

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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 Jan Livingston. Other officials attending included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the agenda for the September meeting. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from September be approved. Andy Briggs seconded, and Council approved. Jim Turnbull asked about a visitor’s question regarding the painting of curbs in the Borough. Mr. Brian Harsh of 400 4th Street asked the question during the June meeting, and was told by Mr. Turnbull that the curbs would be painted according to PennDOT requirements.

Police Report – The October the Police Report showed 92 calls for service, including 4 traffic warnings, and 5 parking citations issued. Trick-or-Treating will be done on October 28, with one police vehicle designated to patrolling Patterson Heights during those hours. Jim Turnbull commended the Chief for the increased police presence.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin’s report indicated 15 calls in October. The fire trucks will be driving through the Borough during Trick-or-Treating hours. Jim Turnbull thanked the VFD for their work on replacing the siding on the Municipal Building.

Visitors – Jim Culler of 815 Fifth Street questioned the painting of curbs near his house. Bryan Landman explained that state law mandates that curbs be painted (indicating no parking) 30 feet in each direction from a stop sign. Mr. Culler referred to Borough Ordinance 72.01 (B), which states that parking regulations shall be established according to the State Motor Vehicle Code “in so far as practicable.” Bryan responded that the phrase refers to the necessity for snow plows, fire trucks, and school buses to be able to move around corners. Mr. Paganie will research the question and report back to Council.

Solicitor – Nothing to report in open session, but had two matters to discuss in Executive Session, with no action to be taken by Council.

Code Enforcement – Situations discussed previously are ongoing.

Correspondence – (1) A quotation from Hadfield Elevator to replace seals on the elevator for \$10,676. Half that amount would be required in advance. Andy Briggs will check with other companies, and asked for a copy of the quote. (2) An application prepared by Widmer for more Covid Relief money administered by the County Commissioners. We are requesting \$800,000 to use for our sewer relining project. It is due by November 1. (3) Information on a proposed daycare center by Amber Sundy on 4th Avenue.

Tax Collector – There were no real estate taxes deposited in October.

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

Public Safety Committee – Bryan urged residents to be careful when driving, because the kids are not.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull said that the siding project cost about \$2600 for the metal siding, and about \$700 for wood. Once again, he and Bryan Landman commended the VFD for their assistance in preparing and installing the new material on the Municipal Building. Bryan then reported on recent vandalism, with fires being lit under the plastic slide, shingles being torn off the pavilion, and obscenities drawn on playground equipment. Unfortunately, the security cameras had been disconnected due to the siding replacement, and a couple of people who had seen the perpetrators did not call the police.

Bryan asked that residents not throw animal waste in the borough trash cans.

Jim presented drawings for an addition to the borough garage for the Council to consider.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan reminds the residents that they should be placing leaves in the street, along the curb, not in their yards.

Recycling – According to Holly Vogt, we need not do anything else to satisfy our part of the Recycling Grant. We will, however, work on the education portion of the grant.

Recreation – No report.

Budget and Finance – Andy is working on next year's budget. He has received information from Laura Trehar regarding the recreation budget. Frank suggested that the budget be ready for approval at the November meeting, so there is time to approve it before the end of the year.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – Bryan Landman suggested getting a survey of Borough property, since one of the neighbors has planted trees on property which is believed to belong to the Borough. Council discussed the expense of having a survey done, and Andy Briggs said he would look into it.

Old Business – All items already discussed.

Mayor – Regis Luger commended everyone who worked on the siding project.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – Elections will be held on November 2. The Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale that day.

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

Adjournment – Bryan Landman motioned for adjournment. Jan Livingston seconded, and the meeting ended at 8:20p.m. The Council then went into executive session. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7pm.

James Turnbull

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary