BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by 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.

Council Members

President Bill Starn -- Present
Vice-President Jim Turnbull -- Present
Bryan Landman -- Present
Fran Levinger -- Present
Sue Pokego -- Present
Tim Weisenburger -- Present
Andrew Why -- Present

Mayor

Ron Tyger - Present

Officers

Solicitor Frank Paganie -- Present Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath -- Present Police Chief David Stanislawski -- Present Fire Chief -- Jason Medlin -- Absent Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle -- Present

Minutes -- Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report -- Chief David Stanislawski presented the monthly report for February, 2019. There were 14 calls for service, including two sessions of traffic monitoring, and three sessions of snow plowing. Council discussed the case of a tractor trailer that had recently been stopped on Fourth Street, and the Chief reported that the truck and driver had been taken to a scale in Rochester, which determined that the truck was overweight. More information will be available in April.

Fire Report -- Bill Starn read Chief Medlin's report, which indicated that there had been 14 calls in February, two of which were in Patterson Heights. The Department had also participated in Forcible Entry Training.

Visitors -- John Marzano of 312 16th Avenue, Patterson Township (builder and owner of new construction at 403 Ninth Avenue in Patterson Heights), asked about a sewer tapping fee for the new house. The Borough Secretary will research and report back to Mr. Marzano. John also asked Council's approval to place a roof over the deck on the new house. Bryan Landman moved, and Jim Turnbull seconded, that Council authorize with the approval of MDIA. The motion passed. Mr. Marzano provided a drawing of the proposed roof, which is attached to these minutes.

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Solicitor -- Mr. Paganie had nothing to report, but had prepared a resolution, which would be discussed later in the meeting.

Code Enforcement -- Dawna Pella was absent, and her report indicated no activity. Council took no action on renewing her contract, and will continue on a month-to-month basis for now.

Communications -- There were no communications.

Tax Collector -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$847.98 in February.

Secretary/Treasurer -- Jack Doyle reported that since the last Council meeting the Borough received \$6,690.92 in earned income tax, \$18,987.31 in real estate tax, \$23,803.43 in Liquid Fuels funds, \$134.14 in delinquent real estate tax, \$270.00 in dye test/no lien letter fees, \$490.00 in real estate transfer tax, \$49.74 in District Court fines, \$406.20 as a dividend payment from Selective Insurance, and \$514.79 in interest (spread across five accounts). Also, since the last meeting the 2017 Liquid Fuels Audit was completed by the State Auditor General, and a DEP Section 902 Recycling Grant application was completed and submitted.

Public Safety Committee -- Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee -- Jim Turnbull reported that the Borough Building siding repair project was about to begin.

Streets and Sewers Committee -- Bill Starn will contact the Borough Engineer about contracting for street renovation. It was also agreed that Council would get prices for street sweeping service, and report back at the next meeting.

Recreation Committee -- Fran Levinger reported that she has scheduled a movie, face painting, ice cream, a DJ, and a popcorn machine for Community Day on August 3. She will also try to obtain funding for a cotton candy machine. The Ladies' Auxiliary will provide baked goods, and the firemen will be in charge of other food. In response to a question, Fran said that the activities would begin at 4 p.m., and continue until after dark, as the movie will begin at dusk. She will also ask the firemen to provide flyers and signs.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Jack Doyle reported on the grant application mentioned previously. Jim Turnbull and others commented on how residents are still putting recyclables, especially cardboard, out with their trash. Bryan Landman announced that he hoped to begin yard waste pickup by the beginning of April.

Budget and Finance Committee -- Tim Weisenburger reported that work on the 2018 audit has been completed and just needed to be sent to the State.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee -- Nothing to report.

New Business -- Elected Auditor Dave Hurley presented the 2018 Borough Audit and Auditor's Comments. Tim Weisenburger moved to accept the Audit. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried. The Council thanked Dave Hurley for the service he provides to the Borough.

Old Business – Council revisited the intention to move funds to Home Savings from PNC. They discussed whether we needed to maintain an account with PNC due to the Sewer Loan we have with them. Maintaining such an account, if necessary, would not be a problem. Bryan Landman made a motion that we move all funds from PNC to Home Savings, for the purpose of

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receiving a better interest rate, except for one account if it is required for the Sewer Loan. The motion carried.

With a heavy heart, Tim Weisenburger submitted a letter of resignation. Andrew Why moved to accept his resignation with regrets, and Jim Turnbull seconded. Tim's resignation was accepted, and the Council wished him good luck.

Caren Turnbull introduced Andy Briggs as a potential new Council member, and he presented his credentials. Resolution 19-3-1 was presented, appointing Andy. Andrew Why moved to accept the resolution, Jim Turnbull seconded, and Andrew Briggs was voted in as a new member of Council. Mayor Tyger administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor -- Nothing to report.

COG -- Nothing to report.

Emergency Management -- Nothing to report.

Announcements – Council commended Caren Turnbull for her work in filling vacancies in the Borough.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Sue Pokego seconded, and the motion carried.

Adjournment -- Moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Fran Levinger, the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

As the meeting adjourned, John Marzano presented Council with a \$1,000 donation to help with Community Day.

William Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary

