

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 17, 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, and Andy Briggs. Other officials present were Mayor Ron Tyger, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Turnbull. Bill Starn had a question about the location of the property requested for purchase by Evan Autenreith. Mr. Autenreith will be contacted to determine his exact intentions. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for May, 2020. There were 5 calls for service. It was reported that someone is depositing used kitty litter into the recycling bin along with garbage, and empty water jugs. Bryan will be installing two new cameras. Pam Barsottini asked about cars blocking or partially blocking her driveway, and was advised to call the police.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin's report listed 9 calls in May. Both engines had their annual service and state inspection. Engine 33-2 is having the front intake replaced, using money from a state grant.

Visitors – (1) Joanie Denman of 927 4th Street. Ms. Denman objected to a letter sent to her by the Borough Secretary regarding the unsafe condition of a tree on her property. She stated that she felt she was being singled out, and the Borough was joining in harassment by her neighbors. It was explained to Ms. Denman that the letter was sent to three property owners, because it could not be determined who owned the tree, and that the Borough had no interest in harassing her. Ms. Denman went on to say that her efforts to remove the tree had been blocked by another neighbor, the same person who demanded the tree be taken down. (2) Pam Barsottini of 624 4th Street reported a large trailer parked on 6th Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets, and asked that it be moved from the roadway. She also mentioned a car parked in the front yard at 714 4th Street. The vehicles will be investigated.

Code Enforcement – It was agreed that letters would be sent to homeowners suspected of having sump pumps, giving them until July 31 to have them turned off, and August 31 to have them rerouted away from roadways. Jim Turnbull stated that too many structures were being put up without permits, and that all council members should be responsible for monitoring.

Correspondence – (1) We received emails from GoNetspeed and Duquesne Light saying that, due to ongoing court cases, no more fiber could be installed in Patterson Heights. The next day GoNetspeed was observed stringing fiber with the intention of making their service available in nearly the entire borough. (2) We received a letter from Mark Turnley offering to do our 2019 audit for \$3,500.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that she had made deposits of \$12,695.26 in real estate taxes in May. Nadine also said that Blackhawk School Tax bills would be mailed out on July 1, and the millage is currently unknown.

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

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman stated that there are many trees in the borough in need of trimming so that vehicles can pass. Council passed an amended motion, first offered by Jim Turnbull, to contact BIU, conduct a ride through the borough, noting vegetation in need of trimming, send letters to the property owners giving them their options, and following up to remove such vegetation. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Jim Turnbull got prices totaling \$625-700 for replacing the wooden fence around the playground. Jim then asked about the procedure for reopening the playground. After some discussion, Jim Turnbull moved that the Council approve Resolution 20-06-1, rescinding the previous State of Emergency, and reopening the park after sanitizing the playground equipment, and posting of signs recommending the following of guidelines put forth by the Center for Disease Control and similar agencies.

Streets and Sewers Committee – Bryan Landman reported that Tri-State Maintenance swept the streets, and cleaned out about 51 catch basins. He found that he has about seven that need to be rebuilt. We are on the waiting list to get a crack sealing machine from Sealmaster.

Recreation Committee – Bryan Landman moved that the borough purchase a projector and screen, not to exceed \$2,000, to hold our own movie nights, using the funds save by not having Community Day. Andy Briggs offered to research the equipment.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Jim Turnbull asked about collection of glass.

Budget and Finance Committee – The Tax Collector's Audit has been completed.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee – Nothing to report.

New Business – (1) Feral cats and dogs running at large. After some discussion, no action was taken. (2) Council clarified that someone who begins or finishes work before getting a permit, can also be told to pay a fine according to the applicable ordinance. (3) Council discussed hiring Charlie West to work with Bryan Landman moved that we hire Charlie West at \$15/hour, maximum of 40 hours per week. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion passed. (4) Council discussed vehicles, large and small, parking the wrong way. Council will discuss with Chief Stanislawski. The contractor who installed the deck at 901 7th Street damaged the roadway, and the property owner has already been told he will be billed for the repair. (5) Send Beaver Falls Municipal Authority the specs on repairing roadways. (6) BIU to bring information on Certificate of Occupancy for realty exchanges. (7) Patterson Township is to start contract negotiations with the police on July 1, and would like to look at a new contract for the Heights afterward.

Old Business – The food trucks will start up again on July 8.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – Nothing to report.

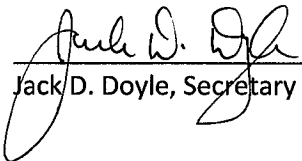
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Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – (1) Home Savings Bank is soon to become Premier Bank. (2) Bryan Landman was recognized for the large number of accolades received recently. (3) Solicitor Frank Paganie has been listed in Pittsburgh Magazine as a “Rising Star” in criminal law.

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

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was passed at 8:51 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William Starn, President