

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 21, 2024

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, Rich Siget, David Lee, and Ryan Errett. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Assistant Police Chief Nick Bathgate, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Rich Siget seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from July 17, 2024 be approved, with the correction of the tax collection being deposited in May, not April. Ryan Errett seconded, and Council approved.

Mayor Regis Luger officially resigned the position of Mayor. Bryan Landman moved that Council accept his resignation, Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Bryan Landman moved that Council pass Resolution 24-08-01, naming Bard Hendry as Mayor of Patterson Heights. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Magistrate Dirk Goodwald administered the Oath of Office to Bard Hendry.

Visitors – (1) Evan Autenreith of 306 6th Street Extension presented a document referring to his purchase of a small piece of land from Carol Wagner of 250 6th Street Extension, requiring the signatures of the President and Secretary of Council. Bryan Landman moved that Council approve lot addition/subdivision for Autenreith Project ID 2023-0843, authorized signatures as required. Rich Siget seconded and Council approved.

(2) Donna Ceriani of 722 7th Avenue asked if the property at 722 7th Avenue had been checked for having a fence enclosing their swimming pool, and whether they had a permit for their deck. It was explained to her that no gaps in the fence were visible without walking onto the property, and the deck could not be seen from the street. It was agreed to have our Code Enforcement Officer look into the situation

(3) Helena Fields of 723 5th Street gave an update on plans from the Recreation Committee. First, they are planning a Movie Night on September 21, at which they will show the movie “Moana.” She also discussed plans to show another movie in October, one a bit scary, in order to appeal more to teens. Finally, she discussed plans for an “Octoberfest”-type evening. More to come.

Police Report – Officer Bathgate reported 45 calls for service in July. Trick-or-Treating this year will be held on Thursday, October 31. He was then asked about children riding motorized vehicles in the streets, out of sight of the parents. He said we could call the police whenever we like, but he did not think any action would be taken at the Magistrate level.

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Fire Report – Chief Medlin’s report showed 15 calls for the month of July. They have received their QRS (Quick Response) certification, and the QRS program has been going very well so far.

Solicitor – (1) Frank Paganie discussed the first item under Old Business, Ordinance 286 dealing with nuisances, including the growing of bamboo. The ordinance has been discussed and advertised. Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the ordinance, Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. Frank Paganie will review Mr. Autenreith’s documents to ensure compliance.

(2) Frank also advised Council that at the next meeting we would need to discuss a new resolution authorizing the sale of Beaver Falls Water to Aqua Pennsylvania.

Community Day – Discussed previously.

Code Enforcement – (1) The property at 518 4th Street has been sold, and should no longer be a problem. The owner at 702 4th Street has apparently turned down help from a non-profit, who offered to repair her house. Letters to homeowners need to go out advising them of grass growing over their curbs.

Correspondence – There is no correspondence this month.

Tax Collector’s Report -- Nadine reported that \$3,035.31 was deposited In July. She also said that checks for tax payments should be made out to the Borough or the taxing authority, not to Nadine Galbreath personally.

Treasurer’s Report – There is nothing unusual in the Treasurer’s report submitted to Council.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan thanked everyone for their cooperation on Community Day, and asked that people be aware of kids on the street near and after dark.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull reported that his committee is still collecting bids for new playground equipment, and considering options. He emphasized that they are not looking to remove the playground, but examining ways to prevent damage.

Streets and Sewers – The sewer relining project is nearing completion, and discussions with Premier Bank are ongoing about how we can pay invoices in a timely manner. Premier puts limits on amounts that can be paid at once or over a certain time period. We will work out a satisfactory arrangement. Bill and Widmer Engineering will determine how much should be paid, and when. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 21 to go over the Insight Pipe contract with them and Widmer. Bill also asked to have a survey completed to qualify us for state cyber money.

Council discussed the trees that have been dumped on Borough property adjacent to the Autenreith property on 6th Street Extension. It was agreed to advise Mr. Autenreith that he is no

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longer permitted to park on Borough property. Council may also decide to clean up the vegetation on Borough property and charge Autenreith and other neighbors.

Recreation – Ryan discussed ways we could reduce the costs of working on a new playground, such as removing and disposing of the current equipment ourselves.

Recycling – Nothing to report.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Landlord letters will begin going out next week.

New Business – Jim Turnbull suggested that we start budgeting to rehab one street per year, rather than make one large project every ten years.

Bill said he has spoken to Patterson Township about a new police contract. More to come next month.

Old Business – Old Business has already been discussed.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – Nothing to report.

Emergency Management – Bryan Landman moved to approve the invoice from Insight Pipe in the amount of \$47,647.26. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented, except for an invoice from Lync Repair, until it can be verified. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Announcements – Jack announced he will be having surgery on his back on October 4, but should not be out for very long.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Siget seconded, and Council adjourned at 8:28pm. The next regular meeting will be September 18, 2024, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary