

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 19, 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 – Absent  
Bryan Landman -- Present  
Fran Levinger -- Present  
Sue Pokego -- Present  
Andrew Why – Present

**Mayor**

Ron Tyger – Present

**Officers**

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

**Minutes** -- Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Turnbull, and approved by voice vote.

**Police Report** -- Chief David Stanislowski presented his monthly report for April, 2019. There were 7 calls for service. One citation was issued for a moving violation, when a school bus ran a stop sign on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Fire Report** – Chief Jason Medlin reported 14 calls during May, 2019, one of which was in Patterson Heights. Jason also reported on trainings, equipment maintenance and repairs, and an upcoming meeting to discuss Fire Department mergers. The Municipal Building Siding Project is scheduled for the second or third weekend in July. Bryan Landman expressed the hope that the siding would be finished before Community Day on August 3. Sue Pokego thanked Jason for keeping residents updated on Facebook.

**Visitors** – (1) Phyllis Aluseo of 508 4<sup>th</sup> Street thanked the Council for honoring her with a congratulatory resolution. She said that the Historical Committee is busy organizing pictures and newspaper clippings. Phyllis also announced that the Committee will have decorative bricks available on Community Day. The bricks were donated by the Harsh family, and are from the Patterson Heights Schoolhouse. Each brick has a copper plate with a picture of the school building on one side. The Committee will be asking for a donation from anyone who would like a brick. (2) Nadine Galbreath of 419 7<sup>th</sup> Street registered a complaint about people speeding

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through stop signs in the Borough, and requested that information regarding the legality of the stop signs be placed on the website.

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

**Code Enforcement** -- Dawna Pella's report was read by Bill Starn. It has been reported that 626 4<sup>th</sup> Street is now a rental property. The owner will be sent a letter by the Borough. Bill Starn also mentioned receiving a noise complaint about people playing basketball on a court installed at 419 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The property owners were never issued a permit for the construction, and will be asked for an explanation. Andrew Why said that it is very difficult to pull out onto Darlington Road from 7<sup>th</sup> Street due to bushes on the south side of 7<sup>th</sup>. PennDOT will be notified. Bryan Landman brought up the condition of the property at 612 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Solicitor Paganie would send a letter to Dawna Pella spelling out the particular violations from a list provided by Bryan, and let her know that it is the Borough's intention to have the property cleaned up, or the Borough would have it cleaned up, and place a lien on the property for the expense.

**Communications** -- (1) A letter from a former resident, Linda Shillinger, expressing her pleasure at finding our website. (2) A schedule of events for Community Day. (3) A letter from Congressman Conor Lamb introducing his team, and giving contact information. (4) An email from John Gehan of 426 5<sup>th</sup> Street asking if the Borough is responsible for paving alleys and/or driveways. Council agreed that the Borough is responsible for the alleys, and residents are responsible for driveways. Bill Starn said that Youngblood Paving is scheduled to be milling in the Township in July, and they are willing to give us a couple loads of milled material to use. Andrew Why moved that Bryan be directed to repair the alleys despite any objections by residents. Jim Turnbull seconded the motion, and it carried. (5) An invitation to a picnic sponsored by the Beaver County Republican Committee.

**Tax Collector** -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$9,174.03 in May. School taxes have been raised by 2 mills, and the bills will go out on July 1.

**Secretary/Treasurer** -- Jack Doyle reported that since the last Council meeting the Borough received \$13,606.87 in earned income tax, \$140.00 in delinquent earned income tax, \$3,369.60 in real estate tax, \$630.00 in dye test and municipal lien letter fees, \$2,912.56 in real estate transfer tax, \$191.13 in State Police fines, \$79.81 in District Court fines, \$15.75 in per capita tax, \$100.00 in building permit fees, \$525.00 in rental registration fees, \$870.00 as a return of premium due to replacement of the Secretary/Treasurer bond, \$2,183.40 from Patterson Township for annual sewer usage, and \$1,513.81 in interest (spread across five accounts). Also, since the last meeting the application for a Fresh Paint Day Grant was submitted. It was recommended by Bill Starn that we once again investigate getting flowmeters, as the rate we bill Patterson Township has not been adjusted for many years. Bill will contact Widmer Engineering for a recommendation.

**Public Safety Committee** -- Bryan Landman warned that kids are not paying attention to stop signs. Council reminds people who use the playground that bicycles are not permitted on the basketball court, as the bikes are causing the playing surface to shift. Bill Starn cautioned about adult males talking to kids on the playground.

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**Buildings and Grounds Committee** -- Jim Turnbull is planning to have a meeting with the committee to go over a list of projects.

**Streets and Sewers Committee** – One bid for sealcoating 7<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets was received and opened. Youngblood Paving bid \$46,965.00. Bryan Landman suggested contacting Sealmaster to see what they might recommend. It was decided to take no action until at least next month. Bill Starn also recommended the Council consider setting up an “authority” in the event the Borough needs to raise money for stormwater management. Frank Paganie will investigate the requirements for setting up an authority.

The contractor that put in the sewer line at the new house on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue installed two illegal taps into our sewer line that ruined an 8-foot section of line, and crushed another 30 feet of sewer line by running over it with heavy equipment, or digging through it. The owner of the property, John Marzano, is responsible for fixing the problem, has agreed to do so, and offered to replace the line between the two catch basins on either side, which is more than is necessary. Council feels that it would be fair to provide half the pipe, since Mr. Marzano is willing to pay to have the entire 160 feet replaced. Jim Turnbull moved that Bryan Landman be authorized to work with Marzano on supplying half the pipe, the motion was seconded by Andrew Why, and passed.

Bryan Landman announced that we have scheduled street sweeping for Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 and 27. No parking signs will be posted. Council realizes that it would be more convenient to have the sweeping done over two days, but would be much less expensive to complete it in one.

Bryan then mentioned trees hanging over into the streets making it very difficult in some instances to drive past without doing damage to the Borough Truck. Council will consider having trees trimmed, and property maintained, and sending the homeowner a bill or placing a lien on the property, if necessary. Frank Paganie will research and report on options.

**Recreation Committee** – Fran Levinger reported that she has purchased three yard signs to post for Community Day. She will get with Bryan to be sure that electrical service is available. She has purchased a popcorn machine. Most of the planning has been finished, and Fran will follow up with the other people involved.

**Recycling and Refuse Committee** – Sue Pokego reported that there is nothing new.

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

**Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee** – Inspections by Dawna Pella are continuing.

**New Business** – (1) Gary Paumen, who lives on Darlington Road reported that PennDOT will be putting in the curbs that should have been installed the last time they worked on Darlington. The curbs will help keep water from running into basements. (2) A new zoning permit has been designed, which Council was asked to approve along with the fee required. Fran Levinger moved that Council appoint Jack Doyle as the Zoning Officer, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion was approved. Jim Turnbull moved that the Borough adopt the Zoning Application as presented, with a fee set at \$75. Fran Levinger seconded, and the motion was approved. Jim Turnbull moved that the Zoning Officer will be paid \$50/zoning application submitted, Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion was approved.

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**Old Business** – (1) Bryan Landman moved that Council pass Resolution 19-6-1, expressing Council’s opposition to HB 349, which would require the hiring of an additional third-party UCC inspector. Andrew Why seconded, and the resolution was approved. Copies will be sent to Representative Marshall and Senator Vogel. (2) Gary Paumen has offered to organize the Community Yard Sale. (3) The Siding Project was discussed previously. (4) Community Day was discussed previously. (5) Food trucks will be in the Borough parking lot on June 26 from 4 to 8pm. Bryan Landman will make sure some blue barrels are placed for trash. (6) thyssenkrupp came out to reset the elevator, which stopped recently. The technicians were not sure what caused the outage, but their salesman will call to discuss pricing for refurbished and new units. (7) Council and Patterson Heights residents are reminded of our Soliciting Ordinance. First, no same-day permits can or will be issued, as solicitors must pass a background check. They must present the permit to any resident who asks to see it. Residents are advised to call the police if they have any suspicions about a solicitor. It was further agreed that the Borough Secretary will email members of Council if a permit is issued, and a notice will be placed on the website as well as Next Door.

**Mayor** -- Nothing to report.

**COG** -- Nothing to report.

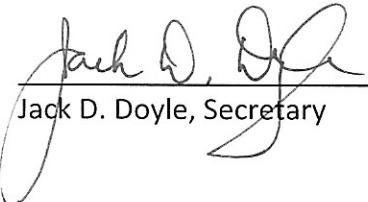
**Emergency Management** -- Nothing to report.

**Announcements** – Longtime resident Troy Croston has passed away. He was described as a great guy, and a good neighbor. The Borough Office will be closed from July 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Adjournment** -- Moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Fran Levinger, the meeting adjourned at 9:04p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

  
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William Starn, President

  
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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary