

The regular 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, Bryan Landman, and Laura Trehar. Other officials in attendance included Police Chief David Stanislawski, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the Agenda was approved.

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

Police Report – The September Police Report showed 51 calls for service, including one burglar alarm, and one runaway juvenile. Report on file.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 10 calls in November. Report on file.

Visitors – (1) Melissa Steel, 721 5th Street, 724-462-4494. Ms. Steel made several points. 1. Her daughter is not rude. 2. She feels she is being harassed by the Council, because she was asked to submit a Right-to-Know request, which is standard when someone has threatened legal action. 3. She questioned why the Council had sought legal advice, and paid the Solicitor for it, without knowing that it is standard for the Solicitor to review all RTK requests. 4. She said she thought the Borough was out of compliance with its RTK response, because the requests said they had to be emailed. The requests actually said she preferred email responses, but did not mandate them. She stated that the responses were due her by December 19, when actually they were due on December 25. 5. She said that she could not trust anything council members had to say, because she had been lied to. 6. She said that nobody has any knowledge or experience with roads or engineering. 7. She said that the Fire Department bought a truck that was too big to navigate the streets of Patterson Heights. 8. She discussed how Bryan Landman's wage rate was public knowledge, and that we have too many public works employees for the size of the Borough. Ms. Steel continued to rehash the same arguments, and made threats against the council members, until President Starn asked Chief Stanislawski to remove her and Mr. Steel from the meeting room, which he did.

(2) Caren Turnbull, 613 5th Avenue, 724-544-5506. Mrs. Turnbull commended the Fire Department on the success of the Christmas Parade. She particularly mentioned the float and all the decorated cars.

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – Nothing new to report.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that no new monies were deposited in November, so we have \$8,903.74 still to be collected. Report on file.

Treasurer's Report – A report of revenue since the last meeting was submitted. Interest is up to nearly \$1,400/month. A few months ago, Council discussed changing banks, but the money market accounts at Premier are paying so well, that we should put any move on hold. Report on file.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman thanked the Fire Department for their great job with Santa Claus, and the police for their help, as well.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Turnbull moved that we approve a contract with Nick Engle for \$6,000 for architectural work on the new firehouse and municipal building. Laura Trehar seconded. A second contract for the heating, ventilation, and electrical will be forthcoming. The motion to approve the contract carried.

Streets and Sewers – Nothing to report, except that on their first night salting, the truck had trouble getting through the intersections for all the cars parked in the street.

Recreation – Nothing to report.

Recycling – No report.

Budget and Finance – Laura Trehar moved that the proposed budget be approved. Jim Turnbull seconded. The 2023 budget was approved. Budget on file.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) Bryan Landman moved that Council approve Resolution 22-12-1, keeping the Borough tax rate the same for 2023 at 24 mills. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved. (2) Jim Turnbull moved that Council approve Resolution 22-12-2, allowing for the collection of installment payments for borough taxes. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved. (3) Jim Turnbull moved that Council approve the advertising of meeting dates for 2023. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved.

Old Business – Nothing to discuss.

Mayor – No report.

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. Report on file.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be January 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Bill Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary