda materials.

Ms. Wyatt stated that nothing is alarming is happening at this point.

Mr. Downsborough asked how properties gets added to the supplemental tax bills. Ms. Wyatt answered that once a property is occupied there is a lag of 6 to 9 months from when the deed is added to our tax rolls. The supplemental bills are a catch up on real estate bills that were not issued during the regular billing cycle.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items included below are routine in nature and it is not anticipated that any will generate discussion or questions. The actual Consent Agenda with a brief description of each item is included with the agenda packet materials distributed to the Board and will also be available to the public at the sign-in table. At the request of a Board member any single item or all items on the Consent Agenda can be discussed and voted on separately. If no items are "pulled," the Board should consider a motion for "approval of the Consent Agenda items as shown on the agenda."

a. **Public Works**

1) **Bid Award for 2014 Overlay Contract #2**

On August 8th bids were opened for the second, and final, overlay contract for 2014. This contract includes paving on Amblerwood Way and School Drive. Three bids were received. The Township Engineer's memo with the bid tabulation is included with the agenda materials.

The Township Engineer recommends awarding the contract to Glen O. Hawbaker, Inc., of State College, in the amount of \$164,578.50.

It is recommended that the Board award the bid as recommended.

b. **Planning and Zoning**

1) **Temporary Use Permit: Penn State Federal Credit Union**

As in past years, the Penn State Federal Credit Union located at 1937 North Atherton Street is requesting a temporary use permit to hold a customer appreciation event by providing hot dogs and drinks and offering a display of vehicles and motorcycles on their premises, once a month, beginning in September 2014 and ending in December 2014. Vehicles and motorcycles will be provided by local dealers and will not exceed a total of 5 on the grassy areas.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

b. **Planning and Zoning (Continued)**

2) **Temporary Use Permit: Penn State Federal Credit Union**

The proposal does not involve any additional lighting and it is not expected that there will be any adverse impact to existing ingress and egress or vehicular circulation on site. There exists ample parking on site.

Included with the agenda materials is a temporary use request letter from Penn State Federal Credit Union and a sketch plan of the proposal.

It is recommended that the Board approve a Temporary Use Permit for Penn State Federal Credit Union

c. **Administration**

1) **Voucher Report**

A copy of the July 2014 Voucher Report was enclosed. Board members having questions should contact the Township office prior to the meeting so the necessary information can be obtained.

It is recommended that the Board approve the July 2014 Voucher Report.

Mr. Luck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 4-0.

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. **Development Update**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Development Update was included with the agenda packet.

b. **DAS Hearing Postponed**

Mr. Erickson stated that the DAS Hearing has been postponed to September 10, 2014.

c. **Brush Collection**

Mr. Brubaker stated that several municipalities in the area are discussing the possibility of cutting back the frequency of brush collection pickups.

Mr. Erickson stated that the Township started doing a monthly collection because of DEP to maintain the Township's Growing Greener Grant but was informed this may no longer be an issue. He stated that the residents like and use the service. It is staff's opinion that we should continue the service.

Mr. Luck asked that the Board be informed if they need to become involved.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Boyer stated that Public Services and Environmental discussed the learning lunches about the storm water.

Mr. Boyer stated that Public Safety discussed that Bellefonte Borough is now being served by the Code office. He stated that the one aerial truck has developed a history in other locations where the cable system has failed causing injuries and the truck is now out of service.

Mr. Downsborough stated that Human Resources approved the Employee Relations Committee Budget, approved a new job description for a reclassified position at the Library and approved a new compensation plan with a modified salary schedule from the wage survey,

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Downsborough's second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary