

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Meeting called to order by President Bill Starn at 7:00 pm.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Bill Starn, President; Jim Turnbull, Vice President; Tim Weisenburger, Bryan Landman.

Also present, Mayor Phyllis Aluseo, Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

VISITORS: No visitors requested time to speak.

POLICE REPORT: Bill Starn read the report, copy on file.

TAX COLLECTOR: No formal report. Taxes collected and deposited in January were \$909.72. Report on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jason Medlin presented the January report, copy on file. Insurance cost breakdown between the Fire Department and the Borough were provided. Jason announced that the Fire Company was approved for a grant in the amount of \$11,844.04, to be used to purchase new bunker gear. He also announced that a training session was held with other area departments to familiarize everyone with all available equipment. Additional training has been scheduled.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Bill Starn read the report, copy on file.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bill Starn read through the month's mail. Widmer Engineering had submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection an MS4 waiver request on behalf of the Borough. Widmer had requested appointment as the Borough Engineer for 2017. Bryan Landman moved that we accept Widmer's proposal, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Information had been received from three firms seeking appointment as Borough Solicitor. After some discussion, Jim Turnbull submitted a motion to retain the firm of John F. Salopek as the Borough Solicitor, it was seconded by Bryan Landman, and the motion carried unanimously.

It was requested that we reach out to "Josh," who can assist us in operating the security cameras, and provide a remote feed to the Beaver Falls police.

It was requested that we research the replacement of the Borough's website.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: The Liquid Fuels Account audits for 2015 have been completed by the PA Auditor General and by PennDot. The Liquid Fuels Account Actual Use of State Funds report for 2016 as been submitted, and accepted by the State.

The Borough S/T will be able to take advantage of some online training provided by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, with the first session scheduled for February 15.

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MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting by Jim Turnbull, second by Bryan Landman. The motion carried unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting by Jim Turnbull, second by Bryan Landman. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Bryan Landman reported that the Fire Department is looking into to possible merger with other local departments, and has started to gather data on insurance and utility costs.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: J. Turnbull reported that we will need to check the sides of the building for leaks this spring.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Columbia Gas continues to work, primarily in the area of 5th Street, and still needs to provide some street repair. Bryan Landman reported that we will need to do some crack repairing this summer.

RECREATION: There was discussion about possibly substituting a block party for the Community Day this year, due to the success of the block party last year, and the cost of the Community Day.

RECYCLING AND REFUSE: Nothing to report

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Tim Weisenburger reported that he planned to work with Jack Doyle on Saturday to finalize and make a couple of correcting journal entries for 2015. He will also check with Turnley about conducting and audit this year.

RENTAL PROPERTY: We will request a schedule of rental inspections from Dawna Pella.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided to ask the solicitor about requirements for selling the backhoe.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Mayor - nothing to report.

Zoning Board - report read previously by Council President

COG representative- nothing to report

Emergency Management representative - nothing to report

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Tim Weisenburger moved that we delay payment of the bills for the Beaver Falls Police and one for Widmer Engineering. Bryan Landman seconded, and motion carried unanimously. Jim

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Turnbull moved that we pay the remaining bills, Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Landman moved and Tim Weisenburger seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The next meeting will be held March 15, 2017.