

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 15, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order by Council President Bill Starn at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded, and the roll was called.

Attendance -- Council Members attending included Jim Turnbull, Bryan Landman, David Lee, and Ryan Errett. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Bard Hendry, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Ryan Errett seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from December 18, 2024 be approved. Ryan Errett seconded, and Council approved.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Police Report – In December there were 45 calls for service.

Fire Report – Jason Medlin reported that there were 34 calls for service in December, 14 fire calls and 20 EMS. Totals for 2024 were 272 total calls, 151 fire calls and 121 EMS, which equates to 483 man-hours. The Department had 951 training hours in house. 166 hours were trainings for certifications. For 2024 average response time was four minutes and 52 seconds. Average time from dispatch to arrival was eight minutes and 15 seconds. The Department gained 501(c)3 (nonprofit) designation, and secured \$25,000 in grants. Jason went on to explain that the EMS service has only been available since August. He goes on many of the calls, as does Christin Milnes, although they are trying to get a couple more people certified.

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – Council engaged in a long discussion about property owners' actual property lines, and how some have railings or fences in the Borough's right-of-way. The fences then become obstacles for the snow plow and leaf machine. There was also discussion of whether the Borough should require occupancy permits, though it was pointed out that such permits were rejected by Council a couple of years ago.

Correspondence – None

Tax Collector's Report -- Nadine borough residents thanked the first responders, the council, and borough residents for their support during and after the accident to herself, he family, and her property after the damage to her home.

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Nadine reported that \$4,167.51 was deposited in December.

Nadine mentioned that a new tax year was beginning and residents who write checks will no longer be able to make them payable to anything or anyone but the Borough of Patterson Heights or Patterson Heights Borough. The bank will no longer accept checks made payable to Nadine personally.

Nadine asked that the Borough permit her to change printers of the tax bills to Munitax. Ryan Errett so moved, Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved.

Treasurer's Report – A Treasurer's Report was submitted to Council.

Public Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report.

Streets and Sewers – Bill Starn said that Frank was drafting a letter to the homeowner on 8th Avenue with the tree growing into the street and preventing repaving.

Recreation -- Ryan will give the go-ahead to the equipment company to complete the purchase as approved last month. The company is Bure/Snider, and they are honoring their 2024 price of \$54,349.46.

Recycling – Nothing to report.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new.

New Business – None.

Old Business – Bryan Landman moved the passage of Resolution 25-01-01 Right-to-Know. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

It was decided that we need to have a Planning Commission in order to proceed with a new firehall and municipal building. The Commission will consist of one Council member and four residents who are not members of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Bill asked Bryan to compile the information requested by Randy Dawson.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – Nothing to report.

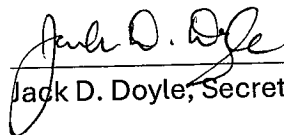
Emergency Management – Nothing to Report.

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Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented, David Lee seconded, and Council approved.

Announcements – Ryan has arranged for Council members to be able to enroll in ATT Firstnet, which will provide lower cost cell service and priority service on the cell towers.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Lee seconded, and Council adjourned at 7:46pm. The next regular meeting will be February 19, 2025, at 7 p.m.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William A. Starn, Council President