

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2022**

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 Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Rich Siget, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, and Jan Livingston. Other officials in attendance included 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. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from December 15, 2021, and January 3, 2022, be approved. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved, with Rich Siget abstaining from the vote on the December minutes, as he was not yet a member of Council.

Police Report – The December Police Report showed 7 calls for service, plus 54 sessions of traffic monitoring. One citation was issued to Frank Salvano, Jr., the owner of 608 8th Avenue, for multiple false alarms.

Fire Report – The Fire Company had 26 calls in December. They responded to 212 calls, comprised of 622 man-hours, for all of 2021. Jim Turnbull said that before he creates drawings for the Fire Department building expansion, he needs a plot plan from Widmer, and also needs to know specifications and requirements of the Department. Jason suggested he consult with Bard Hendry. Jack Doyle recommended to the Council that they look at the third page of the report, which included a breakdown of all the fire calls in 2021. He also publicly thanked Jason for his help with the computer in the Borough Office.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie thanked Council for reappointing him and his firm as Solicitor for 2022.

Code Enforcement – A neighbor informed Council about an excessive amount of garbage around the house at 756 7th Avenue. She also informed us that the house is being rented. The owner has been contacted, and told about the requirements for landlords, and also about the trash, which she was aware of. We will proceed with obtaining the proper rental documents, as well as cleanup around the house, citing the responsible parties as necessary.

Correspondence – Correspondence consisted of Christmas cards from T.L. Ferguson and BIU, and an unsigned letter. Council will not consider any letter that is not signed.

Tax Collector – Nadine deposited \$1,803.84 December.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan discussed having difficulty with residents placing leaves in the street after the final leaf pickup date, placing trash cans in the streets, and parking their cars in the street during the times that the roads are being plowed for snow. Council will consider calling snow emergencies during which cars must be parked off the streets as much as possible. They will also consider an ordinance prohibiting such actions, and set amounts for fines when people disregard the ordinance.

Council also discussed whether the old leaf machine should be sold, or modified to clean out catch basins. It was agreed that the modifications would be preferable.

Buildings and Grounds – Hadfield Elevator has ordered the parts needed to fix the elevator, which they will do as soon as the parts arrive. We also need to check with Widmer on doing the survey of Borough property.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan showed Council the signs he had created that we can use to announce leaf pickup days each year.

Recreation – Nothing new to report.

Recycling – Council discussed the difficulty in having Royal Oak Recycling empty their paper retriever. Numerous calls have generated the same response. Drivers have had COVID, trucks have broken down, and parts are difficult to obtain. Jim Turnbull asked about cameras watching the recycling area and the playground. The cameras are working. How to get access to the pictures was the only question, and Jason Medlin said an app needed to be loaded in order to receive the pictures.

Budget and Finance – The 2020 Audit has been completed, submitted, and approved. Caren Turnbull will begin looking for people willing to be appointed as auditors.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) DCNR has sent us information about applying for a grant for playground equipment. Bryan and Laura asked to see the information. (2) We are eligible for up to \$267,000 in matching funds from the American Rescue Plan. (3) Council can appoint new auditors up until the next meeting in February.

Old Business – It was discussed and decided that the water problem in the alley behind the condominiums on Darlington would best be solved by installing a French drain, but the work would have to wait until the weather improves.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Practice will be starting soon to prepare for a nuclear meltdown.

Announcements – Primary elections are scheduled for May 17, but the date may be pushed back depending on the Legislature passing a reapportionment bill.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the December bills be paid, Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved, with Rich Siget abstaining. Bryan Landman moved that the January bills be paid, Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned, Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:15.

William A. Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary