

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 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, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, and Jan Livingston. Other officials present were Mayor Ron Tyger, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Livingston, and approved by voice vote.

An Executive Session was listed on the Agenda, and President Starn decided to move it to the end of the meeting.

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for January, 2019. There were 9 calls for service, including 3 calls for snow removal. Bryan Landman asked the Chief if the cars in the Borough which had not moved in months could be checked for current registration. Chief Stanislawski replied that he was not allowed to share that information. It was agreed that the owners of the properties where the cars are located would be contacted.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin listed 13 calls in January, only one of which was in Patterson Heights. The report also noted the renewal of CPR certifications and upcoming training classes.

Visitors – No visitors requested time to speak.

Solicitor – (1) Mr. Paganie relayed information that volunteers are covered under our insurance policy, but would not be covered for personal injury unless it was determined that the Borough was at fault. (2) Bryan Landman moved to pass Resolution 20-02-1, giving the Borough the authority to enter into an agreement with the COG to participate in a shared municipal GIS program. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion carried. Bryan then moved that Council approve the agreement. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the agreement was accepted. (3) Bryan Landman moved that Council approve Ordinance #283, which is the acceptance of Codification, and makes the revised code the new governing document for the Borough. (4) Although there had been discussion about changing from the 2006 to the 2009 version of the International Property Maintenance Code, Council decided to stay with the 2006 version. (5) Mr. Paganie had no objections to the agreement requested by the DEP regarding our acceptance of the Recycling Grant. Bryan Landman moved that we accept the agreement, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion carried. (6) Frank reported that action on Wireless Communication Facilities is still be researched, and more information is needed before any agreements or regulations are put into place.

Code Enforcement – Jack Doyle reported that he would be working with BIU to address abandoned car and sump pump issues. Communication with BIU to this point has been excellent.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Tax Collector – Jack Doyle reported for Nadine Galbreath that there had been no deposits of real estate taxes in January. Also, Borough tax bills have been printed, and will be mailed on March 1.

Secretary/Treasurer – The Borough received \$2,452.19 in Amusement Tax from the Beaver Valley Golf Club. A Franchise Fee of \$11,576.95 was received from Comcast. The Liquid Fuels audit has been completed, so our 2020 disbursement should be received March 1. The boiler has been inspected and repaired. We were not awarded the State Farm Insurance Grant. Phone and internet service have been switched to Vonage and GoNetspeed. The borough's computer went down two days before the meeting, and hopefully Chief Medlin will be able to diagnose the problem.

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Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman raised the issue of sump pumps draining onto the roadway at 756 7th Avenue, creating an unsafe condition, and requiring the use of a great deal of salt. It was agreed to have BIU handle the situation.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Nothing to report.

Streets and Sewers Committee – Council discussed the amount of sewage coming into our system from Patterson Township. Jim Breznai from Beaver Falls suggested we may need two flowmeters along with rebuilt manholes at a cost of \$20-25,000 for each unit. Bill Starn and Regis Luger have an appointment scheduled with Breznai next week. Bryan Landman reported that Tri-State Maintenance has been scheduled to sweep streets and clean out catch basins this spring.

Recreation Committee – Nothing to report.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – The grant paperwork will be completed and submitted. We can begin getting pricing for equipment.

Budget and Finance Committee – The 2019 Audit is being worked on with Tim Weisenburger.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee – Nothing to report.

New Business – New Business items have already been discussed.

Old Business – Lists of voters and earned income taxpayers have been compiled for the purpose of comparing the lists, and checking to be sure taxes are being paid correctly.

Mayor – Mayor Tyger has been receiving and submitting information regarding the 2020 census.

COG – There is increasing interest in developing trails in the area.

Emergency Management – Nothing new to report.

Announcements – None.

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

Executive Session – The Executive Session lasted until 8:19pm, at which time Bryan Landman moved to adjourn. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the meeting concluded.

Adjournment – See above. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

William Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary

- These minutes were approved by the Patterson Heights Borough Council on April 15, 2020. Due to the coronavirus situation, they will be signed at a later time.