

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Elliot Abrams, Chair Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair George Downsborough, Jr., Supervisor Jeff Luck, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director John Petrick, Chief of Police
ABSENT	Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Josh Troxell, Supervisor Elect Jeremy Hartley, CDT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 18, 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. Boyer moved to approve the minutes of the November 4 and 11, 2015 meetings. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 5-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Police Update

Chief Petrick stated that the October 2015 Public Safety Report was handed out prior to the meeting. He stated that there was a slight increase in Part I serious crimes due to the bomb threats at Wal-Mart in which an arrest was made in Canada. He stated they had a very successful Safety Fair at the Target parking lot. He stated that the department is participating in Buckle Up during the Thanksgiving season and reminded viewers to always buckle up.

Mr. Downsborough asked if this is a Canadian matter since the person lives in Canada. Chief Petrick answered yes and that the individual was charged in Canada.

5. ADMINISTRATION

a. Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Budget

The Board convened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016 Budget at 7:04PM.

Mr. Pegher stated that the Tentative Proposed 2016 Patton Township Budget was adopted at the meeting on November 11, 2015 and was advertised for a Public Hearing at this meeting and that copies of the Tentative Budget have been placed in the Township Building lobby, Schlow Regional Library and on the Township Web Site. He stated that the Tentative Budget includes a 0.6 mill real estate tax rate increase to fund a voter-approved Open Space Acquisition program.

5. **ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)**

a. **Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Budget (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Pegher stated that he looked into the Act 511 that was discussed at the last meeting and that there is an Amusement Tax that would only bring in about \$5,000 per year available.

Mr. Erickson stated that he is working with the Open Space Taskforce and should have properties ready for selection by March. Mr. Downsborough asked how long the loan process will take. Mr. Erickson answered 60-90 days for the borrowing process.

Mr. Luck moved to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016 Budget at 7:15PM. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 5-0.

b. **Work Session**

Following the Public Hearing, the Board will review the Tentative Budget in a work session.

The discussion items from the November 11 meeting will be addressed as follows:

- In 2016 and for the 2017 Budget more detailed information for Public Works costs on a functional basis will be provided: i.e. road maintenance, snow/ice control, brush and leaf collection, etc.
- The Director of Finance and Administration will provide additional information on any other Act 511 taxes, if any, that may be available to provide property tax relief.

Mr. Downsborough stated that he would like more detail for the 2017 Budget for the Public Works costs and that Mr. Pegher already spoke about the Act 511 prospects.

c. **Follow-Up Steps**

The Board should identify the following to finalize budget preparation:

- a. Any proposed changes to be considered as part of the budget adoption on December 9.
- b. Any additional information or reports needed before considering final budget adoption.
- c. Any additional budget meetings to be scheduled (possible dates are November 25 or December 2).

The Board had no additional questions and no additional budget meetings were scheduled.

6. **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) **Sewage Planning Module Resolution for the Reserve East**

In conjunction with the subdivision plan conditionally approved in October 2015 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires that the Board affirmatively state that the plan approval serves as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan."

It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution 2015-014

6. **CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

2) **Sewage Planning Module Resolution for the Buffalo Run Farm**

In conjunction with the land development plan conditionally approved in September 2014 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires that the Board affirmatively state that the plan approval serves as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan."

It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution 2015-015

b. **Administration**

1) **ABC Committee Nomination for C-NET Board**

The ABC Committee (Supervisors Abrams and Downsborough) make the following nomination for appointment to Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions:

- Dave Gustine – C-Net Board of Directors effective January 1, 2016, for a partial term ending December of 2017.

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

2) **Voucher Report**

A copy of the October 2015 Voucher Report is 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 October 2015 Voucher Report.

Mr. Downsborough asked about the process for the Sewage Planning Modules. Mr. Erickson stated that these are mostly done for subdivisions in the rural areas. He stated that the Reserve one is included because they need a pumping station.

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 5-0.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Erickson informed the Board that he was elected Tax Collector for Patton Township with three write-in votes.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Boyer stated that Public Safety met and reviewed the Centre County EM Mitigation Plan and the Regional Fire Program – Volunteer Incentives. He stated that they discussed the future use of the 1991 Pierce Aerial Truck either selling it or keeping it for training purposes. He stated that they discussed the storage area for the CRCA and Fire Equipment and looked at proposals for a new Fire Safety Trailer.

Mr. Boyer stated that PSC/PSEC/PennDOT Utilities met to discuss any issues that they may have. There was good attendance with the exception of Comcast and Verizon.

Mr. Luck stated that Parks Capital forwarded to the General Forum a motion to extend the Regional Park Loan terms.

Mr. Wise stated that Finance met and discussed the Municipal and Public Comments on the 2016 COG Budget, the Storage Area for CRCA and Fire Equipment, Proposal for Fire Safety Trailer and Regional Parks Loan Modification.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Abrams stated that the power was shut off to a well that supplies water to his neighborhood due to the power bill not being put in the new owner's name, so power was shut off due to non-payment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Boyer's second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary