

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 -- Present  
Sue Pokego -- Present  
Andrew Why -- Present

**Mayor**

Ron Tyger -- Absent

**Officers**

Solicitor Frank Paganie -- Present  
Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath -- Absent  
Police Chief David Stanislowski -- Represented by Nick Bathgate  
Fire Chief -- Jason Medlin -- Present  
Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle -- Present

**Minutes** -- Andrew Why moved that the Council approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

**Police Report** -- Assistant Chief Nick Bathgate presented the monthly report for August, 2019. There were 15 calls for service. Officer Bathgate noted that the one call for burglary turned out not to be a burglary. He said that the police continue to monitor playground activities.

**Fire Report** -- Chief Jason Medlin's report noted 11 calls during August. Several training activities were also noted in his report.

**Presentation** -- Mr. Dennis Smith, of HMT & Associates, discussed the services offered by his company relating to enforcement of borough ordinances and Pennsylvania building codes. Questions from the Council mostly involved fees for services. No action was taken at this meeting.

**Visitors** -- Ruthanne Bentley of 509 4<sup>th</sup> Street said that the appearances of some properties mentioned at the last meeting have improved, but suggested the community be vigilant in reporting code violations to members of Council. She also plans to put out an issue of *The View from the Heights* by the middle of October. Ruthanne listed a number of items she wants to include about events in the Borough. She also encouraged residents to recycle cardboard instead of putting it out for the trash.

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

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**Code Enforcement** – (1) 612 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – owner in Rochester Manor, problems have been addressed, except for moving his car off the street, the garage roof, and the house roof. Communications are now through Attorney Colavincenzo, who has been sent a bill for the three loads of yard waste sent to the Composting Center. (2) 220 6<sup>th</sup> Street Ext. – House vacant, being monitored, possibly to be flipped. (3) 756 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – House has been sold, monitoring. (4) 705 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Owner instructed to contact Dawna Pella. (5) Rental inspections proceeding.

**Communications** – (1) A letter from the new director of the Beaver Falls Library requesting a contribution. (2) A letter from the Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation informing us that our anticipated Liquid Fuels allocation in 2020 is \$21,673.88 (a decrease of \$1,049.35 from 2019). The estimated Turnback allocation remains the same at \$1,080.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$4,037.46 in August.

**Secretary/Treasurer** -- Jack Doyle reported that since the last Council meeting the Borough received \$9,407.94 in earned income tax, \$36.00 in delinquent earned income tax, \$2,561.16 in real estate tax, \$868.77 in delinquent real estate tax, \$90.00 in dye test and municipal lien letter fees, \$991.98 in real estate transfer tax, \$123.91 in District Court fines, \$57.75 in delinquent per capita tax, \$172.00 in building permit fees, \$1,686.00 as an insurance refund, \$150.00 for an Alcoholic Beverage License, \$9,109.33 in BFMA sewer collections, and \$1,370.08 in interest (spread across five money market accounts).

**Public Safety Committee** – Bryan Landman asked Ruthanne Bentley to put something in *The View* asking residents to call the police when they see something amiss. Council also discussed a posting on *Nextdoor* about illegal activities on the playground, and about seeing kids out late at night. Apparently, the person who complained did not call the Police.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – Jim Turnbull announced that the siding project would start in October. Council agreed that Jim did not need special approval to get a new door for the boiler room. Council then considered Section 1410 of the Borough code, which mandates that a contractor either has Workers' Comp coverage for his employees, or a certificate of exemption from the State. Mr. Paganie recommended we not use a contractor that does not have either Workers' Comp coverage or a waiver from the State. Jim Turnbull indicated he would talk to Mr. Tate, the contractor.

**Streets and Sewers Committee** – Bill Starn recommended that Council approve a motion to hire a temporary helper for Bryan Landman so he could complete work on the streets and storm sewers. Fran Levinger moved that the Borough hire a helper for Bryan limited to street surfacing and catch basin repair, at \$15/hour. Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved. Council then discussed the possibility of taking action against residents whose downspouts and sump pumps empty onto the roadways. This water causes "alligatoring" of the pavement, and creates an unsafe, icy condition in the winter. No action was taken.

**Recreation Committee** – Nothing new to report.

**Recycling and Refuse Committee** – Sue Pokego will work with Holly Vogt to prepare information for *The View*. Fran Levinger noted that many people do not know where the recycling boxes are located. It was explained that within the next month we may find out about the Recycling Grant, which should address much of the accessibility issue.

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

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

**New Business** – Discussed previously.

**Old Business** – (1) Discussed previously. (2) Discussed previously. (3) Chad Trehar inspected our camera system, and indicated he thought he would be able to assist. (4) Curb painting will not be done before next year. (5) The Fire Department has agreed to do normal building maintenance as required by their lease. They agreed to assign one person per month to sweep, clean bathrooms, and do other regular cleaning and maintenance as necessary. (6) The siding project was already discussed. (7) We will try to have food trucks one more time this year, though nothing is planned yet.

**Mayor** -- Nothing to report.

**COG** -- Nothing to report.

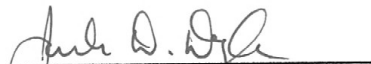
**Emergency Management** – Bryan Landman reported on a recent training event.

**Announcements** – The Election Team had its first training session with the new paper ballots and scanner. The Borough Secretary will be out of town from October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Fiscal and Contractual** – Bryan Landman 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 Andrew Why, the meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

  
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William Starn, President

  
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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary