

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 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. A meeting in executive session, regarding litigation, was held before the regular council meeting, but no action was taken.

Attendance -- Council Members attending included Vice-President Jim Turnbull, Rich Siget, Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, Jan Livingston, and Andrew Why. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislowski, Firefighter Charlie West sitting in for Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Andrew Why moved that Council approve the agenda. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from January 19, 2022, be approved. Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved.

Resolution – Resolution 160222-1 appoints Borough residents Raymond Young, Gary Paumen, and D. Peter Burgess to fill the open positions of Elected Auditor. Passage of the resolution was moved by Bryan Landman and seconded by Rich Siget. The resolution was approved by Council, including Caren Turnbull, Vacancy Board Chairperson. Mayor Luger then administered the Oath of Office to Ray Young and Gary Paumen. Peter Burgess was sworn in earlier in the day.

Police Report – The January Police Report showed 11 calls for service, plus 58 traffic monitoring sessions. The Chief commended the borough road crew, Bryan and Charlie, as well as his own officers, for their hard work during the recent snowstorm.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 16 calls in January. The department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000, earmarked for a new radio system.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie asked for a motion to authorize the execution of the agreements for Joint Sewer Users litigation. Andrew Why so moved. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

Code Enforcement – The owner of the property at 756 7th Avenue was contacted, and she sent in a Rental Agreement along with the required fee. Since that time, the trash around the home has been cleaned up. Bryan Landman asked about a house on 4th Street needing some repair and said that he may know a young man who is looking for work for a school project. He was advised to have the man contact the property owner.

Correspondence – No correspondence this month.

Tax Collector – Nadine deposited \$3,387.90 in January, leaving about \$3,500 yet to be collected. The delinquent school taxes have been filed with the County for collection.

Treasurer's Report – A report of revenues since the last council meeting was provided to the Council. One item of note was the payment from Comcast, in the amount of \$11,225.41.

Public Safety Committee – Discussion will occur under Old Business.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull prepared a preliminary drawing of the fire department expansion, but still needs some specs from Bard Hendry as well as a plot plan from Widmer Engineering.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan advised that the fence along the opposite side of 8th Street experienced only minor damage from snow plowing. He also discussed the fact that Patterson Township allowed the fence to be built in our right-of-way.

Recreation – Laura reported that Food Truck Night will be reinstated starting the second Wednesday in May and continuing the second Wednesday each month. Community Day will be August 13. Movie Nights will begin again in June, with June 11 tentatively the first movie.

Recycling – Getting our paper retriever emptied continues to be a problem. We will keep calling Royal Oak to get them to perform.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) Nadine reported that the new tax software will not permit installment payments of Borough taxes, as we have done in the past. She would be able to record such payments manually, but would need Council approval to do so, also to have the individual tax bills printed with the installment payment information. Council decided to have the tax bills printed with information about installment payments, and will pass a resolution allowing such payments in March. (2) A resident has asked for Council's approval to have a block party in August. Part of 8th Avenue will be blocked to traffic, but emergency vehicles will be able to get through should the need arise. Council decided to seek more specific information by asking the resident to attend the meeting next month. Council also considered requiring a permit for block parties. In a related matter Council expressed concern over delivery drivers blocking streets on a regular basis.

Old Business – A letter to the residents is being drafted outlining leaf pickup, trash can placement, and the declarations of snow emergencies.

Mayor – Mayor Luger marked the passing of Dorothy Fatula, who he described as a great lady and a great resident. She and her husband lived on 7th Street for many years, and raised their family there.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – No announcements this month.

Fiscal and Contractual – It was explained that the invoice from the Beaver County Times was not being paid, because they were not able to be reached to discuss a discrepancy. Bryan Landman moved that the January bills be paid, except for the Beaver County Times invoice, Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Ray Young of 923 9th Avenue reported that the alley behind his house is a sheet of ice and very dangerous. Council discussed the situation, concluding that the solution involved salting for the time being, and somehow diverting water from the properties adjoining the alley.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned, Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:13.

William A. Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary