

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 16, 2018**

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

Council Members

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

Mayor

Ron Tyger - Absent

Officers

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

Minutes: Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report: Assistant Chief Nick Bathgate presented the monthly report for April, 2018. There were 17 calls for service, with one arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire Report: Chief Medlin reported three calls, plus trainings, and certifications, in addition to the purchase of a 1996 Freightliner Fire Engine.

Visitors: (1) Lynn Jamison of 709 7th Avenue presented the Council with a court order stating that Harrah Alley is supposed to be clear of all obstructions, and asked if the Borough intended to uphold the order. Ms. Jamison went on to explain about a dispute to ownership rights to portions of the alley, and disagreements with her neighbors (Matt and Charlie McGeary) on the other side of the alley. She went on to request ownership of half the alley. Mr Paganie explained that the Borough has no claim or legal interest in the alley. According to Council Meeting Minutes from 2010, Ms. Jamison was told by the solicitor at that time that the Borough does not own the alley. Mr. Paganie restated the position taken in 2010 that this is a civil issue between her and her neighbors, and, therefore, the court order only involves her and the McGearys. (2) Phyllis Aluseo of 508 4th Street said that she has gained access to a wood and glass display case in which she can place historical items from the Borough. She asked that anyone with such items contact her. Bryan Landman offered to put together a small crew to pick up the case in Beaver Falls. (3) Charlie and Matt McGeary of 711 7th Street. Matt

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McGeary stated their intention to continue to try to reach an understanding over the alley issue. Charlie McGeary asked if any type of documents were given to Ms. Jamison regarding her rights to the alley. Mr. Paganie stated that the Borough would not have done so, since they deemed no interest. Charlie also asked about defining a paper alley, but Mr. Paganie said he would not give legal advice. (4) Linda Hurley of 716 8th Avenue asked about the use of fireworks, now that more types are legal in Pennsylvania. It was determined that the Borough does not have an ordinance regulating fireworks, could not pass one quickly, and it was hoped that people would use common sense when using fireworks this year. (5) Xander Wilkinson of 504 4th Avenue asked for fundraising ideas, and hopes to have a block party, Community Day, or some type of similar activity on July 7. There would also be a community-wide yard sale the same day. It was suggested that he contact Connie Klein to see if her committee was already planning something. Xander offered to help develop a new website. (6) Diony Villalta of 705 5th Street spoke about his difficulty in getting his swimming pool repaired. The Council had given him an extension, but now he was being cited for code violations again. It was suggested he appear for his hearing before the magistrate, and request another extension. (7) John Marzano of 312 16th Avenue, Beaver Falls (owner of 403 9th Avenue) is finishing up some legal work prior to new construction on 9th Avenue, and will call the Borough office when his attorney is finished so he can get a building permit.

Solicitor: Mr. Paganie presented Resolution 18-5-1, increasing fines for a list of parking violations in the Borough. Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the resolution, Fran Levinger seconded, and it was approved.

Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella - Absent. The report was read by President Bill Starn. He also noted a receipt for upcoming roof work at 612 7th Avenue. Mr. Landman reported low-hanging wires, in addition to the other problems, at 756 7th Avenue. The Borough Secretary will call Ms. Pella.

Communications: Notice of a panel discussion by several members of state government.

Tax Collector: The Borough deposited \$106,105.27 in real estate taxes in April.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Doyle - (1) The Borough received \$2,762.94 in Earned Income Taxes in April. (2) Bryan Landman and Jack Doyle completed a half-day training session on utility location and reporting, and Jack completed one PSAB webinar. (3) Indexing of ordinances has been completed. (4) The 2017 Borough Audit has been published in the Beaver County Times. (5) Widmer Engineering does not anticipate any action on our sewer grant application until at least July 17. (5) We have received 9 out of 10 annual checks from landlords.

Public Safety Committee: Bryan Landman - Residents are urged to use caution, as children are outside more with the onset of summer.

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Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jim Turnbull - Absent.

Streets and Sewers Committee: Bryan Landman reported a broken sewer pipe on 5th Avenue, which he will be repairing. He also noted a lot of grass left on the streets by residents. He urged calls to the police to get people to remove the grass or get cited.

Recreation Committee: Connie Klein - No report.

Recycling and Refuse Committee: Sue Pokego - We have received an agreement from the County regarding a box for cardboard, but need to check on insurance before it is signed and returned. We will also get an agreement from Royal Oak so they can provide a box for paper. Bryan Landman made a motion to approve the loan of recycling boxes from the Beaver County Department of Waste Management and Royal Oak Recycling. Fran Levinger seconded, and the motion was approved.

Budget and Finance Committee: Tim Weisenburger - Nothing to report. Council discussed whether we can condense items required to be advertised in order to save costs.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee: Fran Levinger - Nothing to report. Inspections are ongoing.

New Business: - One item already discussed.

Old Business: - (1) It was agreed by Council to study the issue of solicitation within the Borough, and revisit the issue in June. (2) A Borough picnic/block party was discussed during the Visitors portion. (3) Recycling - already discussed. (4) The parking fines were discussed previously.

Mayor - Mayor Tyger - Absent..

COG - Bill Starn - no report

Emergency Management Coordinator - Bryan Landman - A county-wide drill, testing reactions to an emergency at the nuclear plant, is coming in June.

Announcements - None.

Fiscal and Contractual - Sue Pokego moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Tim Weisenburger seconded, and the motion carried.

Adjournment: Moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Fran Levinger, the meeting adjourned at 8:21. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 20, 2018.