

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 15, 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, Jan Livingston, Laura Trehar, and Andrew Why. 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 June 17, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Why. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for June, 2020. There were 13 calls for service. There were no questions about the report.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin's report listed 20 calls in May. The truck has been returned after being repaired.

Visitors – (1) Bard Hendry of 608 7th Avenue. would like to install a new deck and garage, but is concerned about the dead trees on the property next door to his, at 612 7th Avenue, owned by Mr. Timothy Nixon. Mr. Paganie advised Mr. Hendry that since he is represented by Attorney Stephanie Kramer, he recommends that all correspondence go through himself and Ms. Kramer.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie clarified his position on trimming overhanging vegetation throughout the borough. The borough has the right to trim vegetation within its right of way at its own expense, but may not charge the cost back to the homeowner.

Code Enforcement – Letters were sent to 18 owners of properties listed as possibly having sump pumps draining onto roadways. Three owners have already resolved the issue, and complied with the request to divert the water discharge. Five said they do not have a sump pump. Two have not responded, and have been sent follow-up letters. The rest have said they plan to comply, though some asked for a little more time past the July 31 deadline they were given. Council agreed that the people claiming they do not have a pump be sent letters regarding whatever water is being discharged onto the street. Columbia Gas has agreed to repair two sections of roadway for which they are responsible. BIU has issued a letter of violation to James McDanel, 901 7th Street for building a deck without having a Building Permit. Two rental inspections have been performed. Both failed due to not having GFI's, functioning smoke detectors, sturdy handrails, or screens on windows.

Correspondence – We have received official approval on our Recycling Grant, and we can order the leaf vac and truck.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that she had made deposits of \$9,096.16 in June, leaving a balance in excess of \$32,000 yet to be collected. Nadine will also provide a list to the Treasurer of taxpayers who did not take the discount provided for earlier in the year by Council. They will be sent refund checks. The Blackhawk School District has asked Mr. Paganie for information about the bonding for our Tax Collector. He will investigate further.

Secretary/Treasurer – A report showing receipts since the last meeting was not completed due to inability to get online for the information.

Public Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Jim Turnbull has agreed to get paint for the playground, if Laura Trehar can get together a group of volunteers. We will check on a replacement for the section of slide that has a split. Jim and Bryan will get together on the fence repair.

Streets and Sewers Committee – Bryan Landman reported that we are scheduled to get the tar buggy for crack repair on July 31, depending on the weather. After crack repair, he will move into pavement sealing. In the interim he plans to put up the fence on the playground, trim trees on 38 properties, and repair catch basins. It was discussed whether it might be worth having a professional landscaper do the trimming. Bill mentioned the possibility of applying for a 40-year, low-interest loan for sewer relining and manhole repair.

Recreation Committee – Nothing new to report. Andy Briggs is investigating projectors and screens.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Equipment has been ordered through U.S. Municipal. We hope to have the leaf vac by October of this year, and the truck sometime next year. By ordering the truck now, we were able to get a new 2020 model for this year's price. If we waited until next year, we would get a 2021 model at next year's price.

Budget and Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee – Nothing to report.

New Business – Our insurance policy (liability and workers' comp) is going up by only about \$300, but we are scheduled to receive a \$1,600 refund.

Old Business – (1) We are waiting for information from the Humane Society about the cost of their animal control services. (2) The Council is not interested in making any changes at this time to food truck or meeting schedules due to the pandemic. (3) Evan Autenreith has been asked to provide a drawing or sketch regarding what he is proposing with the property along 6th Street Extension.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – Nothing to report.

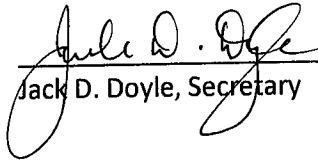
Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – Jack Doyle announced he would be out of town from July 18th through the 25th, but would be available by phone.

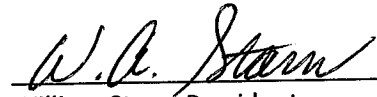
Fiscal and Contractual – Jim Turnbull moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Andrew Why seconded, and the motion carried.

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Adjournment – Bryan Landman motioned for adjournment. Andrew Why seconded, and the meeting ended at 7:44 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William Starn, President