

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 16, 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, Rich Siget, and Ryan Errett. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Bard Hendry, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Police Chief Nick Bathgate, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Rich Siget seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from June 18, 2025 be approved. Rich Siget seconded. Council approved.

Visitors – Judy Plak spoke about an incident between her and a member of Council that did not pertain to Council business.

Police Report – The June Police Report showed 43 calls for service.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 33 calls in June, consisting of 27 EMS and 6 fire calls. Bard Hendry noted that the Number 1 engine is now fully paid for, in less than three years. Bryan Landman commended the VFD for being diligent in keeping the building clean.

Community Day – Lindsey Beegle reported that her team is ready to go on August 6, beginning with a bike parade. The firemen will have food available, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will have baked goods. Ryan asked about completion of the playground equipment installation, and Bryan said that he could do it now that we have hired Ken.

Lindsey said her committee is also planning an Oktoberfest for October 11 or 18.

Solicitor – Nothing at this time.

Code Enforcement – (1) The owner of the property at 518 4th Street asked that if that house burns down, would she be able to rebuild, since the current house is only three feet from the house next to it. Council said she would just have to follow the ordinance the way it is written. (2) The owner at 512 5th Street has been advised she needs to do a better job of yard cleanup. (3) The owner of the property at 5th Avenue and 6th Street has been cited for high weeds. (4) The house at 401 6th Street has been put in touch with our building inspector due to the door cut into the brick leading to the garage. (5) BIU will get back to us with a price for having someone drive through the Borough and cite property maintenance offenders. Jim asked if the house at 401 6th Street was being used as a rental.

Correspondence – (1) a letter from the Bureau of Elections asking that they be notified of any deaths or resignations. (2) a letter encouraging all municipalities to participate in the celebration

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commemorating the 250th Birthday of the United States next year. (3) a letter from Verde Energy advising the Borough that our contract for supply of natural gas was expiring.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported deposits of \$1,617.14 in June.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts in the month of June.

Public Safety Committee Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim asked about the status of building a new building. Whitmer Construction has provided information on some materials, but we hope to apply for and receive a grant. The material to fix the roof on the pavilion is on site. Bryan and Ken will install it.

Streets and Sewers – Fifth Avenue needs to be repaired by BFMA. Council members began to discuss the removal of the tree on 8th Avenue, but Frank halted the discussion because the matter may be in litigation.

Recreation – Bryan and Ryan have verified the receipt of the new playground equipment, so we will pay their invoices, which total about \$66,000.

Recycling – The paper retriever was not emptied recently. Jim wants Council to find someone to write a grant application. Bill will check at the next COG meeting.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Inspections are due to start.

Executive Session—Council went into Executive session at 8:13 to discuss some contractual items and litigation, as well as personnel. Council resumed their regular session at 8:36.

New Business – Nick Bathgate has been appointed Police Chief for Patterson Township, so will assume those duties for Patterson Heights.

Old Business – (1) Council is asked to approve the advertising of a bid package for milling and base repair of 8th Avenue north of 4th Street, estimated cost to be \$80,589.40. The motion was seconded and approved. (2) The proposed purchase of tax parcel 45-020102.001-01-1 by Andy Briggs. There was a motion to allow the purchase from the tax repository, all delinquent taxes from the 2024 tax year and prior years are exonerated. The purchasers shall be responsible for the Borough's 2025 real estate taxes. The motion was seconded and passed. (3) The letter to residents about grass growing along their curbs still needs to be finalized. (4) House numbering information has been sent to Randy Dawson, but we have not heard back from him yet. (5) The lots on Bridge Street were discussed. A man from himlooking called the Borough office, and was given Frank's contact information, but has yet to contact Frank. Widmer is checking the requirements for making the required changes.

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Mayor – The mayor is forming a committee of volunteers to discuss grant writing for the purpose of funding a new firehall and other improvements.

COG – Nothing to report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented. Jack pointed out that the second donation of the year has been sent to the Fire Department. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Announcements – July 23 to August 1 is Operation Healthy Ellwood City, where military personnel will provide free medical screenings. An unidentified man was permitted to speak, and commented on what a great job is being done by the Council.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be August 20, 2025, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary