

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2016**

Meeting called to order by President, Bill Starn at 7:00 pm. Note that meeting is being recorded.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Bill Starn, President; Jim Turnbull, Vice President; Tim Weisenburger, Frances Levinger, Bryan Landman, Sue Pokego, Connie Klein.

Also present, Mayor Phillis Aluseo. Susan Philipp recorded minutes in the absence of a secretary.

VISITORS: Xander Wilkinson reported that he has been unable to contact Bill Livingston's family regarding the Borough web site but will keep trying.

Representative Jim Marshall stated he was visiting for the evening and offered his assistance in any way the Borough might need it.

Resident Jackie Dish asked why the alley behind her house was not being salted. Said it had been in past years. It was explained by B. Starn and B. Landman that gravel/dirt alleys are never salted because the ice melting turns the alley into mud.

POLICE REPORT: Bill Starn read the report, copy on file.

TAX COLLECTOR: S. Philipp reported \$4,336.46 was collected in November. Report on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jason presented the November report, copy on file. David Lee reported the Christmas party was a success and commended the Ladies Auxiliary on their decorations and participation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Bill Starn read the report, copy on file.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bill Starn read through the month's mail.

Letter of resignation received from Jake Barsottini as Elected Auditor. Motion by T. Weisenburger, second by B. Landman to accept. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Letter of resignation received from Chris Rossi as Elected Auditor. Motion by T. Weisenburger, second by C. Klein to accept. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Letter from Bryan Landman regarding not receiving a paycheck since December 7, and also the need to increase his hourly rate to cover the cost of health insurance. Council went into Executive Session at 7:48 pm and meeting resumed at 8:29 pm.

Motion to increase Bryan Landman's salary to \$24 per hour effective December 11, 2016. Rollcall vote: B. Starn, Yes; J. Turnbull, Yes; F. Levinger, Yes; S. Pokego, Yes; C. Klein, Yes; T. Weisenberger, Yes; B. Landman abstained.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER: Nothing

MINUTES: Minutes for the October meeting were not available for approval. Motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting by J. Turnbull, second B. Landman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: B. Landman reminded residents to watch for ice. B. Landman commented that the spreader is old and does not spread properly. Apparently the Borough has a newer spreader, but more than one person is needed to install. Patterson Twp. Has offered to assist. Attorney will check to see if they would be covered by Borough insurance.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: J. Turnbull reported that all lights are working. The light on the flag pole needs repaired.

STREETS AND SEWERS: B. Starn received an e-mail from Chuck Etta regarding the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. B. Landman moved, S. Pokego second. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

RECREATION: Nothing

RECYCLING AND REFUSE: Nothing

BUDGET AND FINANCE: J. Turnbull moved, T. Weisenberger seconded that the 2017 tax rate be approved as advertised. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS.

J. Turnbull moved, B. Landman seconded that the 2017 Budget be adopted as advertised. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

RENTAL PROPERTY: Inspections are pending.

NEW BUSINESS: F. Levinger moved, B. Landman seconded that Jack Doyle be hired as Secretary/Treasurer beginning immediately.

J. Turnbull moved meeting dates for 2017 remain the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM. F. Levinger seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

OLD BUSINESS:

OFFICER REPORTS: Mayor

Zoning Board

COG representative

Emergency Management representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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Tim Weisenburger moved and Sue Pokego seconded that the December bills be paid.

Bryan Landman moved and Fran Levinger seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The next meeting will be held January 18, 2017.