

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice-President Jim Turnbull 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 Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Andy Briggs, Bryan Landman, and Laura Trehar. Other officials attending included 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 August 18. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The August Police Report showed 69 calls for service, including one arrest, for assault. Jim Turnbull asked the Chief why there were so many sessions of traffic monitoring, with so few citations. In addition, he went on to describe small children operating motorized vehicles and going straight through stop signs. After a lengthy discussion on traffic monitoring, the Chief said he would pay particular attention to the intersection at 5th Avenue and 7th Street. Caren Turnbull also mentioned that several vehicles have been noticed facing the wrong direction or parked beside a No Parking sign.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin’s report indicated 20 calls in September.

Visitors – Caren Turnbull contributed during the Police Report.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie advised Council that meeting agendas will now need to be posted on the website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Code Enforcement – We are working on the garage in disrepair at 510 5th Street. The abandoned car in the alley beside 810 7th Street has been moved.

Correspondence – (1) We received our yearly notice that we should be aware of danger if the Moraine Dam fails. (2) New requirements for posting meeting agendas in the Municipal Building and on the website. Mr. Paganie also pointed out that we should add an item to the agenda (after roll call and before approval of the minutes) approving the agenda as advertised. (3) The County Commissioners have hired an accounting firm to assist municipalities with questions about American Rescue Plan funds.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath made deposits of \$2,393.34 in August, leaving \$11,661.60 yet to be collected.

Secretary/Treasurer – A report of receipts since the August meeting was given to the council members.

Jim reminded committee chairs to provide numbers for next year’s budget, having meetings if necessary.

Public Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull told Council that Liberty Roofing priced the siding for the Municipal Building \$1,200 less than Home Depot, so he will order the materials in the next couple of days.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan reported that he has met with representatives of Patterson Township regarding sewer replacement along 8th Street. We are willing to work with them, but they are still researching the problem.

Recreation – The last movie night will be this weekend, September 18, at 8:30.

Recycling – Regarding the grant funds, we are now able to concentrate on the education portion of the grant. We also have the information and photographs ready to send to the State to get reimbursement for the leaf vac and truck. Jim presented alternatives for the location of the recycling boxes, and the possibility of constructing a new road coming off 8th Avenue and leading to the recycling area. He asked council members to decide which configuration would be preferred. Jim also discussed the construction of a shelter for the leaf vac and one of the trucks. He asked that members consider all the options and come back to discuss their preferences.

Budget and Finance – Members should come back with budgetary requests.

Rental Property – Registrations and inspections about halfway completed.

New Business – None.

Old Business – Fines for violations of the International Property Maintenance Code and our ordinances need to be researched.

Council then discussed establishing a schedule for leaf and yard waste pickup.

If we receive a call regarding the resident at 727 7th Avenue, take the information and call Frank.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – No report.

Announcements – Mr. Paganie advised that an agenda can be changed if necessary. Jack announced that he will be on vacation the first week of October.

Fiscal and Contractual – Andy Briggs 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. Laura Trehar seconded, and the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 7pm.

Jim Turnbull, Vice-President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary