

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 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, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, and Andrew Why. Other officials present were Solicitor Frank Paganie, Assistant Police Chief Nick Bathgate, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Why. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Police Report – Assistant Chief Bathgate presented the monthly report for September 2020. There were 37 calls for service, including 23 half-hour sessions of monitoring traffic. Halloween will be held on October 29 this year, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin reported that the Fire Department responded to 10 calls in September. None was in Patterson Heights. The Fire Department will be posted on Halloween at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Fifth Street, and at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Fifth Street. Although “Cookies with Santa” has been cancelled this year, the firetruck will escort Santa through the Borough on a date yet to be determined. There is nothing new to report on the proposed merger with the Township VFD.

Visitors – No visitors requested time to speak.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie discussed the proposed police contract. He will send it to Patterson Township for their consideration. The new contract calls for about a 3% increase, and a four-year term.

Code Enforcement – We still have two abandoned vehicles for which the owners will soon be cited. Mr. Nixon has had trees removed from his property on Seventh Avenue, but there is still one tree blocking access to the Borough’s right-of-way. According to Mr. Paganie, Bryan has the authority to trim the tree. The Borough Secretary received a call from a landlord complaining about a liquid flowing onto his property from an adjacent house. Code Enforcement will investigate.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that she had made deposits of \$2,306.81 in September. An invoice for Blackhawk’s portion of Nadine’s bond has been received. It will be forwarded to the school district.

Secretary/Treasurer – A report showing receipts since the last meeting was submitted. A request to rent the meeting room has been received. The Solicitor recommends against it, due to COVID liability.

Public Safety Committee – Residents are urged to be mindful of trick-or-treaters.

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Buildings and Grounds Committee – Two dead/dying trees have been removed from Borough property.

Streets and Sewers Committee – The application for a loan to reline the sanitary sewers and rehabilitate the manholes and storm sewers is progressing.

Recreation Committee – The Council will continue the Food Truck program next year. All the projection equipment has arrived.

Recycling and Refuse Committee – Nothing new to report.

Budget and Finance Committee – The 2021 budget is being prepared for the November meeting.

Rental Property and Maintenance Inspection Committee – Nothing to report.

New Business – (1) Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the new police contract. Andrew Why seconded, and the motion passed. (2) The maintenance agreement with thyssenkrupp Elevator Co. will automatically renew next May unless we take action just prior. The contract will be reviewed in early 2021. (3) After discussion, it was agreed that the Shade Tree Commission should be discontinued. Frank will draft an ordinance to accomplish.

Old Business – (1) There does not appear to be any incentive to pay Duquesne Light to remove our streetlights for replacement with LED. (2) We are attempting to enroll in the GIS program, but have not yet been able to do so.

Mayor – No report.

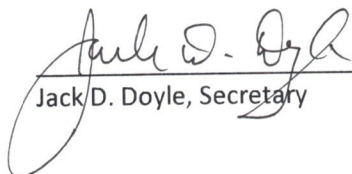
COG – No report.

Emergency Management – No report.

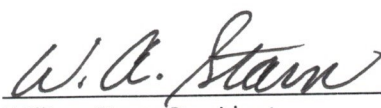
Announcements – Election Day will be November 3. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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 8:11pm. Andrew Why seconded, and the Council approved. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William Starn, President