

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2020**

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, Andrew Why, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, and Jan Livingston. Other officials present were Mayor Ron Tyger, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

**Oaths of Office** – Mayor Tyger administered the Oath of Office to Jan Livingston and Andrew Why. All current members of council and our new elected auditor have taken the oath.

**Minutes** – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Turnbull, and approved by voice vote. Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting, Andrew Why seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Distributed to Council were requests for contact information, necessary for local contact sheets, as well as state filings. The Council members were also asked if they wanted to receive subscriptions to the *Borough News*, and to sign a sheet if they planned to keep their copies of the new Code of Ordinances. Members will be expected to return their books when they leave Council. Finally, members were given Statements of Financial Interest, which are to be completed and returned to the Borough office by May 1, 2020.

**Police Report** – Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for December, 2019. There were 7 calls for service.

**Fire Report** – Chief Medlin listed 15 calls in December, none of which were in Patterson Heights. He also gave a breakdown of the 136 calls occurring in 2019, with the top responders in the Department being Larry Barkley (116), Jason Medlin (96), and Charlie West (81). Council congratulated Chief Medlin for receiving his Fire Fighter II certification, and for receiving a grant in excess of \$12,000, which will be put toward upgrading one of the fire engines.

**Visitors** – (1) Ruthanne Bentley, of 509 4<sup>th</sup> Street noted several cars parked in the borough which do not have current registrations. Such vehicles are in violation of Ordinance #200, passed in 1989, and Section 94.02 of the new Code, expected to be approved by Council in February. Letters will be sent to the vehicles' owners, advising them of the situation and penalties. (2) Rich Siget of 428 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue spoke about a sump pump next door to him at 426 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Council agreed that the issue of sump pumps emptying onto the streets needs to, and will be addressed as the weather improves, and residents are able to correct the problems.

**Solicitor** – (1) Mr. Paganie requested a motion approving a 3-year agreement with Building Inspection Underwriters. Bryan Landman made a motion, and it was seconded by Andrew Why. The motion carried, and the agreement will be signed. (2) The new, reorganized Code of Ordinances has been presented to Council, and will be advertised before the next meeting, so that it can be approved at that time. (3) Frank is studying and reviewing the issue of mini cell towers being placed in the borough, and what rights the borough retains in this regard. He hopes to have more information at the February meeting.

**Code Enforcement** – No report for December was received. Bill Starn reviewed a meeting with BIU held the day before.

**Communications** – No communications.

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**Tax Collector** -- Nadine Galbreath made real estate tax deposits of \$3,066.84 in December, and letters were sent to residents delinquent in either school or borough taxes.

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

**Public Safety Committee** – Council discussed issuing “tickets”—door tags which will remind people when they are in violation of a borough ordinance. The notices will be tracked, and fines issued as appropriate. (37:00)

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – Jim Turnbull discussed plans for replacing the siding on the Municipal Building. He also plans to have his committee meet to inspect the playground equipment to be sure that it is safe. Bryan Landman asked about insurance coverage for volunteers. Frank suggested that we get something in writing. Jack Doyle noted that an inspection of the boiler has been scheduled.

**Streets and Sewers Committee** – Mayor Tyger asked about progress on measuring the infiltration of storm water from Patterson Township. Bill Starn said he has not heard back from Jim Breznai at the Beaver Falls Treatment plant. Regis Luger offered his help in getting information on flow meters.

**Recreation Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Recycling and Refuse Committee** – Council discussed provisions in the Recycling Grant recently received. Jack thanked Jason Medlin for coming in on a Saturday morning to work on the camera system as five of the six surveillance cameras are now working.

**Budget and Finance Committee** – With the budget now completed, we can start on the Borough Audit. Tim Weisenburger has graciously offered to assist.

**Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee** – Nothing to report. BIU will handle inspections this year.

**New Business** – The Council had already discussed committee assignments, contact information, and the Statement of Financial Interest Forms. The Borough will host Food Trucks in the Park again this year, but try to have the evenings at the same time each month (second Wednesday) from May through September.

**Old Business** – All items already discussed.

**Mayor** – Nothing to report.

**COG** -- Nothing to report.

**Emergency Management** – Bryan Landman reported on an upcoming nuclear meltdown re-enactment.

**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 Laura Trehar, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

  
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William Starn, President

  
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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary