

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2022**

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 Rich Siget, Bryan Landman, Andrew Why, Jan Livingston, and Laura Trehar. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Assistant Police Chief Nick Bathgate, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

**Agenda** – Bryan Landman moved that Council approve the agenda. Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved.

**Minutes** – Following some discussion clarifying the nature and scope of the new Fire Department building, Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from April 20, 2022, be approved. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

**Police Report** – The April Police Report showed 70 calls for service, with two traffic citations and two traffic warnings issued. Rich Siget asked for clarification on the one case of reckless driving, and Nick said he could investigate.

**Fire Report** – The Fire Company responded to 18 calls in April. Jason completed the National Registry Emergency Medical Responder Certification. Bard Hendry and Rob Wilson will be testing for their pro-board Firefighter 1 Certifications later in the week.

**Visitors** – (1) Ray Young of 403 Ninth Avenue asked if the Borough would repair the section of Darlington Alley that runs behind his house. Bryan Landman explained that the problem is twofold. First, there is a spring that comes up through the alley, which needs a sump system to divert the water into the storm sewer. Secondly, there are residents further up the alley whose downspouts empty onto the alley. They will need to be contacted about creating a solution that keeps the water off the roadway.

(2) Jason Allison of 710 Ninth Avenue asked about the situation on Darlington Alley between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Alley. He asked about his tree leaning and having its roots exposed due to attempts to solve the water problems with the backhoe. Bryan explained that the tree has been leaning for a long time, and the roots are now partially exposed due to the excessive amounts of water in the area of the alley. Jim asked Mr. Paganie about trees and shrubs in the borough that are encroaching into our right-of-way, and who is responsible for maintaining them so they do not cause damage to the streets and curbs. Jim said he watched Bryan dressing the alley, and could see that the tree roots are in the borough right-of-way. Frank said that he would have to examine the situation, but if part of the tree is in the right-of way, the borough would be able to take whatever action was necessary.

(3) Erin Zinkham of 5 South Old Oak Drive in Patterson Township said she will be opening a sourdough bread cottage bakery out of her garage. She asked for Council's permission to hold monthly bake sales in the park. She was asked to put her plans in writing, and submit it for council approval.

(4) Helena Fields of 723 5<sup>th</sup> Street told Council of a "bully" in the neighborhood, who is threatening other children, shooting a "jelly gun" at small children, and damaging borough property such as the picnic table and pavilion. She asked if the boy could be banned from the Heights, as he does not live here, and pays no attention when reprimanded. She has called the police, but not gotten the action needed to make the boy stop. The boy is known to several council members, and his information was given to Chief Bathgate.

**Recycling** – Rich Siget said he would call RO Recycling to have them empty the paper retriever.

**Budget and Finance** – No report.

**Rental Property** – Nothing new to report.

**New Business** – No new business.

**Old Business** – 140 people voted in person in the May 17 primary, 90 Republicans and 50 Democrats. 37 mail-in ballots were received. The turnout was at 30%

Jim Turnbull reiterated that zoning permits should not be issued unless side and rear yard distances are maintained. Andrew Why asked about the legality of POD's.

**Mayor** – No report.

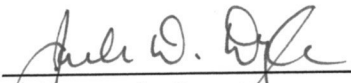
**COG** – No report.

**Emergency Management** – The nuclear meltdown drill dress rehearsal will be on May 27. The actual drill will be June 7.

**Announcements** – None.

**Fiscal and Contractual** – Bryan Landman moved that bills be paid or ratified as presented. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

**Adjournment** – Andrew Why moved that the meeting be adjourned, Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:16.

  
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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary

  
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James Turnbull, Vice-President