

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 16, 2021

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, and Bryan Landman. Other officials attending included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Jack Doyle expressed to the Council his appreciation for their support and concern as he continues treatment for his knee injury.

**Bid Opening** – The Borough had requested bids to construct a recycling area adjacent to the municipal building, that heavy trucks could use to retrieve receptacles containing materials to be recycled. Four bids were received. (1) Rudzik Excavating, Struthers, Ohio, submitted a bid of \$106,288 for the Recycling Area Reconstruction. (2) Folino Construction, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, submitted a bid of \$130,000. (3) Wright Contracting, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, submitted a bid of \$122,068. (4) CDM Construction, Monaca, Pennsylvania, submitted a bid of \$161,799. All four bidders included bid bonds.

Jim Turnbull and Bryan Landman expressed their feelings that the project was “over-engineered,” that the cost of the project was too high, and that the heavy trucks would not use the area enough to justify the cost. Bill Starn disagreed, said the engineering was appropriate, and said that Council had approved the project, since it was part of the original grant application. After a short discussion, Bill Starn left the meeting. A call was made to Frank Paganie, who verified that the meeting could continue. Bryan Landman moved that Council table any action on the bids, Andy Briggs seconded, and the motion carried.

**Minutes** – Jim Turnbull asked that the minutes from May be changed to say that Jim Turnbull questioned if students are living in the house formerly owned by Dr. Smith and that it is being used as a rental property. The minutes will be changed, and can be approved at the July meeting.

**Police Report** – The May Police Report showed nine calls for service in addition to traffic monitoring. The chief asked if a parking ticket from May 3 had ever been paid. He was told that it had not, and he said he would take it to the magistrate.

**Fire Report** – Chief Medlin’s report indicated 20 calls in May. The Chief also reported that the VFD sold drinks and nachos on movie night.

**Visitors** – No visitors sought recognition.

**Solicitor** – No report, though Mr. Paganie made himself available by phone.

**Code Enforcement** – Citations sent to Neill Connelly, owner of 518 4<sup>th</sup> Street were returned as non-deliverable. The matter will be taken up with the magistrate.

**Correspondence** – No correspondence.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine Galbreath made deposits of \$3,294.59 in May. Nadine will be using new software for both the Borough and school district taxes. The cost to the Borough will be only \$180, and support is included.

**Secretary/Treasurer** – A report of receipts since the May meeting was given to the council members. It was noted that \$20,530.50 has been received in Liquid Fuels funding, which was down from last year. We

were also notified that we would be receiving a total of \$62,487.52 from COVID Relief, an increase of about \$3,000 from the amount we were told originally. The COVID Relief will be split into two equal payments, one this year, and one next.

**Public Safety Committee** – Bryan Landman discussed the water damage done to Darlington Alley by a spring in the alley, as well as downspouts discharging onto the alley. More investigation is warranted. He also mentioned about a boy driving a “go-cart” in the borough, which is dangerous and illegal for a number of reasons. Council and the police will try to get an address for the boy.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Jim Turnbull suggested that the increase in the price of siding materials will make it advisable to change the siding project to use something more economical. Bryan recommended repairs be made to the fire escape on the Municipal Building.

**Streets and Sewers** – Bryan Landman reported that residents are blowing grass onto the streets. He and Jim Turnbull suggested that putting grass onto the roadways should result in fines, not warnings. Council decided that signs should be posted telling residents why and when curbs are going to be painted yellow. Bryan will advise as to the language for the signs and the dates, so they can be printed and laminated.

**Recreation** – The first movie night was a great success, and people who attended reported how much they enjoyed the evening. Congratulations to Laura Trehar and her committee. The next movie night will be on July 10.

**Recycling** – Jim Turnbull asked about collecting Styrofoam (polystyrene), but there does not seem to be a market for the material currently.

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

**Rental Property** – nothing to report.

**New Business** – (1) Council had no objection to Jack Doyle signing for the new truck when it is delivered. (2) The resident at 727 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue has complained about other residents speeding on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The police are aware of the situation. He also wants to construct a fence on or near the corner of his property at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the alley that runs behind his house. He was told he would have to present a survey of his property before a zoning permit would be issued. (3) Council discussed the manhole on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension. A new cover and ring are being constructed. Andy Briggs reported that Carol Wagner told him that her water line was affected by the failure of a 100-year-old valve, and not heavy trucks driving down her street, as originally thought. A long discussion on road bonds concluded with nothing being decided.

**Old Business** – Jim Turnbull reported that he has received a packet of information from Code.sys, and that he would drop it off at the borough office during the week.

**Mayor** – Regis Luger questioned residents putting up signs in the Borough.

**Emergency Management** – Nothing to report.

**Announcements** – None.

Caren Turnbull questioned whether a resident on 7<sup>th</sup> Street had a building permit. The man paid for and received a zoning permit, and the building inspector was scheduled the next day to issue the building permit. Brian Harsh of 400 4<sup>th</sup> Street asked to speak, and requested that Council reconsider painting curbs in the

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borough. Jim Turnbull responded that Council had already discussed the issue, and due to safety considerations, the painting will proceed.

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

**Adjournment** – Bryan Landman motioned for adjournment. Andy Briggs seconded, and the meeting ended at 8:19 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 7pm.

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William Starn, President

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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary