

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 17, 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
Andy Briggs -- Present
Bryan Landman -- Present
Fran Levinger -- Present
Sue Pokego -- Present
Andrew Why -- Absent

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 March 20, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Fran Levinger, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report -- Chief David Stanislawski presented the monthly report for March, 2019. There were 15 calls for service. Two citations were issued.

Fire Report -- Jack Doyle read Chief Medlin's report, which indicated that the Department had participated in several trainings. Firefighter Caroline Rager completed Module 4 for Essentials of Firefighting and the skills portion of the Pro Board Firefighter 1 test. There had been 5 calls in March, one of which was in Patterson Heights. There were no updates on either the merger or the Municipal Building siding project.

Visitors -- (1) Larry Barkley, President of the Volunteer Fire Department, gave an update on events for the Community Day on August 3, including food, games, awards and recognition, dignitaries attending, educational activities, and a memorial service. (2) Philip Holladay, of 407 4th Avenue asked about ownership of a sewer line running behind his house. The Borough Engineer does not have drawings of the sewer lines in the area, but could be asked to research further. (3) Sara Pannell, of 114 Fairview Avenue, Ambridge, is running for County Controller in the Republican primary. She discussed her qualifications. (4) District Attorney David Lozier, of 115 Mervis Drive in Chippewa, presented to the Council a photograph of the Volunteer Fire Department, given by Jack Erath of Brighton Township. The picture was taken before World

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War I, and includes a list of the men in the picture. Mr. Lozier has offered to have the photo framed, and will present it to Council.

Solicitor -- Mr. Paganie had a resolution to be discussed as New Business.

Code Enforcement -- Dawna Pella was absent, and her report was read by Jack Doyle. Ms. Pella indicated that she had been asked to do the rental inspections this year, as Clyde Volk of MDIA is too busy. Jim Turnbull moved that the Council authorize Dawna to do the inspections, Fran Levinger seconded, and the motion carried. Mayor Tyger asked to have Dawna Pella monitor the property at 612 7th Avenue, although it seems that the owner may be in a nursing home. Fran Levinger offered to contact Dawna.

Communications -- (1) An email from Thomas Albanese, New Brighton Borough Manager, stating that he will check to see if their Borough Council would be interested in assisting with code enforcement. (2) An email from Michelle Dunn of keeppebeautiful.org, offering to let us know when applications are available for a Fresh Paint Day grant. (3) An email from American Legal Publishing, updating us on the progress of the codification. We should be receiving a draft copy soon.

Tax Collector -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$23,836.39 in March. Nadine also mentioned notices she has been receiving regarding a bankruptcy proceeding. Frank will check on the notices, as other municipalities have received them, as well.

Secretary/Treasurer -- Jack Doyle reported that since the last Council meeting the Borough received \$7,956.16 in earned income tax, \$4.00 in delinquent earned income tax, \$28,599.19 in real estate tax, \$500.00 in street opening fees, \$130.00 in dye test/municipal lien letter fees, \$1,095.15 in real estate transfer tax, \$24.87 in District Court fines, \$500.00 in sewer tap-in fees, \$15.75 in per capita tax, \$125.00 in rental registration, \$100.00 in zoning permits, and \$554.35 in interest (spread across five money market accounts). Also, since the last meeting the 2018 Borough Audit was submitted and advertised in the Beaver County Times.

Public Safety Committee -- People should be wary of ticks this year.

Buildings and Grounds Committee -- Bryan Landman reported the existence of a hole in the grassy area in the southwest corner of the playground. Bryan will need fill and topsoil to repair before it becomes more of a safety hazard.

Streets and Sewers Committee -- Bryan has scheduled Tri-State Maintenance for street sweeping. Tri-State charges \$110/hour, and should be able to do the job in a day. Bryan moved to have Tri-State sweep not to exceed \$2,000. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion passed.

Recreation Committee -- Fran Levinger reported on preparations and plans for Community Day. Fran will investigate purchasing a banner that can be hung by the VFD.

Recycling and Refuse Committee -- Sue Pokego mentioned the resolution requiring residents to separate yard waste from their regular trash.

Budget and Finance Committee -- No report.

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

New Business -- (1) Frank Paganie presented Resolution 19-4-1 requiring the separation of yard waste from other trash. The resolution was requested by the Department of

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Environmental Protection in the Recycling Grant process. Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the resolution, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion was approved. Jim Turnbull asked about enforcement of the resolution, and Council agreed that it was more of an expression of policy than something for the police to enforce. (2) Jim Turnbull asked what we can do to enforce stop signs in the Borough. The stop sign study will be found, so that the Council can decide on a plan of action.

Old Business – (1) Most of the borough funds have been moved from PNC to Home Savings. (2) It was asked if we need extra insurance for Community Day. The Secretary will check with the Borough’s liability insurance carrier. (3) It has been tentatively scheduled to have two food trucks her on Wednesday, the second week of June. If successful, we will have another night in August. (4) Jim Vetica from the Beaver Valley Golf Club called about restrictions on large trucks. Council noted that his local deliveries are permitted. (5) Codification has already been discussed. (6) In order to be on the ballot in November, a candidate needs to get ten votes in the primary.

Mayor – Mayor Tyger reiterated the Borough policy on dumpsters on the streets and alleys.
COG -- Nothing to report.

Emergency Management – Bryan Landman reported that the names of Special Needs residents are not to be given to anyone but the Emergency Management Coordinator.

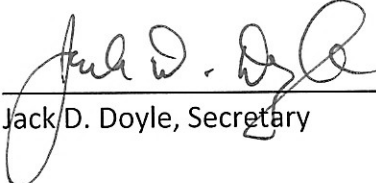
Announcements – None

Fiscal and Contractual – Jim Turnbull moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Fran Levinger seconded, and the motion carried.

Adjournment -- Moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Fran Levinger, the meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2019.



William Starn, President



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary