

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jim Turnbull 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 -- Absent
Jim Turnbull -- Present
Andy Briggs -- Present
Bryan Landman -- Present
Fran Levinger -- Absent
Sue Pokego -- 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 -- Present
Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle -- Present

Minutes -- Andrew Why moved that the Council approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bryan Landman, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report -- Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for September, 2019. There were 12 calls for service. One of the calls was the result of a complaint about men using profanity while playing basketball in the Borough Park. The police were not notified until much later, and the men has left by the time the officer arrived. The Chief noted that the best way for a resident to handle such a situation is to contact the police directly as the incident is occurring, not at a later time.

Fire Report -- Chief Jason Medlin's report noted 11 calls during September. The VFD participated in a regional joint training for vehicle rescue, and will have rope rescue training in October. Merger talks with Patterson Township are ongoing. Firemen will be stationed at the intersection of 4th Avenue and 5th Street, as well as the intersection of 7th Avenue and 5th Street on Halloween. On December 14 Santa Claus will ride through the Borough on a fire truck from 5 to 6 p.m., returning the firehall for hot chocolate and cookies from 6 to 8. Jason was asked about the firemen's upkeep of the building, and he said they would do their best.

Visitors -- (1) Ruthanne Bentley of 509 4th Street said that the current edition of The View was being folded as she spoke. She also commended Bryan for the appearance of the streets that had been sealed. (2) Sherrie Nichols of 608 6th Avenue asked Council to repair the alley behind her house, where it had been washed away. Due to a large trench that has developed,

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she is unable to use her garage. After some discussion on the best way to solve the problem, Bryan agreed to make a repair sometime in the next month.

Solicitor -- Mr. Paganie discussed advertising requirements concerning the 2020 budget, and any increase in the tax levy. He also reported on the progress on codification. Bryan then brought up the fact that the skid steer used by Tuma Lawn Service had damaged 4th Street near the intersection with 9th Avenue. He will try to determine the dates when Tuma was working in that area.

Code Enforcement – (1) 612 7th Avenue – owner in Rochester Manor, work in progress. (2) 506 6th Ave., second notice for high grass, will move to cite. (3) 756 7th Ave., home sold, monitoring. (4) 705 5th St., citations filed, court date 10/28, owner has asked for site inspection. (5) 403 9th Ave., water runoff, has been addressed. (6) Rental inspections continue.

Communications – A notice from Peoples Natural Gas regarding gas leak safety.

Tax Collector -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$703.80 in September.

Secretary/Treasurer -- Jack Doyle reported that since the last Council meeting the Borough received \$7,398.48 in earned income tax, \$20.00 in delinquent earned income tax, \$978.78 in delinquent real estate tax, \$2,254.00 in real estate transfer tax, \$123.91 in District Court fines, \$135.12 in per capita tax, \$26.45 in building permit fees, and \$1,349.45 in interest (spread across five money market accounts).

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman asked people to watch out for kids trick-or-treating. Assistant Police Chief Bathgate will be patrolling Patterson Heights.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Bob Tate has agreed to get the siding project finished before winter, probably starting in November. Jack Doyle reported that he asked for bids from three other contractors recommended by another municipality, only one was returned, and it was for \$13,450.

Streets and Sewers Committee – Bryan Landman reported that he and Bill, his part-time helper, had been able to do many mastic repairs to the streets. Bryan went on to talk about the damage being done by water from sump pumps and downspouts emptying onto roadways. After much discussion, Council directed Mr. Paganie to research the law regarding the discharge of water onto roadways, and to see if the Borough could prohibit such sump pump discharge onto the streets. Downspout discharge will be discussed at a later time. Four streets were sealed with PMM before the weather got too cold for the material to flow properly. Approximately \$13,000 was spent on the sealant, and \$4,000 on mastic. We are carrying over some credits with Sealmaster, and should be able to budget enough to finish the rest of the streets next spring or early summer. Three catch basins have been repaired, and three more need to be repaired before winter. This work will have to be performed along with the alley repair discussed previously. Bryan then moved that he be authorized to repair 200 feet of Fern Alley, and install two new catch basins to help with the problem behind Ms. Nichols' garage. Andrew Why seconded, and the motion carried. Leaf collection will probably begin next week. Jim Turnbull suggested the Borough rethink the frequency of leaf and yard waste pickup. Bryan then moved that we extend the employment of Bill Moore to December 31, 2019, and use him as needed. Andrew Why seconded, and the motion carried.

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Recreation Committee – Food truck owners have decided that the weather is not conducive to more events this year. Jim Turnbull recommended the Fire Department work more closely with the Recreation Committee next year to plan and operate Community Day.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Sue Pokego reminded residents to recycle cardboard instead of setting it out for the trash. No news on the Recycling Grant.

Budget and Finance Committee – Work on the 2020 budget has begun, and suggestions are requested. Jim requested money to repair or replace playground equipment. Nadine also requested funds for tax collection software and support.

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

New Business – Jim Turnbull suggested that the electricity be turned off at the pavilion. Council took no action.

Old Business – (1) After checking with several municipalities who have done business with HMT, it was decided not to use them in the future. (2) Chad Trehar has checked out our camera system, and determined much of it to be proprietary and unusable. We will discuss having another company come in to bid on installing a new system. (3) Election Day will be November 5. Five Council slots will be determined, and one elected auditor. Paper ballots will be used.

Mayor -- Nothing to report.

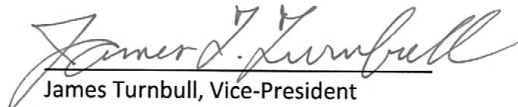
COG -- Nothing to report.

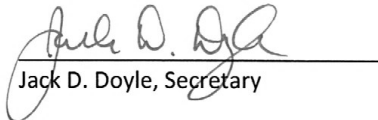
Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – None.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman 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 Sue Pokego, the meeting adjourned at 8:23p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2019.


James Turnbull, Vice-President


Jack D. Doyle, Secretary