

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD Pam Robb, Chair
Elliot Abrams, Vice-Chair
Daniel Trevino, Supervisor (via tele-conference)
Sultan Magruder, Supervisor
Betsy Whitman, Supervisor (via tele-conference)

STAFF Doug Erickson, Township Manager
Alexandra Castrechini, Director of EPZ/Twp Engineer
Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police (via tele-conference)
Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director (via tele-conference)
Ken Soder, Director of Public Works Ops (via tele-conference)
Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor (via tele-conference)
Nicole Pollock, Planner (via tele-conference)

AUDIENCE

C-Net (2)
Sharon Collins, Planning Commission
Barry Fineberg, Resident
Rick Maher, Resident
Jim Payne, Planning Commission (via tele-conference)
Brian Rater, Resident (via tele-conference)

Mark Parfitt, CATA
Derek Sherman, CATA
Louwana Oliva, CATA
Cynthia Zerbe, CATA
Kimberly Fragola, CATA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Robb called to order the April 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting at PM.

a. Announcements

There were no announcements.

b. Pledge of Allegiance – as you are able, please rise and join the Board in the Pledge

c. Additions to the Posted Agenda

There were no additions to the posted Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Recent public comments received by email and voicemail since the last meeting are included in the agenda materials as attachment Item 2.1. **Comments received between April 8 and April 11 are included with the UPDATE as Item 2.2.**

Mr. Fineberg stated that it is disappointing that the public was not notified about the Planning Commission has started up looking into ADUs again in single family neighborhoods. He is concerned about the already lack of parking and speeding in the area.

Mr. Erickson stated that this was brought before the Planning Commission from the Housing Task Force.

Ms. Robb stated that there are 9 Patton Township residents on the Housing Task Force. She stated that they are looking for affordable housing for everyone.

Mr. Fineberg suggested sending out a survey to the residents of Park Forest.

Ms. Whitman suggested making this an agenda item.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. CATA -- Local Shares, Funding Formula, and Service Changes

Please see the attached correspondence from the CATA Executive Director (Item 3a.1) concerning the review process for approval of the local shares, the local shares amount for their upcoming budget, and potential changes to the formula for determining how the local match is allocated to members.

The CATA Executive Director will be in attendance and provide a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

CATA has recently announced proposed service changes for Fall 2022 – see attached Item 3a.2 or <https://catabus.com/proposed-fall-service/>. The proposed changes include the following for service to Patton Township:

NEW SERVICE - The Atherton Street Connector -- service from Colonnade Boulevard to Geisinger Scenery Park via Atherton Street, downtown State College, and S. Pugh Street, from about 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- operate on a 24-minute frequency
- provide increased service for those living in areas where commuter routes (A, F, G, and S) were previously temporarily discontinued
- would eliminate the A, F, G, M and portion of the HM, K, P, S, and XP

NEW SERVICE - CATAGO (Microtransit) Northwest Zone -- service in the Park Forest/Science Park areas, along with numerous destination points outside the zone (see below), linking the zone with the Atherton Street Connector, the College Avenue Connector, the N route, the V route, the W route, the Red Link, and all other microtransit zones. Northwest zone destination points include Wegmans (Colonnade), Walmart, Giant Food Store (Northland Center), Weis Market (Martin Street), Mount Nittany Medical Center, and Centre Medical Sciences Building.

- operate Mon. - Fri 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- free transfers to the high-frequency connector routes and other microtransit zones.

RESTORED SERVICE - late-night and Sunday service, operated differently than in the past, using the **NV route**

Ms. Oliva gave a brief presentation on CATA's Local Shares, Funding Formula, and Service Changes.

Mr. Parfitt stated that he feels that there will be positive feedback with this new service.

b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Community Diversity Conference; June 21st

Save The Date -- The Community Diversity Group will be holding their Community Diversity Conference on June 21st at the Penn Stater Hotel. Patton Township is an on-going sponsor of this event.

Registration will open in May at <https://www.communitydiversitygroup.org/>

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. March 2022 Police Report

Chief Jolley gave a brief overview of the monthly activities of the department and of the March report that was included with the agenda materials.

b. Noise Waiver Request: 614 Devonshire Drive

The owners of the subject home have requested a waiver from the noise requirements of [Chapter 105](#) of the Patton Township Code. Specifically, they request exemption to the limits on amplified music for a “client appreciation event” on Thursday, June 2nd from 6 to 10 pm. A location map and a copy of the waiver application was included with the agenda materials.

Mr. Rater state that the invent will be with around 50-60 people with a guitar playing background music and just wanted to make sure he is covered.

Mr. Trevino suggested that the Township send notices to nearby neighbors and consider it at the next meeting.

Ms. Robb requested the Board take a 5-minute recess at 6:29PM.

5. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

a. Response to Public Comments on Snow Plowing

During Public Comments at the March 23rd meeting a resident offered some complaints regarding damaged mailboxes and snow being plowed onto sidewalks from the Township’s equipment when plowing streets.

Mr. Soder gave a brief response to explain how the Road Crew repairs mailboxes upon request and why snow from the street will sometimes end up on sidewalks and will provide this presentation again in November and December.

Ms. Whitman suggested putting this information on website.

Mr. Maher stated that what is missing is who is accountable when the snow is thrown onto the sidewalk. He suggested having the plow driver slow down so snow does not get thrown as far.

Mr. Erickson stated that there are a lot of variables that effect the way to snow goes when plowing.

Mr. Payne stated that you can adjust the blade so snow does not get thrown that far. He suggested taking a look at the 24 hours after a snowstorm.

Ms. Whitman suggested having this put on June or July agenda.

b. Work Zone Awareness Week – April 11-15

Mr. Soder provided a brief presentation on 2022 National Work Zone Awareness Week. Please see enclosed materials – Item 5b.1.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS**

c. **NEW ITEM – Accept Drainage Easement from Graymont, Inc.**

The Public Works Department has requested a 600 square foot easement from Graymont, Inc. (formerly known as Bellefonte Lime Co.) at the intersection of Purdue Mountain Road and Valley View Road in the extreme northeast corner of the Township. The Department will install stormwater pipes and inlets in the easement to address drainage issues upstream along Purdue Mountain Road.

A copy of Resolution 2022-012 and the proposed Easement Agreement was included with the agenda update materials.

Mr. Abrams moved to adopt Resolution 2022-012 and accept the Easement Agreement from Graymont, Inc. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the motion passed 5-0.

6. **ENGINEERING, PLANNING, & ZONING**

a. **Planning Commission Report**

Ms. Collins gave a brief update on the activities of the Planning Commission.

b. **Recommendation for Township Traffic Engineering Consultant**

In January, the Director of Engineering, Planning, and Zoning (EZP)/ Township Engineer recommended proceeding with a Request for Proposals to receive and review qualifications of firms seeking to serve as the Township's Traffic Engineering Consultant.

Nine proposals were submitted to the Township. The review committee consisted of the Township Manager, the Township Engineer, the EZP Project Manager, Supervisor Elliot Abrams, and Bill Burnett from the Planning Commission.

Following interviews with three firms the committee recommends that the Township engage McCormick Taylor, principally represented by Robb Watts and Andy Parker for this contract.

A memo from the Director of EZP/ Township Engineer was included with the agenda materials.

For this item the Board should:

Ms. Whitman moved to approve McCormick Taylor for the Open End Contract for Traffic Engineering Services. Seconded by Mr. Magruder, the motion passed 5-0.

c. **Special Consultant for Waddle Road Traffic Signal Coordination**

As part of the Toftrees West development approved at the last Board meeting, the developer will be adding a traffic signal at Waddle Road and Toftrees Avenue. This traffic signal will become part of a coordinated system that was established in 2017 on Waddle Road as part of the Waddle Road/ I-99 Interchange Improvement Project. This corridor is the only system in PennDOT District 2-0 that operates on the Centrac software for signal control.

The Manager recommends engaging Jacobs Engineering of Philadelphia to review the traffic signal needs in the corridor and advise on the best approach to adding this new intersection. Jacobs has experience with the PennDOT permitting process and operational capacity for the Centrac signal systems

Mr. Abrams moved to approve Jacobs Engineering as Special Consultant for Waddle Road Traffic Signal Coordination for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the motion passed 5-0.

6. **ENGINEERING, PLANNING, & ZONING (Continued)**

d. **Request for Comments; Ferguson Township Official Map, Amended**

Ms. Pollock stated as Per Article IV, Section 402(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Ferguson Township is giving Patton Township the opportunity to review its recently amended Official Map Update. See the [March 23 Board agenda](#) and attachments for additional background information on this matter.

The agenda materials included a March 31 letter and the proposed Ferguson Official Map 2022 (Item 6d).

The Planning Commission will review the plan on May 2nd.

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Conference – Proposed Resolutions and Changes to By Laws**

The PSATS Annual Conference will be held on April 24-27 in Hershey. The Association has published the proposed Resolutions and changes to the Bylaws to be considered and voted on at the April 26th Business Session.

The following items are included with the agenda materials:

- Resolutions Report with proposed Resolutions for 2022 (Item 7a.1)
- Bylaws with proposed changes highlighted in yellow (Item 7a.2)
- Nominations Report with proposed slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members (Item 7a.3)

The Board agreed to support resolutions 22-24 and 22-25.

The Board agreed to opposed to resolutions 22-28, 22-29 and 22-49.

b. **Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML) 2022 Leadership Summit – October 6-8**

This annual conference will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh from October 6th (Thursday) to 8th (Saturday). An agenda is not yet available, but the majority of the programming normally takes place on Friday.

Board members are asked to indicate if they may be attending so hotel reservations can be made from the block reserved for this event.

c. **Manager's Annual Energy Efficiency Update**

In 2010 the Council of Governments led an effort to develop green-house gas emissions inventories for each member municipality. This project produced a list of "Energy Efficiency Action Items." Since 2011 the Board of Supervisors have reviewed this list annually, as updated by the Township Manager with steps that have been taken to achieve more efficient energy use.

The 2022 edition of the annotated list is included with the agenda materials. Highlights of changes undertaken since March 2021 include:

- 2021 Participating in Solar Power Purchasing effort with other regional public agencies**
- 2021 Became a Community Partner with Sun United Neighbors (SUN) of Pennsylvania.**

7. **ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

c. **Manager's Annual Energy Efficiency Update (Continued)**

- 2022 **Begin work on Phase 2 of Circleville Bikeway**
- 2021 **Added markings for "share the road" on Devonshire Drive**
- 2022 **Sponsoring grant for signal upgrades on entire Atherton Corridor**
- 2022 **Adopted Sustainability Goals Resolution**

d. **NEW ITEM -- Electric Power Supply Contract**

The Township's current Electric Power Supplier contract runs out in May. The current, quoted pricing for contracts is much, much higher than our current rate of \$0.04850 per kWh. Each increase of \$0.01 per kWh will add about \$4,000 per year to our total energy costs.

The joint Solar Power project is not expected to be ready for at least a year or more.

Our short-term options include (all contract prices are from Monday, April 11th and adjust daily):

Default Pricing from West Penn Power – currently at \$0.06542 per kWh for the May meter reading and expected to increase substantially on June 1st (but be less than the below prices). This price is adjusted quarterly. This is a mix of brown and green energy production.

Short-term Contract for 100% renewables (green) – for 6 months at \$0.10453 per kWh

Short-term Contract for "brown" energy – for 6 months at \$0.10028 per kWh

Longer term contract options include:

12-month contract for 100% renewables - \$0.10719 per kWh

24-month contract for 100% renewables - \$0.09512 per kWh

36-month contract for 100% renewables - \$0.08848 per kWh

Brown energy contracts are also available at an approximate 4% - 5% discount to the green energy pricing.

The Board agreed with going to Default Pricing from West Penn Power (brown energy) and reviewing contracts for 100% renewables again in July.

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 available to the public on-line and at the sign-in table. At the request of any 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 Safety**

1) **Code Board of Appeals Appointments**

Municipalities in Pennsylvania are required by the Uniform Construction Code (section 501(c) of the Act (35 P. S. § 7210.501(c)) to establish and appoint members to serve on a board of appeals. According to the UCC, the *"board of appeals shall hear and rule on appeals, requests for variances and requests for extensions of time."* The UCC also provides that *"two or more*

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

a. Public Safety (Continued)

1) Code Board of Appeals Appointments (Continued)

municipalities may establish a joint board of appeals through an intermunicipal agreement under 53 Pa.C.S. § § 2301—2315 (relating to intergovernmental cooperation)."

The six Centre Region municipalities adopted an updated Agreement in late 2020 to streamline the functioning of the Board of Appeals.

During the February 28, 2022 COG meeting, the General Forum forwarded a slate of members to the Centre Region Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals as recommended by the Public Safety and Executive Committees to municipalities for appointment by way of the following motion:

That the General Forum forward the following nominations to the member municipalities for appointment to the Centre Region Building and Housing Board of Appeals for the identified terms:

Ryan Solnosky, Ph.D., P.E. (Three-year term, April 1, 2022 –March 30, 2025)

Alan Popovich, R.A. (Three-year term, April 1, 2022 –March 30, 2025)

It is recommended that the Board approve the above appointments

b. Public Works Operations

1) Designate April 23, 2022 as Watershed Cleanup Day

Clearwater Conservancy has requested that Patton Township designate April 23, 2022 as Watershed Cleanup Day. Clearwater Conservancy has organized this community-wide volunteer effort annually since 1997 and has collected and safely disposed more than 5.5 tons of trash from our watershed last year.

As in past years, the Patton Township Public Works will continue to participate by providing trucks and labor to assist the collection efforts. The Public Works Director will coordinate activities between Clearwater Conservancy and the Township.

[Watershed Cleanup Day | ClearWater \(clearwaterconservancy.org\)](https://www.clearwaterconservancy.org)

A request letter from Clearwater was included with the agenda materials

It is recommended that the Board designate April 23, 2022 as Watershed Cleanup Day.

2) Bid Award: Line Painting Contract

Ferguson Township has solicited and received bids for the regional cooperative line-painting program.

Due to increased costs, the Public Works staff has revised downward our planned line painting for 2022 to bring the work closer to the budgeted amount. IT is staff's intent to resume painting all lane lines again by 2024 or 2025.

The adjusted bid tab for Patton Township is included with the agenda materials. The low,

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

b. Public Works Operations (Continued)

2) Bid Award: Line Painting Contract (Continued)

responsive (and only) bid was submitted again by Alpha Space Control for \$37,234.31. The 2022 Budget includes \$30,000 for this work.

It is recommended that the Board accept the bid price of \$37,234.31 for the Patton Township share of the project and agree to the joint contract with Alpha Space Control of Chambersburg, PA for line painting through Ferguson Township.

c. Engineering, Planning, & Zoning

1) Bike Month Recognition

The League of American Bicyclists celebrates each May as [Bike Month](#). For this year Bike to Work Week will take place May 16-22, 2022 with Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20th.

A draft resolution recognizing Bike Month is included with the consent agenda materials.

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2021-009.

2) Fee Increase for Haugh Community Gardens

At the [February 23rd meeting](#) the Board received a report from the Director of Engineering, Planning, and Zoning on a recommended increase to the annual fees for Community Garden Plots at the Haugh Family Preserve open space property.

The Board concurred with potentially raising the fee from \$40 per year to \$50, along with an increase in the refundable deposit. The Board instructed staff to email a notice of the increase to current plot holders and invite them to provide comments prior to or at this meeting.

A draft Resolution has been prepared to include the increased fee in the Township's published Fee Schedule along with public comments received (see attachment Item 6a.1R) **The revised Resolution lists the correct plot size of 20 feet by 25 feet for a garden plot.**

All public comments received by 3:30 pm on March 23rd will be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2021-007.

d. Administration

1) Minutes February 23, 2022

The draft minutes of the last Board meeting are included with agenda materials. Board members having questions or changes should contact the Township Manager prior to the meeting so revisions can be included in a supplemental distribution.

It is recommended that the Board approve the subject minutes.

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

d. Administration

2) Voucher Report

A copy of the February 2022 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 above noted Voucher Report.

Ms. Whitman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Magruder, the motion passed 5-0.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Erickson reported on current matters, including:

- a. Correspondence (enclosed)
 - [1] DEP Update on PFAs in Benner Township
 - [2] County to cover Booking Center costs for 2021 and 2022
- b. Announcements
 - [1] Spring Township Newsletter mailed out April 5th (pdf attached)
 - [2] Summer Trash Schedule – 6 am start Memorial Day to Labor Day
- c. Upcoming Events
 - [1] Township Office Schedule
 - April 15 – Good Friday, Office Closed for Carpet Cleaning
 - May 30 – Memorial Day, Office Closed
 - [2] April 24-27 PSATS Conference
 - [3] April 29/30 [Household Hazardous Waste collection](#) (enclosed)
 - [4] May 9-13 [Bulk Waste Collection](#)
 - [5] May 10-11 [Centre Gives](#) campaign
 - [6] May 18 [Primary Election](#)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

[Executive Committee](#), March 22 – Robb (report enclosed – Item 10a.1)

[Facilities Committee](#), April 5 – Whitman (report enclosed – Item 10a.2)

[Human Resources](#) Committee, April 6 - Magruder

Joint [Land Use and Community Infrastructure](#) Committee and the Centre Regional Planning Commission, April 7 - Abrams

[Climate Action and Sustainability Committee](#), April 11 -- Whitman

Public Safety, cancelled

[Finance Committee](#), April 14 – Trevino

Executive Committee, April 19 – Robb

Parks Governance, April 27 -- Trevino

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

- a. State College Borough Water Authority (3rd Thursday)
- b. Centre Area Cable Consortium, [as needed – Trevino \(did not meet\)](#)
- c. Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Mason
- d. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Org., [April 20](#) – Abrams, Robb Alt.
- e. [Centre County Airport Authority, \(4th Thursday\) – Downsborough \(report enclosed\)](#)
- f. [Solar Power Purchase Working Group – Whitman, Pegher Alt.](#)

11. OTHER BUSINESS (see Item 1.c regarding requirements for adding action items to the agenda)

12. ADJOURN

Ms. Whitman moved to adjourn the April 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting at 8:08PM. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 5-0.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary