

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair George Downsborough, Jr., Supervisor Jeff Luck, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Brent Brubaker, Township Engineer Kim Wyatt, Finance Director Erik Vorwald, Planner
ABSENT	Elliot Abrams, Chair John Petrick, Chief of Police Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Jeremy Hartley, Centre Daily Times

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The October 22, 2014 Patton Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chair Bryce Boyer.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Luck moved to approve the October 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Wise, the motion passed 4-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Project Updates**

Mr. Erickson stated that the paving was completed on Friday on School Drive and that Mr. Brubaker is going over the costs to send a bill to State College School District and once that is paid the Township will take over the road.

Mr. Erickson stated that the fall brush and leaf collection is on-going.

b. **Waddle Road Interchange Project; Design Agreement Amendment**

Mr. Erickson stated that the project will transition into a Design-Build project to be bid in March 2015. To wrap up the preliminary engineering and conceptual design phase, additional items are proposed for our current contract with the firm of Erdman Anthony. The additional project scope includes:

- noise monitoring, modeling and analysis
- providing final structure foundation reports
- final design for Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Plans
- completion of the NPDES permitting process
- other items needed to prepare the Design-Build bid package

The Supplement C to the agreement has been reviewed, revised and accepted by the PennDOT District Project Manager. The not-to-exceed cost of the work covered under this

4. **PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)**

b. **Waddle Road Interchange Project; Design Agreement Amendment (CONTINUED)**

supplement is \$234,882.73. The revised total value of the amended agreement is \$1,132,872.23.

The proposal for Supplement C for the Engineering Agreement for Waddle Road/ I-99 Interchange Project is included with this update and the updated agenda materials available on-line.

The Board should consider action to approve the Supplement C proposal and authorize the Chair to execute the amended agreement.

Mr. Luck moved to approve the Supplement C proposal and authorize the Chair to execute the amended agreement. Seconded by Mr. Downsborough, the motion passed 4-0.

c. **Sewage Enforcement Officer Appointments for 2015**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Sewage Enforcement Officer works with Township residents who use on-lot sewage disposal systems, implementing state and local regulations for proper and safe sewage treatment.

Ralph Houck has been the Township's primary Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) for many, many years. Mr. Houck has decided to reduce his workload and has asked the Township to appoint someone else to the position.

Based on Mr. Houck's recommendations, the Manager and Public Works staff meet with two candidates and reviewed their qualifications.

Staff recommends the following two appointments be made to be effective January 1, 2015:

Primary SEO	Mary Kay Lupton, CPSS/CPSC, SEO
Alternate SEO	Ralph Houck, SEO

Staff also recommends retaining our two current alternate SEOs, Tom Bowes and Terry Wilkinson.

Ms. Lupton's resume and credentials was included with the agenda materials.

The Board should consider action to make the appointments as recommended.

Mr. Luck moved to appoint Mary Kay Lupton as Patton Township's primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Ralph Houck as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Downsborough, the motion passed 4-0.

5. **PLANNING AND ZONING**

a. **Update on A-1 / R-1 Rear Setback Amendments for Pools and Accessory Structures**

Mr. Erickson stated that an information session on the proposed reductions in required rear yard setbacks for pools and accessory structures in the A-1 (Rural) and R-1 (Rural Residence) zoning districts, has been scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Notices of the information session and the public hearing will be mailed to affected property owners. (Some properties in the A-1 district, those in RPD subdivisions, already have reduced setbacks and will not receive a notice.) The Public Hearing has been scheduled for the December 10, 2014 Board meeting.

5. **PLANNING AND ZONING (CONTINUED)**

a. **Update on A-1 / R-1 Rear Setback Amendments for Pools and Accessory Structures (CONTINUED)**

The agenda materials included a “red-line” mark-up showing the proposed changes to be made to the Zoning regulations within the Patton Code.

This item is for information only; no Board action is required.

6. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Open Space Referendum**

Mr. Erickson stated that Patton Township surveyed residents and property owners in March & April of 2014. We found 78.56% supported dedicating a portion of their property taxes to acquire and preserve additional Open Space lands in the Township. When asked about support for a specific increase in the tax rate, 67.56% of respondents indicated support for an increase of 0.6 mills or more.

To provide taxpayers a voice on this matter, the Board of Supervisors has caused a referendum question to be placed on the ballot for the election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. (Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.) The question on the ballot will be (the form of the question is dictated by state law):

“Shall debt in the sum of 3,500,000 dollars for the purpose of financing acquisition of development rights, conservation easements, and land for the preservation of open space be authorized to be incurred as debt approved by the electors?”

Voting “Yes” will indicate approval for borrowing \$3,500,000 and a likely increase of your property taxes by 0.6 mills. An increase of 0.6 mills of property tax will support the annual debt service payments on a Bond issue of \$3.5 million at 4% interest for 20 years. An increase of 0.6 mills of property tax would increase the property taxes on a home with a market value of \$250,000 by \$42.60.

The current Township property tax rate is 8.9 mills. (1 mill of property tax is a \$1.00 tax on each \$1000 dollars of assessed value of your property. The assessed value of properties in Centre County this year is, on average, about 29% of market value)

The Township will only deal with willing sellers; no adverse actions will be taken to obtain Open Space property.

The Board members and staff should be prepared to report on activities undertaken to inform the voters of the referendum question to be on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

Information regarding the referendum and the outcomes of a similar effort in 2001 was included with the agenda materials.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. **State College High School Intern**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Township now has a State College High School Intern that will be spending a couple hours a week.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

a. **Village at Penn State Real Estate Tax Appeal**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Village at Penn State appealed their real estate taxes and the Centre County Tax Appeal Board denied their request.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Luck stated that Parks Capital met and discussed the funding for the Hess Field driveway. He stated that he will not be able to attend General Forum meeting on Monday.

Mr. Downsborough stated that Human Resources did not meet.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Downsborough's second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary