

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by 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.

Council Members

Bill Starn - Present

Jim Turnbull - Present

Connie Klein - Absent

Bryan Landman - Present

Fran Levinger - Present

Sue Pokego - Present

Tim Weisenburger - Present

Mayor

Ron Tyger - Present

Officers

Solicitor Frank Paganie - Present

Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath - Present

Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle - Present

Minutes: Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report: Chief David Stanislawski presented the monthly report for August, 2018. There were 9 calls for service, including one session of traffic monitoring.

Fire Report: Chief Medlin presented his monthly report for August, 2018. The Fire Department responded to 6 incidents during the month, with one in Patterson Heights, due to an alarm system malfunction. It was noted that several members of the Department continue to participate in extensive training.

Visitors: John Marzano of 403 9th Avenue announced he is ready to start building the new house on 9th Avenue, and expects to get his building permit by the end of the week.

Solicitor: Mr. Paganie stated that the advertisement for Ordinance 281, dealing with solicitation in the Borough, had appeared in the Beaver County Times on August 21, 2018. Bryan Landman moved that the Ordinance be approved, Jim Turnbull seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella - Absent. The report was read by President Bill Starn.

Communications: (1) The COG reports that road salt this year will be much more expensive, costing \$91/ton, a 61% increase. The Council discussed pros and cons of mixing salt with other anti-skid materials. They also discussed options for having the streets swept. (2) A notice that the owners at 290 7th Street are appealing their assessment. (3) A letter from the Beaver County District Attorney listing the matters for which the office will provide legal assistance. (4) A letter from the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority announcing that the sewage rate will remain the same, \$4.16/ 1,000 gallons of water used. (5) A letter from Beaver County announcing that the Recorder of Deeds will accept paper documents relating to subdivisions.

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Tax Collector: Nadine Galbreath - The Borough deposited \$1,575.72 in real estate taxes in August.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Doyle - (1) The Borough received \$8,371.76 in earned income taxes, \$3,086.02 in real estate transfer taxes, \$369.17 in delinquent real estate tax, \$441.00 in per capita taxes, \$110.25 in delinquent per capita tax, \$40 in dye test and lien letter fees, \$100 for building permits, and \$215.14 in District Court fines since the last Council meeting. We also received \$2,892.89 from the Pennsylvania Auditor General, which was remitted to the Firemen's Relief Association, \$9,971.79 from the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority, deposited in the Sanitary Sewer account, and \$2,183.40 from Patterson Township, deposited in the Sanitary Sewer account. (2) We will attempt to have one food truck night at the park this year, in hopes of gauging interest for future events. (3) We have begun our "Do Not Knock" list, and have one name so far. (4) The Special Needs file is available for anyone having a friend or family member who needs extra help in case of an emergency. Lists will also be supplied to the police and fire departments, as well as the County Emergency Agency. (5) We have sent "grass in the street" reminders to 12 homeowners. No second notices have been necessary.

Public Safety Committee: Bryan Landman - Bryan reminded residents to be aware of children on the streets, often before and after daylight hours. He also said that he would be putting up "No Soliciting" signs.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jim Turnbull – Bill Starn opened the bids that had been received for the Borough Building siding projects. Rogers Roofing submitted a bid for \$5,000. Tate & Sons submitted a bid for \$3,900. Bard Hendry submitted a bid for \$8,678, with suggestions for changing the scope of work. The Volunteer Fire Company also offered to do the work, matching the lowest bid, with the Borough purchasing the materials, and the Department getting the rest as a donation. Pat Korol offered to donate the use of his equipment to the VFD for the work. It was decided to wait on making a decision in order to check with the Borough's insurance carrier on Workers' Comp coverage for the firemen. David Lee said the VFD could complete the job in the Spring. Bryan Landman moved that the decision be tabled until the next meeting, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion was approved.

Streets and Sewers Committee: Crack sealing has been delayed due to weather. Jim Turnbull brought up the fact that there are times when Bryan needs someone to assist him, often for reasons of safety. Several solutions were discussed, with an emphasis on making sure that anyone working for the Borough has insurance coverage. This issue to be revisited. Jim next mentioned the problem with excess water coming into our sanitary system during heavy rains. It was decided to purchase flowmeters to determine the amount of water being added, and adjust our assessment to the Township accordingly. It was decided to send a letter to the Township, advising them that we will be checking to see where the large amount of additional water is coming from. Bryan Landman moved that we contact the Borough Engineer to develop a plan and proposal for a solution. The motion was approved.

Recreation Committee: Connie Klein - Absent, no report.

Recycling and Refuse Committee: There will be another article in The View regarding recycling. It's been noticed that there is a large amount of cardboard still being put out with

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the trash on Mondays. People should be encouraged to use our recycling boxes. Bryan mentioned that two bags of garbage had been left alongside one of the bins.

Budget and Finance Committee: Tim Weisenburger – Work on the 2019 budget is beginning.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee: Fran Levinger – Nothing to report. Fran will be checking on the number of people in one of the rentals. We will be updating our files of rental properties and owners. We will also be checking to see that renters are paying earned income tax.

New Business: - (1) Frank Paganie will check on local laws governing political signs. (2) Jack will send a letter to Duquesne Light expressing our displeasure over all the power outages, and ask what they are doing to address the problem.

Old Business: - All matters discussed previously.

Mayor - Mayor Tyger – Will check with Code Enforcement regarding cars not having current registrations.

COG - Bill Starn - discussed previously.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Bryan Landman - Bryan discussed trainings, and brought up the fine job done by the Patterson Township Police.

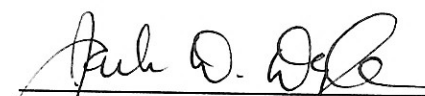
Announcements – Santa Claus will be in the Borough on December 15, riding around in the firetruck beginning at 6 p.m., and coming back to the Borough Building for hot chocolate and cookies at around 7.

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

Adjournment: Moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Tim Weisenburger, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 2018.



William Starn, President



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary