

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 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.

Attendance -- Council Members present included President Bill Starn, Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, and Sue Pokego. Other officials present were Mayor Ron Tyger, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Assistant Police Chief Nick Bathgate, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Pokego, and approved by voice vote.

Police Report – Officer Bathgate presented the monthly report for November, 2019. There were 9 calls for service. Officer Bathgate characterized November as a “quiet month.”

Fire Report – Bill Starn read the Fire Report, which noted 10 calls for service in November, none of which occurred in Patterson Heights, participation in “Cookies with Santa,” and a new policy being implemented for building maintenance. There is no update on a proposed merger.

Presentation – Holly Vogt, Director of the Beaver County Department of Waste Management, presented Bill Starn with a notice that Patterson Heights has been awarded a Pennsylvania DEP Section 902 (Recycling) grant in the amount of \$158,580. Holly went on to compliment the Council and borough residents for their recycling efforts over the past 2-1/2 years. More information will be coming in 6-8 weeks, but it is assumed that the bulk of the grant can be applied to the purchase of a new leaf vacuum.

Visitors – No residents requested time to speak.

Solicitor – (1) Mr. Paganie is reviewing documents and correspondence relating to sewer usage and charges between The Borough and Patterson Township. (2) Frank has terminated the contracts with Dawna Pella (at the end of 2019) and MDIA (effective April, 2020). He is also in the process of finalizing the agreement with Building Inspection Underwriters to become the Borough’s Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, effective January 6, 2020. (3) Mr. Paganie requested a vote on the 2020 budget, which was presented to Council in November, and has been made available to residents by the Borough Secretary. A motion to approve was offered by Jim Turnbull, and a second made by Bryan Landman. The budget was approved unanimously. Bryan Landman moved that the Council approve Resolution 19-12-1, maintaining the current tax rate of 24 mills. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the Council approved. (4) Frank then pointed out that the Borough does have a current ordinance which is enforceable, and provides penalties for placing ground water on the streets, as in the case of sump pumps.

Returning to Township sewer charges, it was determined that flowmeters would be needed to calculate usage by Township residents.

Code Enforcement – Bill Starn reviewed the Code Enforcement report.

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Communications – Communications consisted of two Christmas cards, and a copy of a thank-you email to the Viet Nam Veterans for new flags. Council decided to send a donation of \$100 to the Viet Nam Veterans.

Tax Collector -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$1,729.86 in November.

Secretary/Treasurer -- Jack Doyle reported receipts in normal amounts for November.

Public Safety Committee – People should not be parking in the intersection at 4th Street and 4th Avenue, due to congestion during snow storms. Also, people should use their driveways rather than park in the streets.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Nothing to report. Mayor Tyger gave a brief rundown of the meeting with the VFD regarding building maintenance.

Streets and Sewers Committee – Tri-State Maintenance hydro-jetted 7th Street, and found no restrictions.

Recreation Committee – Nothing to report.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Nothing to report.

Budget and Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

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

New Business – (1) Bryan Landman moved that we keep McMillen Urick Tocci Jones as Borough Solicitor. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved. (2) Bryan Landman moved that Widmer Engineering be retained as Borough Engineer. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved. (3) Bryan Landman moved that Ron Tyger be added to the list of check signers, which already includes Bill Starn, Jim Turnbull, and Jack Doyle. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Old Business – All items already discussed.

Mayor – Mayor Tyger thanked Sue Pokego for her work on the Council over the past four years.

COG -- Nothing to report.

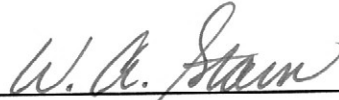
Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – The Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020, at 7pm. Newly elected officials should bring their Certificate of Election and notarized Affidavit of Residency in order to be sworn in.

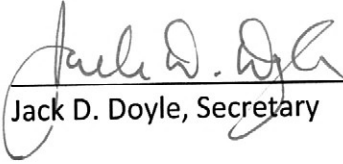
Fiscal and Contractual – Jim Turnbull moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Sue Pokego seconded, and the motion carried.

Adjournment -- Moved by Jim Turnbull, seconded by Sue Pokego, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

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