

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 20, 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, and Laura Trehar. 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. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from March 16, 2022, be approved. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The March Police Report showed 88 calls for service, with one traffic citation issued, three traffic warnings issued, and four parking tickets issued.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 18 calls in March. The firefighters also completed three trainings—CPR/AED/First Aid, Stop the Bleed, and NARCAN administration. In response to questions, Jason told the Council that the County provides NARCAN, and there is no AED in the municipal building.

Visitors – (1) Barbara Weinfurther of 619 7th Street asked if anything had been decided about the water running under her yard, and causing holes to develop. Council members have examined the situation with the Borough Engineer, and it was determined that the Borough does not have a right-of-way through Ms. Weinfurther's yard, and has no record of ever installing a pipe. No action was taken.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie had no report, but planned to address issues in Executive Session, after which no action was to be taken.

Code Enforcement – (1) Correspondence has been exchanged with Mr. Villalta at 705 5th Street. Mr. Villalta maintains that the black tube running from his property onto 701 5th Street belongs to his neighbor, Mr. Fosnot. Mr. Fosnot will be so advised. (2) Mrs. Amberson, of 702 4th Street was cited previously for the porch overhang being in need of repair. We are working with the Agency on Aging in hopes of finding a resolution. (3) Bryan Landman mentioned that the fence at 612 7th Avenue is in disrepair, and should be investigated.

Correspondence – Correspondence from Diony Villalta was read and discussed as Code Enforcement. There was also a letter advising Council of a First Responder Appreciation Day on September 18.

Tax Collector – Nadine's deposits since the last meeting are listed on the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Our Liquid Fuels funds in the amount \$20,457.83 have been received. Also, there is a typo in the amount of Real Estate transfer tax. The amount should be \$1,592.01.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman said that children are still not paying attention to traffic on Borough roads, and recommended that residents talk to their neighbors regarding this danger.

Buildings and Grounds – Bryan and Charlie are preparing the wiring on the side of the municipal building for new siding. Jim then acknowledged Firefighter Bard Hendry, who would discuss plans for a new building. The Fire Department is proposing a 40x50-foot building to replace the current garage and shop. The new building will house the fire trucks and provide access on the 8th Avenue side. The current buildings can be used to house the leaf vac and dump trucks. Jim will work with his committee and the Fire Department to have more information for future meetings. Bryan also mentioned that the pavilion roof needs to be replaced.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan Landman discussed possible solutions to the water in Darlington Alley.

Recreation – Laura Trehar reported that the first Food Truck Night will be May 11, with the truck provided by B's Sip of Summer. The first Movie Night will be June 11, with the Ladies' Auxiliary also holding a meatball sub fundraiser the same day.

Recycling – No report.

Budget and Finance – Bill Starn suggested that the Council come up with ways to fund the VFD building project. Jason said he would rely on state funding and grants.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – Agenda items already discussed.

Old Business – Jim Turnbull discussed how the water situation on Darlington Alley has been a problem since the alley was paved, and Council should take responsibility for fixing it.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Announcements – The Primary Election will be held on May 17.

Fiscal and Contractual – We have instituted a system of having one Council member examine monthly invoices and bank statements. Bryan Landman moved that bills be paid or ratified as presented. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Adjournment – Prior to adjournment Bryan made a statement that he was responsible for working on Darlington Alley, and was not directed to do so. Jim Turnbull moved that the meeting be adjourned, Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:10.

William A. Starn, President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary