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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING ROOM
PATTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

April 13, 2022 5:30 PM

***** AGENDA UPDATED *****

Updates Include: Item 2 – additional public comments attached; NEW ITEM – Item 4b, Noise Waiver Request; NEW ITEM – Item 5c, Accept Drainage Easement from Graymont, Inc.; NEW ITEM – Item 7d, Electric Power Supply Contract; Item 10 – additional Committee information included

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair will call the meeting to order.

a. **Announcements** – none

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

c. **Additions to the Posted Agenda** – the Chair will ask for additional items to be considered for this agenda. Please see attachment “Item 1c; Policy for Adding Items to Published Agendas in Accordance with Act 65 of 2021”

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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If you are attending in-person please approach the podium and wait for the Chair to indicate that it is your opportunity to speak.

Public comments are limited to five minutes per person.

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.**

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**

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)

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

For this item the Board should:

- Review the agenda materials
- Receive a presentation from the CATA Executive Director
- Solicit public input
- Solicit additional information from CATA
- Provide feedback to CATA regarding:
 - Items covered in March 18th Correspondence (Item 3a.1)
 - Proposed service changes in Patton Township

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/>

This item is for information only. No Board action is required.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. March 2022 Police Report

The Chief of Police will review the monthly activities of the department and respond to any questions. The March report is included with the agenda materials.

This item is for information only. No Board action is required.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY (Continued)

b. **NEW ITEM** -- 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 is included with the agenda materials.

For this item the Board should

- Review the information included or referenced in the agenda
- Solicit additional information from the applicant or staff
- Solicit public input
- Discuss and consider action, or identify additional information required prior to taking action

The Board has the following options to consider:

- Approve the waiver as submitted
- Approve the waiver with conditions (e.g. end music at 9 pm)
- Deny the waiver with rationale (e.g. adverse impact on neighboring properties).

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.

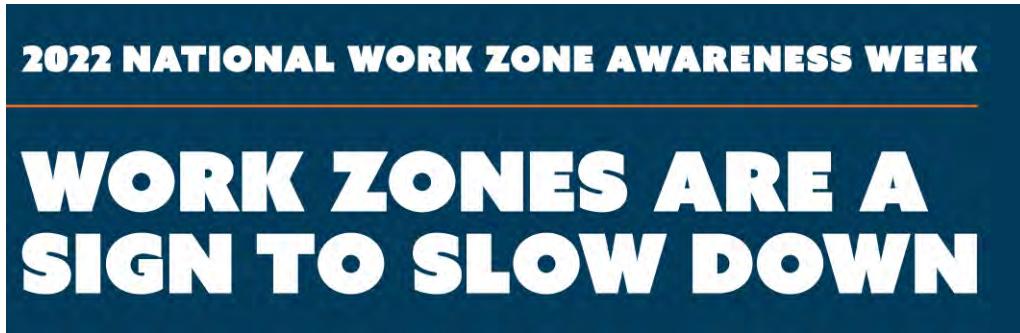
The Director of Public Works Operations has prepared a brief response to explain how the Road Crew repairs mailboxes upon request and why snow from the street will sometimes end up on sidewalks.

We will provide this presentation again in November and December.

This item is for information only. No Board action is required.

5. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS (Continued)

b. Work Zone Awareness Week – April 11-15



The Director of Public Works Operations will provide a brief presentation. Please see enclosed materials – Item 5b.1.

This item is for information only. No Board action is required.

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 are included with the agenda update materials.

The Board should consider action to adopt the Resolution and accept the easement for the Township.

6. ENGINEERING, PLANNING, & ZONING

a. Planning Commission Report

The Board will receive a report from Commission member Sharon Collins on the activities of the Planning Commission.

6. ENGINEERING, PLANNING, & ZONING (Continued)**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 is included with the agenda materials.

For this item the Board should:

- Review the agenda materials
- Receive a brief report from the Director of EZP/ Township Engineer
- Solicit public input
- Consider action to approve McCormick Taylor for the Open End Contract for Traffic Engineering Services.

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

6. ENGINEERING, PLANNING, & ZONING (Continued)

c. Special Consultant for Waddle Road Traffic Signal Coordination (Continued)

For this item the Board should:

- Review the agenda materials
- Receive a brief report from the Township Manager
- Solicit public input
- Consider action to approve Jacobs Engineering as Special Consultant for Waddle Road Traffic Signal Coordination for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

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 include a March 31 letter and the proposed Ferguson Official Map 2022 (Item 6d).

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

For this item the Board should:

- Review the agenda materials
- Receive an introduction from the Planner
- Solicit public input
- Board Members can provide comments to be relayed to Ferguson Township

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)

For this item the Board should:

- Review the agenda materials
- Receive a brief report from the Manager on his recommendations on Resolutions 22-24 and 22-25.
- Solicit public input
- Provide direction to the Voting Delegate, Dan Trevino, on proposed Resolutions and Bylaw changes

a. 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.

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

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.**
- 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**

The Board is asked to receive and review the list and offer comments and/or ask questions of the Manager/Staff. The public should also be afforded an opportunity to provide comments and questions.

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 \$0.4850 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

7. ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**d. NEW ITEM -- Electric Power Supply Contract**

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 Manager and Finance Director recommend the one of the following options:

- 1) Going to Default Pricing from West Penn Power (brown energy) and reviewing contracts for 100% renewables again in July (lowest cost option)

OR

- 2) Selecting the 6-month 100% renewables contract and review contracts again in August/September (would cost at least 15% more than option 1)

The Board is asked to review the above agenda material and provide direction to the Manager to act on this week.

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**b. Public Works Operations****c. Engineering, Planning, & Zoning****d. Administration**

- 1) Minutes March 23, 2022

- 2) Voucher Report – March 2022

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager will report 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

Board members should report on the meeting(s) of the COG and other committee(s) on which they serve, including:

- a. Council of Governments Committees (click on [highlighted link](#) to access agenda)

[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)

- b. State College Borough Water Authority (3rd Thursday)
- c. Centre Area Cable Consortium, as needed – Trevino (did not meet)
- d. Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Mason
- e. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Org., April 20 – Abrams, Robb Alt.
- f. Centre County Airport Authority, (4th Thursday) – Downsborough (report enclosed)
- g. 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

13. (reserved)

14. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Enclosed: none

Upcoming Meetings:

Mon., April 25	General Forum
Wed., April 27	Board of Supervisors
Wed., May 11	Board of Supervisors
Mon., May 23	General Forum
Wed., May 27	Board of Supervisors

14.FOR YOUR INFORMATION (Continued)

Pending Board Work Tasks

And tentatively ranked the tasks in this order with relative score (0-15);

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| 1. Regulation of Single Use Plastics (i.e Bags, straws) | 13 |
| 2. Regulating Special Events on Public Property | 11 |
| 3. Open Space Preservation Options | 9 |
| 4. Home Occupations – potential change by Ord. (2-no) | 8 |
| 5. Stargazing Permits for Individuals (2-no) | 7 |
| 6. Authorities dissolution | 7 |