

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Council 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 attending included President Bill Starn, Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, and Andrew Why. Other officials attending included Mayor Regis Luger, 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 July 21 with the correction of changing the Mayor’s name to Regis Luger. Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The June Police Report showed 70 calls for service, including 58 sessions of traffic monitoring. Officer Bathgate explained that the incident listed as “fraud” was for a scam telephone call regarding Workers’ Compensation claims. The police turn over such information to the state for investigation. Jack Doyle thanked the police for providing snow cones to Patterson Heights residents earlier in the month.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin’s report indicated 15 calls in August.

Visitors – Crystal Siget of 428 Ninth Avenue asked for an update on the sump pump and trash of her neighbors at 426 Ninth Avenue. She was told that the trash complaint would continue to be investigated, and her neighbor would be cited as appropriate. She was reminded that she was told to call the Borough Secretary when she saw that water had been discharged onto Ninth Avenue.

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement – Violation notices have been sent for a garage in disrepair on the alley behind 510 Fifth Street, an abandoned car in the alley beside 810 Seventh Street, and for trash on the ground at the same address.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath made deposits of \$1,224.18 in July, leaving \$14,030 yet to be collected.

Secretary/Treasurer – A report of receipts since the July meeting was given to the council members. It included \$1,375 as an insurance refund.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan told Council about an altercation with the resident at 727 Seventh Avenue after Bryan removed boulders from the alley behind the man’s house. The man was charged criminally by the police, and is scheduled to appear at a hearing on September 14. Bryan also related conversations he has had with Patterson Township regarding storm sewer lines running along Eighth Street. Repairs are going to be required, but the Township is not interested in cooperating. Repairs to our portion of the line will require digging in the yard at 727 Seventh Avenue. Bryan was advised by Council to notify the police before starting to dig.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull presented several proposals to the Council. (1) Siding on the building can be replaced with metal siding, plus any necessary accessories by Bryan and Charlie for a total of \$8,000. Andrew Why moved that the Council switch from vinyl to metal siding. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried. (2) There are several ways to construct a new building for protection of the leaf vac and new borough truck. Jim will continue to get more precise measurements, and will prepare drawings for Council for a later date. (3) Jim proposed new locations for the recycling bins, and access roads. Council will consider making changes at a later time. (4) Roger’s Roofing give Jim an estimate of \$12,000 to replace the

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roof. (5) The fire escape needs attention, as it has dropped down several inches, and bolts which attach it to the building have come loose.

Streets and Sewers – We have rented the crack-sealing equipment, and can have it until the work is finished. Weather needs to be dry in order to do this work.

Recycling – Discussed previously.

Recreation – Laura Trehar was unable to be at the meeting, but on her behalf, Jack thanked all those who assisted her in presenting a great Community Day. It was well-attended. Mayor Luger made an excellent presentation to the police and firefighters. The VFD made about \$700 through their food sales. There will be one more movie night, in September, more information will be coming.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Six registrations have been returned; three inspections have been completed.

New Business – Council received information on cyber insurance, discussed the merits, and decided not to do anything at this time. Other items already discussed.

Old Business – All items already discussed.

Mayor – Regis Luger complimented Laura and her team on a great Community Day.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – None.

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

Adjournment – Bryan Landman motioned for adjournment. Andrew Why seconded, and the meeting ended at 8:38 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 7pm.

William Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary