

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 20, 2020**

This meeting was held in the regular meeting room in the Municipal Building, with attendees maintaining space between them due to the coronavirus outbreak. 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, Andy Briggs, Jan Livingston, and Andrew Why. Other officials present were Police Chief David Stanislawski, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle. Frank Paganie was available by phone.

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for April, 2020. There were 11 calls for service.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Why, and approved by voice vote.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin's report listed 22 calls in April. The Department has resumed in-house trainings. No report on a merger.

Visitors – Visitors were asked to announce their names and addresses rather than pass a sign-in sheet to each other, in recognition of CDC recommendations. (1) Valerie Patsiga of 756 7th Avenue (permanent residence 233 Cuning, New Brighton; rainwater from houses across the alley flood her yard and yards on both sides of her. Ms. Patsiga asked the Borough to dig a ditch on the far side of the alley behind her house the Borough to take over the alley, which they are not inclined to do. Jim Turnbull recommended we have our Code Enforcement company investigate, and make a recommendation for the next council meeting. BIU will also be asked if it is necessary for inspection of the dry wells being constructed. Ms. Patsiga submitted letter to Council from herself, and her neighbor. (2) Evan Autenreith of 400 5th Avenue and 306 6th Street; Mr. Autenreith would like to purchase a small piece of property across Coal Road from his property on 6th Street. It was decided to check with the Solicitor regarding the procedure to sell the property. Mr. Autenreith also asked us to check on why GoNetspeed is unable to use poles owned by Duquesne Light. He also recommended reducing the speed limit in the Borough to 15 miles per hour.

Code Enforcement – The Secretary reviewed meetings with BIU, some actions taken, and some anticipated. Communication has been very good, but needs to be formalized.

Correspondence – We received a letter from Phil Fatula, thanking the Council for their time, and indicating that he would no longer have to approach the eagles' nest for his research. A second letter from Joanie Denman requested that the Borough open an alley between Darlington Alley and Darlington Road. Council determined that they have no interest in opening the alley.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that she had made deposits of \$85,741.87 in real estate taxes in April.

Secretary/Treasurer – A report was provided to Council, no questions or comments.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman asked if we could send a letter to a resident about trimming a tree that is hindering sight.

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Buildings and Grounds Committee – Jim Turnbull commended Bryan on his rehabilitation of the land in the southwest corner of the Park. He also recommended replacement of the fence around the playground. Jim asked about the playground regarding reopening, and Bill Starn pointed out that according to Governor Wolf's guidelines, we have to wait until Beaver County is in green status.

Streets and Sewers Committee – Council agreed to make regulation of sump pumps a priority, checking with BIU for guidance, and requiring sump pumps to stop flowing onto streets by July 31. Crack sealing will also be important this year. Interstate Maintenance is ready to sweep streets and clean out catch basins, but they are waiting on the Township to schedule. Bryan also mentioned getting new signs to keep people off Hillside Avenue. It was also suggested that we get a warning sign that fire trucks may be entering Darlington Road from 6th Street.

Recreation Committee – Nothing to report except that the DJ has been cancelled for Community Day.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Nothing new to report. We will try to check on status of Recycling Grant.

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

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee – Nothing to report.

New Business – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve Resolution 20-05-1, extending the end of the discount period for borough taxes to August 31, and the face period to December 31. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved. Installment payments will still be made at face. People who paid their taxes at face, unaware of the discount change, will either be issued a refund, or their checks will be returned.

Old Business – The primary election will be held on June 2. Workers are being given extra equipment due to current health issues. Additional volunteers will be used.
The Park will remain closed, and food trucks will not be scheduled until Beaver County is in green status.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

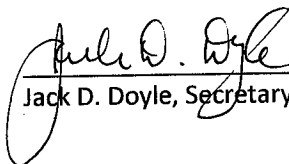
Emergency Management – Bryan participated in a training recently.

Announcements – Condolences to the family of Joe Griffith, 98 years old, who passed away recently. Mr. Griffith was Patterson Heights' oldest resident, a World War II veteran, and will always be remembered walking his little dog through the neighborhood.

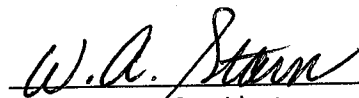
Phyllis Aluseo will be 91 on Friday, and the VFD is planning a birthday drive-by at 5pm.

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

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the Council approved. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2020.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William Starn, President