

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2021**

This was a virtual meeting, via the Zoom application, with Council Members participating through their cell phones or computers. Most of the participants were able to attend from their own homes. For borough residents who wished to monitor the meeting and/or participate, login information was published on the Borough website, www.patterson-hgts.com. Council will hold another meeting via Zoom in February, and perhaps for several more months, depending on the situation with the coronavirus. Borough residents will be notified through social media and the website. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jim Turnbull at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called.

Attendance -- Council Members attending included Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, and Andrew Why. Other officials attending included Mayor Ron Tyger, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

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

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski presented the monthly report for December, 2020. There were 86 calls for service, including 71 sessions of monitoring traffic. One citation was issued.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin’s report indicated 12 calls in December. Throughout 2020 the Department responded to 180 calls. The top 3 responders were Charlie West with 162, Jason Medlin with 158, and Larry Barkley with 126. Bryan Landman thanked Chief Medlin for taking time from his vacation to work on our surveillance cameras.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie presented and discussed a draft ordinance discussing the maintenance of trees in the Borough. He will continue to modify the ordinance as necessary, and present a final version at the next meeting. The new ordinance will have to be advertised before enactment.

He also reported that we are exploring changing elevator service companies, and have a proposal in hand. According to our current agreement with thyssenkrupp Elevator Co. we must notify them by February 1. Andrew Why moved that we send such a letter, Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Code Enforcement – Three properties are currently under investigation, one for a sump pump, one for discharging water onto a neighbor’s property, and one for a downspout discharging onto an alley. Two fines are being paid monthly, one for a nuisance under property maintenance, and the other for driving an overweight truck through the Borough.

Correspondence – The Borough received a “Thank You” certificate for participating in the 2020 Census.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath made deposits of \$2,748.36 in December, and reported that \$10,604.70 has yet to be collected. Ten residents qualified for refunds but overpaid due to the extended discount period in 2020. The refunds will total about \$221.

Secretary/Treasurer – The 2019 Borough Audit has been submitted and accepted by the Pennsylvania DCED. Receipts since the last Council Meeting total \$13,071.59.

Public Safety Committee – Council decided that trash cans on the streets, and cars facing the wrong way could result in citations. The Secretary agreed to provide statutory language to the Police Department.

Budget and Finance Committee – Andy Briggs questioned the amount budgeted for part-time wages in the 2021 budget, and it was decided that the committee would meet to discuss.

Buildings and Grounds – Bryan and Charlie have upgraded the lights in the VFD portion of the Municipal Building, and brought the electrical work up to code.

Streets and Sewers – Council discussed the status of a second public works employee.

New Business – (1) Bryan Landman moved that the Borough reappoint Widmer Engineering as Borough Engineer for 2021. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved unanimously. (2) Bryan Landman moved that McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Jones be reappointed as Borough Solicitor for 2021. Andrew Why seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (3) A Primary Election will be held on May 18. 2021 is the final year in the terms of Ron Tyger, Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, and Nadine Galbreath. Martha Pietsch's term as Elected Auditor also ends in 2021. (5) Council members were given the option to receive a subscription to the PSAB's Borough News.

Old Business – Council will consider a new ordinance governing the maintenance of trees in the Borough.

Mayor, COG – Nothing to report.

Emergency Management – Beaver County will have a mock meltdown drill in April.

Announcements – None.

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

Adjournment – Bryan Landman motioned for adjournment. Andrew Why seconded, and the meeting ended at 7:57 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 7pm.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



James Turnbull, Vice-President