

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2021

The meeting was conducted in-person, while visitors were able to attend via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Council 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, Jan Livingston, Laura Trehar, and Andrew Why. Other officials attending included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, and Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath.

Minutes – Andrew Why moved that Council approve the minutes from April. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – In April there were 83 calls, including 77 sessions of traffic monitoring. One parking citation was issued.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin’s report indicated 16 calls in April. The Department received a grant for purchasing gear in the amount of \$12,233.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie was not in attendance, although he was available by phone.

Code Enforcement – No report.

Correspondence – Tyler Technologies is assessing properties in the Borough. Employees will introduce themselves and have ID’s. They will not enter houses. Names and license plate numbers have been given to the Police.

The Beaver Falls Municipal Authority is considering selling their facility by the middle of 2022. The Borough’s contract with them for billing runs to February, 2022.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported tax deposits of \$112,941 in April. A new company is being sought to provide software and computer assistance throughout the County.

Secretary/Treasurer – A report for April was presented.

Public Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Bryan Landman reported that a roof leak was repaired by Roger’s Roofing for \$450.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan Landman discussed damage to a manhole and cover on 6th Street Extension due to cement/construction vehicles for a resident’s project. He questioned Andy Briggs about who is responsible. Another resident reported a water line break, and discussed if the construction project caused the water line break. An estimate to replace the manhole is \$5-10K (\$800-\$1,000/ft x 5 ft.) The cover and riser cost \$600-800. Andy Briggs discussed momentary and stationary loads, and when a road bond is needed. Andrew Why asked if the water company has determined the cause of the break, and suggested they make that determination before blaming construction. Andy Briggs stated that two more loads were scheduled for the next day, and he will be sure they do not interfere with the affected area. Discussion continued that there was no weight study ever done, but most of the concern was with the manhole cover. Andy Briggs will discuss responsibility with the construction company.

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Discussion continued concerning the need for residents to be informed of the need for permits. Council discussed that BIU is not consistent with code enforcement, and is not responsible for code enforcement. Jim Turnbull will speak with Code.sys about contracting with them for these services, and ending the contract with BIU. BIU has not been completing rental inspections.

Mayor Luger asked if there were any paving projects planned. Bryan Landman replied that only crack filling was planned.

Recreation – Laura Trehar stated that the Recreation Committee is meeting this week to finalize plans for movie night and plan Community Day. Some ideas being discussed are a bike parade and a cornhole competition.

Recycling – We should have the new truck in 2-3 weeks, and will be applying for a new grant in September.

Budget and Finance – nothing to report.

Rental Property – Jan Livingston reported that letters are going out to landlords to collect fees and schedule inspections. Jim Turnbull asked if the house on 4th Avenue that once belonged to Dr. Smith is registered as a rental, and if college students may be renting from the current owner.

New Business – Andrew Why motioned to eliminate Zoom for future Council meetings and make them all in-person at the borough building. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion passed. Jack will advertise about the meeting change.

Old Business – None.

Mayor – Regis Luger gave a shout out to the election workers. There was discussion about needing more help in November, and getting volunteers to help with cleanup.

Emergency Management, COG – Nothing to report.

Announcements – None.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved to pay the bills. Andrew Why seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman motioned for adjournment. Laura Trehar seconded, and the meeting ended at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7pm.

Jim Turnbull, Vice-President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary