

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 15, 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**

Bill Starn -- Present  
Jim Turnbull -- Present  
Andy Briggs -- Present  
Bryan Landman -- Present  
Fran Levinger -- Absent  
Sue Pokego -- Present  
Andrew Why -- Present

**Mayor**

Ron Tyger -- Absent

**Officers**

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

Solicitor Frank Paganie announced the birth of his third child, first son, and reported that both the baby and mother are doing fine.

**Minutes** -- Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Turnbull, and approved by voice vote.

**Resolution 19-5-1** -- A resolution honoring Patterson Heights resident Phyllis Aluseo on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Passage moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Sue Pokego, and the motion passed.

**Police Report** -- Chief David Stanislawski presented the monthly report for April, 2019. There were 7 calls for service. Council discussed, and agreed, that the "No Tractor Trailer" signs seem to be effective.

**Fire Report** -- Chief Jason Medlin presented the monthly report for April, 2019. There were 8 calls, none of which occurred in Patterson Heights. The report also included information on training sessions, as well as inspections and repairs to equipment.

**Visitors** -- (1) Ruthanne Bentley of 509 4<sup>th</sup> Street is preparing the next issue of *The View from the Heights*, and asked if anyone had more names of current graduates. (2) James and Edie Ciganik of 516 4<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about the condition of the property next to them at 518 4<sup>th</sup> Street. It appears that the house has been unoccupied for several years, while the Ciganiks and

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the neighbor on the other side of the property have each been mowing half the lawn. They no longer wish to maintain this property. Council will notify the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the grass, fence, and vines growing up the side of the house. (3) Bill Starn reported receiving a phone call about the property behind the house at 709 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The ground is very wet, making it nearly impossible to cut the grass. Council will have to research the issue, and the complainant was encouraged to come to a Council meeting.

**Solicitor** -- Mr. Paganie had nothing to report.

**Code Enforcement** -- Dawna Pella's report was read by Bill Starn.

**Communications** -- Council agreed to send a letter to our local representatives objecting to a new law requiring a second UCC inspector. The motion made by Bryan Landman, seconded by Andrew Why, and passed unanimously.

**Tax Collector** -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$105,082.37 in April.

**Secretary/Treasurer** -- Jack Doyle reported that since the last Council meeting the Borough received \$6,750.28 in earned income tax, \$100,302.04 in real estate tax, \$430.00 in dye test and municipal lien letter fees, \$1,038.80 in real estate transfer tax, \$24.80 in District Court fines, \$40.50 in per capita tax, \$15.75 in delinquent per capita tax, \$239.50 in building permit fees, \$650.00 in rental registration fees, and \$695.35 in interest (spread across five accounts). Also, since the last meeting the current List of Elected and Appointed Officials was updated, and the 2018 RCT-900 (PURTA) form was submitted. Website usage is up substantially, with currently more than 200 views per month. In a conversation with District Magistrate Goodwald, he indicated that he considered our stop signs to be legal, he would find violators guilty, and set fines accordingly.

**Public Safety Committee** -- Bryan Landman encouraged residents, especially children, to be aware, and vigilant about obeying stop signs.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** -- Jim Turnbull had nothing to report.

**Streets and Sewers Committee** -- Bill Starn read a letter from Jake Barsottini of 624 4<sup>th</sup> Street regarding cars parked too close to his driveway and to the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After extended discussion, Andrew Why moved that Chief Stanislawski and Bryan Landman conduct a study relating to safety and emergency vehicle traffic in the Borough, particularly as it relates to intersections. Bryan Landman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Recreation Committee** -- No report.

**Recycling and Refuse Committee** -- Sue Pokego reported that there is nothing new. We should hear about the disposition of our grant application in August or September.

**Budget and Finance Committee** -- Nothing to report.

**Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee** -- Landlords have been asked for updated rental registration forms, which are being forwarded to Dawna Pella as they come in. She has established an inspection schedule.

**New Business** -- A maintenance call on the Konica Minolta copier revealed that the Teflon coating has completely worn off one of the rollers, resulting in creased copies, especially when making two-sided copies. A repair would be more expensive than the purchase price of a new

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all-in-one laser printer. For now, we can get by with the current printer. Also, we were told two years ago that the air conditioner may need to be replaced. Since that time, it has been working, but has not been started yet this year.

**Old Business** – (1) The intersection at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue was discussed previously. (2) According to our insurance carrier, extra coverage for Community Day is not needed. (3) It was asked if the Borough would be having a yard sale in conjunction with Community Day. It was the consensus that a yard sale would be fine, but a chairperson will need to come forward. (4) There is nothing new to report on having a Food Truck Day, but we are attempting to schedule a day in June. (5) We have received a rough draft of the revised Code of Ordinances from American Legal. It looks great, but we will receive a more polished version in 60 days after it has gone through a legal review. We will have 60 days from the receipt of that copy to review, suggest clarifications, and ask questions. (6) Council budgeted \$30,000 to tar and chip a portion of our roads this year, in an attempt to extend the 10-year life of the recent repaving. Bill Starn will instruct Widmer Engineering to put together a bid package so we can solicit bids for the work. It was agreed that the streets in greatest need of sealcoating are 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, although only two of these will be done this year. (7) After a review of all available maps and documents, it is the opinion of the Council and Widmer, the Borough Engineer, that the sewer line running behind 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, discussed last month, does not belong to the Borough.

**Mayor** -- Nothing to report.

**COG** -- Nothing to report.

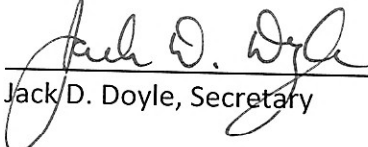
**Emergency Management** -- Nothing to report.

**Announcements** – Primary elections will be held on Tuesday, May 21, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their usual bake sale on that day. This will be the last election for the touch-screen voting machines.

**Fiscal and Contractual** – Jim Turnbull 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 Andrew Why, the meeting adjourned at 8:14p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

  
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William Starn, President

  
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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary