

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2021

The meeting was conducted in-person, with some council members attending via Zoom. The public had the same options of attending the meeting. For borough residents who wished to monitor the meeting and/or participate, login information was published on the Borough website, [www.patterson-hgts.com](http://www.patterson-hgts.com). Council will hold another meeting via Zoom in April, 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 Council President Bill Starn at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called.

**Attendance** -- Council Members attending included President Bill Starn, Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, Jan Livingston, Laura Trehar, and Andrew Why. Other officials attending included Mayor Ron Tyger, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle. Police Chief Dave Stanislawski received a call about the time the meeting was starting, so was not present for roll call.

**Oath of Office** – Mr. Paganie presented Resolution 21-4-1, naming Regis Luger to fulfill the remainder of Ron Tyger's term of office as mayor (through the end of 2021). Bryan Landman moved to accept the Resolution, Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Luger presented a notarized Affidavit of Residency, and Magistrate Dirk Goodwald administered the Oath of Office.

**Minutes** – Laura Trehar moved that Council approve the minutes from February. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved. Jim Turnbull moved that Council approve the minutes from March. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

**Police Report** – The February Police Report will be presented at the April meeting. The report had not been sent to Council, through no fault of Chief Stanislawski.

**Fire Report** – Chief Medlin's report indicated 28 calls in March, as well as several live-fire trainings. The Secretary also commended Jason for his mention of the food trucks on the VFD's Facebook page.

**Visitors** – No visitors sought recognition.

**Solicitor** – Mr. Paganie announced that the Borough would receive \$59,024 from the American Rescue Plan, to be paid in two annual installments. The money may be used for infrastructure projects.

**Code Enforcement** – BIU has worked on several properties in the Borough. The sump pump discharge on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been moved, water being discharged into a neighbor's yard on 5<sup>th</sup> Street has been stopped. A property on 4<sup>th</sup> Street They will also check on permits for a garage demolition.

**Correspondence** – Bill Starn read a letter of resignation from Mayor Ron Tyger. Vacancy Board Chair Caren Turnbull Said she has a person willing to serve as mayor. At the next meeting Council will approve a resolution accepting the Mayor's resignation, naming the new mayor, and making arrangements to have him sworn in.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine Galbreath made deposits of \$2,443.74 in February. 2021 Borough tax bills were mailed out in March. 2020 Borough tax bill must be paid by March 31, or they will be turned in as delinquent.

**Secretary/Treasurer** – A printed report for February will be coming. We are still awaiting payment of the Comcast franchise fee.

**Public Safety Committee** – Bryan will get the phone number of the playground equipment manufacturer so we can get prices on damaged equipment.

**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** – Jim Turnbull commended Bryan and Charlie on the work they have done cleaning and organizing the maintenance shop.

**Streets and Sewers** – nothing to report.

**Recreation** – Council is not interested in having a combined Community Day with Patterson Township. Andy Briggs asked for volunteers to provide some technical assistance with the new movie equipment. Council decided to begin food trucks in April, and movies in May.

**Recycling** – nothing to report.

**Budget and Finance** – nothing to report.

**Rental Property** – We hope to begin notifying landlords of registrations and inspections in April.

**New Business** – Council is not interested in having a borough clean-up day.

**Old Business** – (1) The new ordinance needs to be signed by Bill Starn, the Secretary, and the mayor. (2) After much discussion, Jim Turnbull moved that the Council hire Charlie West as a full-time, 40 hour-per-week employee, at \$15/hour. Bryan Landman seconded. A roll call vote was requested, with the following results: Turnbull, yes; Landman, yes; Trehar, no; Briggs, no; Why, no; Starn, no. With two in favor and four opposed, the motion did not carry.

It was decided that a committee consisting of Starn, Briggs, and Turnbull would meet on March 19 to discuss a 5-year plan, and budgeting.

Jim Turnbull made a motion that future council meetings be held in person, without the Zoom format. Turnbull, Landman, and Starn voted in favor of the motion. Trehar, Briggs, and Why voted against. Mayor Tyger broke the tie vote with a vote against. The motion did not carry.

**Mayor, COG** – Nothing to report.

**Emergency Management** – No report.

**Announcements** – None.

**Fiscal and Contractual** – Andrew Why moved that the current bills be approved or ratified as presented. Andy Briggs seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment** – Andy Briggs motioned for adjournment. Laura Trehar seconded, and the meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 7pm.

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William Starn, President

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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary