

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 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, David Lee, Ryan Errett, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Bard Hendry, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, 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 January 15, 2025 be approved. Rich Siget seconded. Council approved.

Visitors -- Nobody sought recognition.

Police Report -- The December Police Report showed 54 calls for service.

Fire Report -- The Fire Company responded to 40 calls in January, consisting of 27 EMS and 13 fire. December. Chief Medlin went on to explain that the Borough of West Mayfield is no longer using their VFD, and has contracted with the City of Beaver Falls for fire protection. Most of their firefighters have joined the Patterson Heights Department. The West Mayfield Fire Company owns all their equipment, including vehicles and their firehall. The firehall is rented out regularly, so is self-sufficient with utilities. Jason also thought the Patterson Heights VFD may have additional grant opportunities available if they are able to include other municipalities.

Solicitor -- No report, but Frank did state that the Council held a brief executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss ongoing litigation matters.

Code Enforcement -- Nothing new to report, except for one new zoning permit issued for a shed. Bryan also mentioned a house in the Borough that has a tarp partially covering their roof.

Correspondence -- A letter from Beaver County Department of Waste Management announcing a meeting to discuss the future of solid waste disposal in the County. There was also a letter from the PSAB thanking us for our membership.

Tax Collector -- Nadine reported deposits of \$334.76 in January. The end of March will close the 2024 tax season. There is a balance collectible of \$4,065.44. New tax bills will be mailed March 1. It is imperative that persons submitting personal checks make them payable to the Borough of Patterson Heights or Patterson Heights Borough, not to Nadine personally. A notice will be placed on the website.

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Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts, including a check from the Beaver Valley Golf Club for a bit over \$4K and a check from Comcast for a little over \$10K.

Public Safety Committee Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Water continues to bubble up through the pavement on 5th Street. Beaver Falls Municipal Authority has looked at it but so far, does not have a solution. Water running across 6th Street is just normal runoff, not caused by a sump pump.

Streets and Sewers – No report.

Recreation – The playground equipment company wants to deliver the equipment on February 22nd. Council discussed installing surveillance cameras that have resolution good enough to determine faces.

Recycling – The paper retriever was emptied recently. Brunner continues to do a good job with the cardboard.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Landlord letters will go out in March. BIU is expected to do the rental inspections for us.

New Business – (1) Council is against allowing short-term rentals. Frank to research and see if we should propose an ordinance. (2) Occupancy permits can be discussed next month when our Building Inspector is present. (3) We have received an offer to place a Little Free Library in the Park. Council would like to see a rough drawing indicating what the person proposes. (4) Kelly Manning will no longer be doing the View from the Heights. A search for a new "editor" is underway. (5) Not all trash haulers are picking up recycling. Our ordinances will be checked to see if they are required to do so. Frank said he would look into it.

Old Business – The need for a planning commission was discussed, but nothing was decided.

Mayor – Mayor Hendry spoke about Chippewa Township now treating code violations as criminal referrals. He will attempt to get more information.

COG – Beaver County Boom will be held June 28

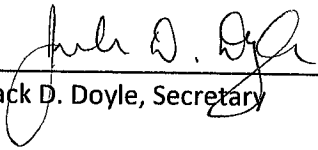
Emergency Management – Bryan announced that he would be resigning as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

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Announcements – Jim Turnbull took the opportunity to thank Bryan for his work in plowing the roads all hours of the day and night, so that the rest of us residents can sit in our homes enjoying the warmth.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be March 19, 2025, at 7 p.m.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William A. Starn, Council President