

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2025**

The regular meeting was called to order by Council 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.

Attendance -- Council Members attending included Jim Turnbull, Bryan Landman, and Ryan Errett. Other officials in attendance were Mayor Bard Hendry, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Police Chief Nick Bathgate, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Ryan Errett seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from November 19, 2025 be approved. Ryan Errett seconded. Council approved.

Visitors – Jonathan Nichols of 608 6th Avenue asked about snow plowing and address changes. It was explained that generally, salt and anti-skid are only spread in the intersections, while entire roadways are plowed. Cars should be able to move at a slow enough rate of speed between the intersections. This is done to control the cost of the salt materials, and make spring cleanup less costly. The addresses will be rolled out soon.

Police Report – The November Police Report was presented by Chief Bathgate, and showed 33 calls for service with most of the calls involving traffic monitoring.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 39 calls in November, consisting of 28 EMS and 11 fire. Bard Hendry reported that Jason has 45 minutes of paperwork after each call!

Tax Collector – Nadine reported that \$1,135.99 was deposited in November. Letters have gone out to taxpayers who are delinquent in borough and school taxes for 2025.

Correspondence – Several Christmas cards; a letter from PennDOT announcing our share of police fines for 2025 (\$140); a proposal from Keystone State Consulting to assist in developing a code enforcement program; rate increases from Comcast; a proposal for cyber coverage from Duncan Financial.

Code Enforcement – It was noted that Timothy Nixon, a frequent target of code enforcement actions, had passed away since the last council meeting. Council will seek citations against his estate for removal of bamboo from his property.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts in the month since the last council meeting.

Public Safety Committee-- Bryan thanked the Fire Department for taking Santa Claus around the Borough.

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Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report.

Streets and Sewers – Nothing new.

Recreation – Nothing new.

Recycling – Nothing new, except that the paper retriever needs to be emptied.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Inspections are complete.

New Business – (1) The new ordinance (#287) for house numbering has been advertised. (2) Bryan moved passage of the 2026 budget. Ryan seconded, and Council approved. (3) A resolution (25-12-01) fixing the same tax rate for 2026 as in 2025 was moved by Bryan Landman and seconded by Ryan Errett. The motion passed. (4) A resolution (25-12-02) authorizing installment payments of Borough taxes, moved by Bryan and seconded by Ryan, passed by Council. (5) Bryan moved passage of Ordinance 287, and Ryan seconded. Council approved.

Old Business – A house numbering committee was established with Bill Starn, Bryan Landman, and Ryan Errett as members.

Mayor – Bard Hendry thanked Jim Turnbull for his many years of service to the Borough.

COG – Nothing to report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented. Ryan Errett seconded, and Council approved.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47. Ryan Errett seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. There will be an Organizational Meeting on January 5, 2026, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary