

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Starn at 7:00 pm., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members

Bill Starn - Present
Jim Turnbull - Present
Connie Klein - Absent
Bryan Landman - Present
Fran Levinger - Absent
Sue Pokego - Present
Tim Weisenburger - Present

Mayor

Ron Tyger - Present

Officers

Solicitor Frank Paganie - Present
Nadine Galbreath - Present
Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle - Present

Executive Session: Jim Turnbull moved that the Council go into an executive session. Sue Pokego seconded. The session lasted from 7:02 until 7:20.

Minutes: Jim Turnbull moved that the Council approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 and January 2, 2018 meetings. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report: Chief David Stanislawski, accompanied by Assistant Chief Nick Bathgate. Bill Starn read the report submitted by Chief DeLuca, noting four calls during the month of December.

Fire Report: Chief Medlin - Absent, no report. Council discussed replacing the doors on the VFD garage. It was decided to spend up to \$1,000 for the doors, they would be installed by Jim Turnbull and Bryan Landman, and the funds would be taken from the next semi-annual payment to the Fire Department. Jim Turnbull so moved, Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried.

Visitors: (1) Caren Turnbull of 613 5th Avenue. Despite what some have said on social media, she has seen the police patrolling twice by 8:30am. (2) John Marzano of 312 16th Avenue, Patterson Township, asked about zoning regulations in regards to building a house at 403 9th Avenue. He was put in touch with the Zoning Officer, Mark Bibby, and advised to contact the Post Office for a new house number if he decides to face the house toward 4th Street. (3) Jan Livingston of 72 Darlington Road thanked the Council for awarding the new

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police contract to Patterson Township. (4) Linda Hurley of 716 8th Avenue made a statement in support of the police. Officer Bathgate said he would monitor social media, and provide information as necessary.

Solicitor: Mr. Paganie reported that he is working on an Ordinance regarding fee changes, and revising the agreement with the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority.

Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella - Absent - The report was read by President Bill Starn. Porch demolition has been completed at 604 4th Avenue, and citations are withdrawn. The owner at 802 7th Street has responded to an inquiry about having a renter that the person in question is his son.

Communications: Bill Starn - No communications this month.

Tax Collector: Nadine Galbreath - Present - Real Estate tax receipts of \$4,504.80 for December.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Doyle - (1) Statements of Financial Interest were distributed to council members, and are due back by May 1. (2) Significant deposits in December included \$759 in Real Estate Transfer Tax, \$799 in delinquent Real Estate Tax, \$252 in Per Capita Tax, \$188 in State Police fines, and \$6,452 in Earned Income Tax.

Public Safety Committee: Bryan Landman and Jim Turnbull spoke on the difficulty of snow plowing with cars parked on the streets. Jim will draft a letter to residents asking them not to throw debris, including snow, onto the streets, and to take care of vegetation hanging over and onto the roadways.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jim Turnbull - The two new doors for the VFD garage have been ordered.

Streets and Sewers Committee: Bill Starn - nothing at this time.

Recreation Committee: Connie Klein - No report.

Recycling and Refuse Committee: Sue Pokego - Reported an upcoming meeting with Holly Vogt of Beaver County Department of Waste Management.

Budget and Finance Committee: Tim Weisenburger - Nothing new to report

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee: Fran Levinger - Nothing new to report. Rental inspection information was included in the report on code enforcement.

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New Business: - Community Development Block Grant. The Borough will continue to investigate grant opportunities as appropriate.

Old Business: - (1) BFMA Billing Agreement - Solicitor Paganie will draft new language to be presented to the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority. (2) Payment to VFD. It was decided to pay \$3,000 for the second half of 2017 as part of the bills to be approved later in the meeting. (3) 2018 Borough Fee Changes. Solicitor Paganie will draft language for an ordinance. (4) Code Enforcement Officer agreement. There has not been an agreement in place since March, 2016, although Ms. Pella has continued to work on a month-to-month basis. The agreement will be discussed at the next meeting. (5) Patterson Township Merger. No action taken.

Officer Reports - Mayor - Mayor Tyger had nothing new to report.

COG - Bill Starn had nothing new to report.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Bryan Landman reported that he would be attending training sessions at the county level next week.

Announcements - The next regular meeting of the Council will be on February 21, 2018, at 7p.m.

Fiscal and Contractual - Tim Weisenburger moved that the January bills be approved or ratified including a \$3,000 payment to the Fire Department, and move \$20,000 from the Earned Income Tax Account to the General Fund. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried.

Adjournment: Moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Sue Pokego.
