

**PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**September 9, 2015
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ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Elliot Abrams, Chair Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair George Downsborough, Jr., Supervisor Jeff Luck, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Brent Brubaker, Township Engineer Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director John Petrick, Chief of Police Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor Eric Vorwald, Planner
ABSENT	Susan Wheeler, RAC/ PW Project Manager
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Chris Hurley, Resident Mark Shaw, Resident Lorelei Shaw, Resident Eric Dare, Resident Dan Keane, Resident John Kuka, Resident Mark Polis, Resident Denise Polis, Resident Martin Zahuranec, Resident Kerim Oncu, Resident Carol Stetz, Resident Victor Ruggry, Resident Elizabeth Laurenzana, Resident Matthew Heinz, Resident Tasha Norman, Resident Eric Norman, Resident Barry Hafer, Resident Jo Hafer, Resident Bob Jeanmenne, Resident Linda Jeanmenne, Resident Giff Howarth, Resident Ginny Lee, Resident Kay Connelly, Resident Jim Connelly, Resident Bob Wnek, Resident Patti Wnek, Resident Christa Gallagher, Resident Bill Gallagher, Resident Ed Glantz, Resident Bob Starinchak, Resident Michele Henry, Resident Jennifer Simmons, Resident Asif Khatri, Resident Rob Veronesi, Resident Rob Oelhaf, Resident Christa Oelhaf, Resident Daniel Trevino, Resident

Linda Trevino, Resident
Kevin Fitzgerald, Resident
Erin Fitzgerald, Resident
Brian Marshall, Resident
Jim May, CRPA
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Resident
Eileen Rivoir, Resident
Robert Rivoir, Resident
Coltn Green, Resident
Karyl Green, Resident
Gerald Mahan, Resident
Sally Mahan, Resident
Tawni Guralnick, Resident
Miles Guralnick, Resident
Thomas Hood, Resident
Sandra Hood, Resident
Marc Hertzberg, Resident
Madeline Hertzberg, Resident
Chuck Seighman, Resident
James Voigt, Resident
Howard Gregg, Resident
Mervin Davis, Resident
Susan Davis, Resident
Corey Miller, UAJA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 9, 2015 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. Luck moved to approve the August 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 5-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY (UAJA) PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE GRAY'S WOODS INTERCEPTOR SEWER

Mr. Abrams stated that the Executive Director of UAJA has proposed relocating the primary sewer line (also known as an interceptor sewer) serving the Gray's Woods Planned Community Development. The proposed line would run through several properties that are out-side of the Regional Growth Boundary (RGB) and the Sewer Service Area (SSA). Mapping showing the proposed route is included at the end of the agenda and as an attachment to the digital agenda.

In correspondence with the Township Manager, the Executive Director of UAJA states:

“Most of the interceptor sewers would be located outside of the current sewer service area. As has been done in the past, UAJA would not allow connections to interceptor sewers outside of the sewer service area without approval of all of the Centre Region Municipalities through the Act 537 Planning process. Currently UAJA has two such interceptor sewers - One from Pine Grove Mills to the Scott Road Pump Station in Ferguson Township, and the other in Big Hollow in the vicinity of Innovation Park to the UAJA treatment plant, which flows through both College and Benner Townships.”

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY (UAJA) PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE GRAY'S WOODS INTERCEPTOR SEWER (CONTINUED)**

Expansions of the Sewer Service Area in the Centre Region are governed by an intermunicipal agreement, "Centre Region Growth Boundary and Sewer Service Area Implementation Agreement," adopted in 2013. The agreement dictates that approval from five of the six Centre Region municipalities is required for expansion of the Service Area, with the exception that municipalities can undertake limited expansions (no more than 50 dwellings or no more than 12 acres of development in five years) without Regional approval. The Agreement is included with the agenda materials.

The Manager recommends the following discussion format for this item:

- Opening remarks from the Manager on zoning, the Regional Growth Boundary, and the Sewer Service Area
- Presentation from UAJA Executive Director or other representative
- Brief presentation from Planning regarding options for expanding the Sewer Service Area.
- Comments/questions from Public
- Comments/questions/discussion by Board members

A copy of the notice was mailed to the 41 property owners who are on or very near UAJA's proposed alignment of the sewer was included with the agenda materials.

No action is required or recommended on this issue at this time. Members of the Board should identify any additional information, either from UAJA or Township staff, they would like to consider.

Mr. Miller explained the existing sewer system and the proposed situation of elimination pump stations in Gray's Woods Planned Community. He stated that UAJA only has looked at two of the alternatives so far.

Mr. Jeanmenne asked if there was a risk assessment done. Mr. Miller answered no due to the fact that they are in the preliminary stage right now but one will be done during a later phase.

Mr. Jeanmenne asked at what point will the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) be involved. Mr. Miller stated that during the Act 537 update that DEP will be involved.

Mr. May explained concerns about a sewer line going thru properties that are outside the sewer service area.

Mr. Jeanmenne stated he is concerned about the private wells within Cedar Cliff and that he read from the UAJA Meeting Minutes about the Scott Road pump station having problems in the Centre Region and that the problems are "unknown" and that concerns him. Mr. Miller stated that most problems with the sewer lines are a result of people who have damaged the pipes.

Mr. Mahan stated that he thinks it is a bad idea and is worried about a leaking force main. He feels there are other engineering solutions that could be done.

Mr. Miller stated that when UAJA did an alternative analysis for the beneficial reuse project they drew a line on the map and then went thru the Act 537 planning process then drew four more lines, then chose the line that made the most sense to all the people involved. He stated that this is a process and this may not be the final solution.

Mr. Ruggry stated that he owns two lots in Echo Hills and that he invested a lot of money for his well and septic system. He stated that there will be breaks in the line and a chance of contaminating the ground water. He asked if this will make residents force to connect to the sewer line. Mr. Miller stated that is a decision that will be made by your municipality not the UAJA. He stated that there should be a lot more studies done before going forward.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY (UAJA) PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE GRAY'S WOODS INTERCEPTOR SEWER (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Gwalnuck asked what would cause this project not go to Act 537. Mr. Miller answered that if the municipality did not initiate it then it would not go to Act 537.

Mr. Oelhaf stated that he just moved into the area and that when he was looking for a home that it was a hard to find a house, which says that house building is going to happen. He stated that there are septic issues in Halfmoon Township and explained the need for public sewer and water.

Mr. Seighman asked how often the Act 537 is updated. Mr. Miller answered there is no time frame but it was last updated in 2006. Mr. May stated that this is a multi-municipal plan.

Mr. Seighman stated he is concerned about Halfmoon Township. Mr. May explained the current zoning in Halfmoon Township and that the Halfmoon's growth rate is slow.

Mr. Seighman asked Mr. Miller why UAJA wants to place the sewer in this location. Mr. Miller stated that there are many factors and explained the process of evaluating all alternatives and selecting the best based upon risk/cost/benefit. Mr. Seighman suggested looking at several options before proceeding further with this project.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the alignment makes sense and that the availability of sewer and most contamination of wells is by septic systems so let's serve everyone.

Mr. Abrams commented about the water line construction through Amblewood Way in order to provide water to another development who had water issues.

Mr. Wise stated he did not like the comments about Mr. Miller not looking at safety.

Mr. Luck stated that he does want to stress that this is not even the beginning of the process and that UAJA came to the Township wanting to address issues in the area. He stated that the Township wanted to bring it before the people before the process even starts.

Mr. Connelly stated that 9 days before the meeting he received the notice and did not like that the notice went over the implementation agreement.

Mr. Downsborough stated that the UAJA proposal does not include an expansion of the regional growth boundary nor the sewer service area.

Mr. Boyer stated that the pipe could be placed with no mandate to connect with the advantage is in the future if your septic system fails you have the availability to connect but at that point it will have to go thru Act 537.

Mr. Connelly stated that they are willing to talk but not going to roll over.

Mr. Downsborough suggested alternatives for routing force main around the area and other alternatives for Mr. Miller to look at a number of issues.

Mr. Abrams asked what the next step is. Mr. May stated that he will come back in a number of months with some alternatives.

The Board of Supervisors took a brief recess at 8:30PM and resumed the meeting at 8:37PM.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

a. **Police Update**

Chief Petrick stated that a copy of the July 2015 Public Safety Report was included with the agenda materials. He stated that the bike patrol logged 153 miles. He stated serious and less serious crimes were both down.

Mr. Downsborough asked if the Department is fully staffed right now. Chief Petrick answered yes that there are 18 full time officers.

6. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Project Updates**

Mr. Erickson stated that for the Waddle Road project the bids were rejected by PennDot due to irregularities and they decided to rebid project on October 1, 2015 with a notice to proceed on November 16, 2015. He stated that the project is now fully funded.

Mr. Brubaker stated that the contractor for Circleville Road Bikeway path will begin construction next week.

Mr. Brubaker stated that Glenn O. Hawbaker will start patching next Tuesday and Wednesday on Oakwood Avenue. He stated that he will do a public notification when he receives the schedule from contractor.

Mr. Brubaker stated that he has been in contact with residents on Sierra Lane in regards to the drainage problems. He stated that an upstream inlet was covered over with dirt with limited access and that has been cleaned up and it was a huge help to the problem. He stated that the pipe under Sierra Lane was severely under capacity.

b. **Carnegie Drive (2500 block) Parking Restrictions Follow-up Report**

Mr. Brubaker stated that following two resident surveys and a discussion at a previous Board meeting, an Ordinance was passed to create No Parking zones along sections of the 2500 block of Carnegie Avenue. The proposed no parking areas (in red on image on next page) were intended to improve the sight distance available for drivers exiting the parking lots of the adjacent townhome developments onto Carnegie Avenue.

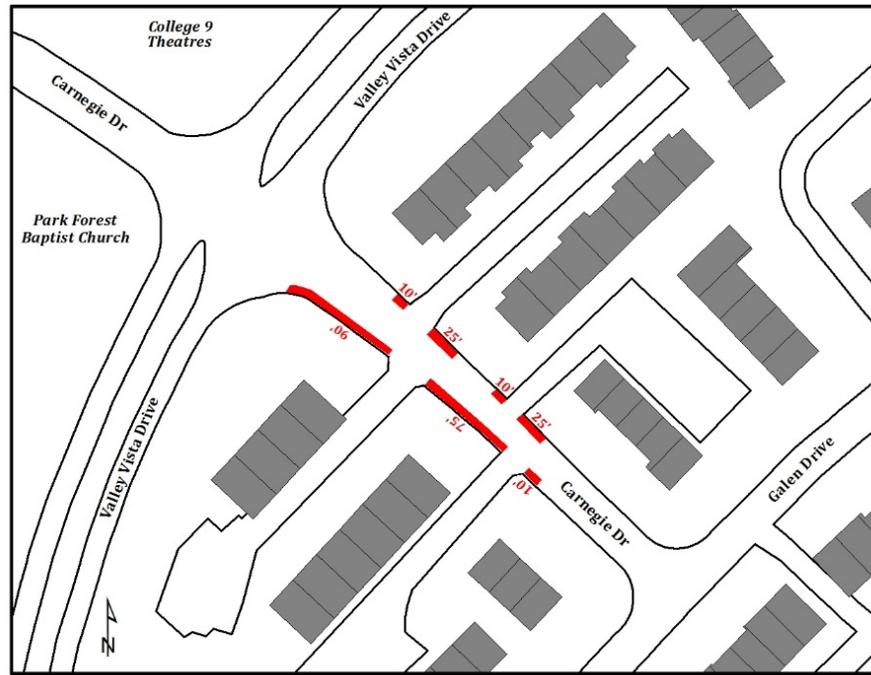
The signs were installed in late June. As of September 2nd, no parking tickets have been issued for this area.

The Public Works Director distributed a follow-up survey to residents in August.

Mr. Brubaker stated that he only got half the responses as he did with the first survey.

6. **PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)**

b. **Carnegie Drive (2500 block) Parking Restrictions Follow-up Report (CONTINUED)**



7. **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Mr. Abrams stated that the September Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 14th. A report will be provided at the Board's September 23rd meeting.

8. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Voucher Report**

A copy of the August 2015 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 August 2015 Voucher Report.

Mr. Downsborough moved to approve the August 2015 Voucher Report. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 5-0.

b. **Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Strategic Plan**

Mr. Erickson stated that the CATA Board of Directors have requested comments from the Board on their draft Strategic Plan. The Executive Summary of the Plan is included with the agenda materials. The full plan is available on CATA's website at:

<http://www.catabus.com/AboutCATA/Budget/index.html>

CATA has tentatively scheduled a representative to attend the September 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting to review the Strategic Plan with the Board.

Mr. Abrams asked that a CATA representative be present at the next meeting.

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. **CBICC State of the County lunch meeting, September 3**

Mr. Erickson stated that the County Commissioner's opinion has changed on Economic Development.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Boyer stated that at Public Services and Environmental met and discussed UAJA regarding Shiloh Road rezoning application. He stated that the organics recycling project is moving forward with using some of the money from the recycling rebate to hire a part time employee to help out with the workload. He stated that the City-Green Advisory Committee gave a brief update on what they are doing with solar and energy.

Mr. Luck stated that the Transportation and Land Use met and discussed the Regional Bike Plan.

Mr. Downsborough stated that the Code Director proposed six salary adjustments based on certifications earned and length of service instead of a cost of living adjustment. He stated that the library director talked about the part-time library staff. He stated that the Employee Relations Committee 2016 Budget was reviewed and approved. He stated that the Travel Policy was last reviewed in 1990 and the committee brought up a few comments that will be brought to General Forum's next meeting.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Wise's second, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06PM.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary