

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

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Starn at 7:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Tax Collector Sue Philipp, Solicitor Frank Paganie, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Ron Hiler presented the February Police Report.

TAX COLLECTOR: Sue Philipp reported that tax deposits were only \$25 for February, but she had just deposited \$13,000 for March, with about another \$8,000 to follow.

VISITORS: Xander Wilkinson is planning a block party for late May or early June. The Borough yard sale will be prior to the party.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Bill Starn read the report, copy on file. It was also mentioned that a house on Seventh Avenue has couches in the front yard.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bryan Landman reported that 18 people have been photographed in an area too close to the eagles' nest in the Borough. Council was advised that they could warn the citizens involved, and take further action if the trespassing continued. Other communication involved a lien that was filed against the Borough in error. The lien resulted from an Unemployment Compensation case that was resolved last July. The S/T read a letter offering free Welcome Packets for new residents. He will request more information.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Report covered in Communications.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting was made by Tim Weisenburger, and seconded by Jim Turnbull. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Bryan Landman asked if we could pursue a mutual aid agreement when sharing labor with Patterson Township. It is believed that we requested such an agreement previously, but received no response.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Bryan Landman reported that a number of residents have trees with overhanging branches that are dangerous or a nuisance. It was discussed whether we could have the trees trimmed or removed, and bill the residents, after sending warning letters advising them to take care of the trees themselves. The S/T will locate pertinent ordinances and submit them to the Solicitor for review.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Nothing new to report.

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RECREATION: Xander Wilkinson asked if he might be able to use funds from the Junior Council account to fund the Block Party, rather than relying strictly on donations. The Solicitor will check on this possibility.

RECYCLING AND REFUSE: Nothing to report

BUDGET AND FINANCE: The Council determined that it was necessary to fill the position of Chair of the Vacancy Board. A motion to appoint Caren Turnbull as Chair was made by Bryan Landman and seconded by Connie Klein. The motion carried, with Jim Turnbull abstaining. Tim Weisenburger recommended that the Council appoint Lawrence Hurley to fill the vacant position of Elected Auditor. Resolution 17-03-01 was adopted, authorizing the Council to fill the position. Tim Weisenburger moved that Lawrence Hurley be appointed Elected Auditor, Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion was approved, with Jim Turnbull abstaining.

RENTAL PROPERTY: In her Code Enforcement report, Dawna Pella reported that rental inspections were complete.

NEW BUSINESS: It was decided that "View from the Heights" will no longer be funded by the Council. A motion to cease funding was made by Jim Turnbull, and seconded by Bryan Landman. The motion carried. "View" could, however, be posted online, rather than printed, if and when we have a functional website, and Ruthanne Bentley would be willing to continue publishing.

OLD BUSINESS: The Borough is still interested in selling its Caterpillar backhoe. Solicitor Paganie determined that we would have to advertise the proposed sale. He will prepare an ad for the Beaver County Times.

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 pay the bills as presented. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion carried.

Bryan Landman moved and Jim Turnbull seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The next meeting will be held April 19, 2017.

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