## BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jim Turnbull 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 - Absent
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 Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath – Present Police Chief David Stanislawski – Present Fire Chief -- Jason Medlin Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle - Present

**Minutes:** Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

**Police Report:** Chief David Stanislawski presented the monthly report for September, 2018. There were 12 calls for service, including three sessions of traffic monitoring.

**Fire Report:** Jim Turnbull summarized the fire report submitted by Chief Medlin. Council also discussed the difficulty in turning one of the fire trucks through the intersection at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. It was agreed that a yellow "no parking" zone would be reinstated (the curb had been painted yellow previously), and the truck would then be able to make the turn.

**Visitors:** John Marzano of 403 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue asked about the depth of the sewer lines at his building site, and he was advised to speak with the Borough engineer.

**Solicitor:** Mr. Paganie advised that after the next Council Meeting, he would need to place ads announcing the tax rate for 2019, and notice of a proposed budget.

Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella - Absent. The report was read by Jim Turnbull.

Communications: (1) A letter from Comcast regarding the next contract renewal in 2021. (2) A quote from U.S. Municipal for a new leaf vac for \$39,214.51. (3) A letter from the PA Department of Transportation stating that our estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2019 would be \$22,122.91, a decrease of \$76.13 from 2018. (4) A letter from the Commonwealth Financing Authority declining our request for a Small Water and Sewer Grant. (5) A letter from the Borough to Patterson Township announcing our intention to determine why our sanitary sewers are experiencing much higher levels during heavy rains.

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**Tax Collector:** Nadine Galbreath - Nadine deposited \$2,806.92 in real estate taxes in September, and advised that some residents may be getting phone calls from the accounting firm auditing Blackhawk school taxes.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Doyle - (1) The Borough received \$8,055.20 in earned income tax, \$231.00 in per capita tax, \$89.25 in delinquent per capita tax, \$199.67 in District Court fines, \$304.50 in Public Utility Realty tax, \$1,342.03 from Ron Lewis Ford (reimbursement for a repair later determined to be under warranty, deposited in the Liquid Fuels account), \$4,050.64 from BFMA (deposited in the Sanitary Sewer account), and \$221.01 in interest (spread across five accounts), since the last Council meeting. (2) We have received our elevator inspection certificate (good for two years). (3) The website domain name and web hosting have been extended to the end of 2019. (4) Tim Weisenburger and I will attempt to get together in the next week to finalize the budget.

**Public Safety Committee:** Bryan Landman - Bryan reminded residents to be careful regarding the children on Halloween. Chief Stanislawski indicated that the police have a plan to be in the area that night.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Jim Turnbull noted the landscaping that was done recently around the Borough Building, weed-pulling and mulch-spreading.

**Streets and Sewers Committee:** Bryan Landman reported on the crack sealing project that was completed with the exception of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (due to having to return the tar machine). Jim Turnbull also discussed the advisability of establishing a program for maintaining the roads in the Borough.

Recreation Committee: Connie Klein - Absent, no report.

Recycling and Refuse Committee: Royal Oak has made its second pickup of paper, and Beaver County picks up cardboard every Thursday. Sue Pokego reported that there are still large quantities of cardboard being put out for the trash on Mondays instead of being recycled, and recommended an article about recycling in the Beaver County Times. We continue to work toward getting a grant.

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

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee: Fran Levinger - No report.

New Business: - No New Business not already discussed.

**Old Business:** - No further action taken on the Borough Building siding project. A letter was sent to Duquesne Light expressing our displeasure over the excessive power outages, and asking for their plans for a remedy. Tim Weisenburger reported two trees near his house will be taken down by a company hired by Connie Klein, and he will take care of the cleanup.

Mayor - Mayor Tyger - Nothing to report.

**COG** - Bill Starn – No report.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Bryan Landman - Nothing to report.

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Caren Turnbull complimented Bryan on the appearance of the doors on the Borough Building.

Announcements – Election Day and Bake Sale on November 6. Meatball sandwich sale on October 30. Santa Claus and Christmas Party on December 15.

**Fiscal and Contractual** – Bryan Landman moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Tim Weisenburger, and the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Sue Pokego, seconded by Bryan Landman, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

James Turnbull, Vice-President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary