

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 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 Jim Turnbull, Bryan Landman, and Laura Trehar. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief Dave Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Laura Trehar moved that the Agenda be amended. Bryan Landman seconded, and the Council approved. Laura Trehar moved that Council go into Executive Session. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved. The Executive Session started at 7:02 p.m.

Executive Session – Council went into an executive session at 7:02 and returned at 7:17.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from June June 15, 2022, be approved. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The June Police Report showed 68 calls for service, including 4 arrests, 3 for simple trespass, and one for criminal mischief. In response to a question from Mayor Luger, Chief Stanislawski explained that the vandalism on the playground had been taken care of.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 16 calls in June. Jason announced that Bard Hendry successfully completed his testing and received his Firefighter 1 designation.

Visitors – Barbara Weinfurther of 619 7th Street introduced her attorney, Philip Colavincenzo, who had written a letter to the Council asking that they look into the drain pipe that was placed in her yard under the direction of the Borough Engineer in 2004. Mr. Paganie told him that he would consult with the current Engineer about the situation.

Solicitor – Mr. Paganie had no report this month.

Code Enforcement – BIU has been contacted, and asked to cite the homeowners at 608 8th Avenue (hanging gutters), 702 4th Street (rotted header over front porch), and 518 4th Street (excessive vegetation and a hole in the roof).

Correspondence – A letter of apology from the juvenile who damaged the pavilion in the park. The letter came with a check for \$350 to cover a portion of the repair. Bryan Landman moved that the juvenile be allowed back into the Borough and the Park, Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that \$5,863.45 was deposited in June. There is still more than \$19,000 still to collect of the 2022 Borough taxes.

Treasurer's Report – Revenues were normal, and the Borough paid a \$3,000 donation to the VFD.

Public Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull reported that work was about to continue on the residing of the entrance-side of the Borough Building, hopefully to be completed by Community Day.

Bard Hendry submitted a proposal for a new community building which would incorporate the fire department's needs as well as a meeting room and borough office. The elevator would then no longer be a concern. After some discussion, Council was in agreement that the community aspect of the new building would be desirable. Much more preliminary work will be required, and a committee will be created to continue with the planning. The committee will include Bard Hendry, Jason Medlin, Jim Turnbull, Regis Luger, and Bryan Landman.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan discussed work that is still needed on Darlington Alley and Central Alley, and that we need to wait for PennDOT to complete their work.

Recreation – Laura Trehar presented a report from our insurance representative regarding our playground equipment. The report was not as comprehensive as she would have liked, but he pointed out what items needed to be repaired. Community Day will be August 13. The next Food Truck Night will be August 10.

Recycling – No report.

Budget and Finance – No report.

Rental Property – We have discussed the procedure for rental inspections with BIU, and just need to send out letters to the landlords.

New Business – Jack recommended switching all bank accounts to First National Bank. Bryan Landman moved that we transfer all six accounts, General, Earned Income, Liquid Fuels, American Rescue Plan, Capital Improvement, and Sanitary Sewer, as soon as practical. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion was approved.

Insurance coverage will be renewed at roughly the same premium as last year. We will check on cyber coverage and try to get an exact premium.

Old Business – Already discussed, except that four of the eight new cameras have been installed.

Mayor – Mayor Luger commended the Fire Department for assisting residents and pumping out basements during major rain events. Bryan reported that more sewage is coming into our lines from Patterson Township than we realized.

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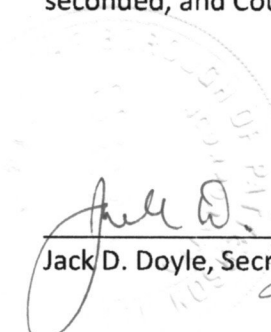
COG – No report.

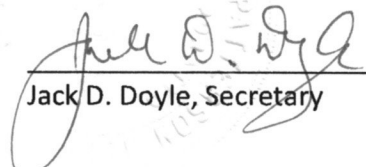
Emergency Management – No report.

Announcements – None.


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

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 8:15 p.m.





Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



Bill Starn, President