

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, Laura Trehar, Jan Livingston, Rich Siget, and Andrew Why. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

President Bill Starn announced that an executive session was held on February 9 to discuss legal matters. No action was taken.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Andrew Why seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from January 18, 2023 approved. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The September Police Report showed 72 calls for service. There were two traffic citations issued, and one traffic warning. Report on file.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 12 calls in January. The Department received two grants, totaling \$15,035. The first grant was from the Gary Sinese Foundation, and used to purchase a thermal imaging camera. The second grant was from the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services, and was used to pay off the balance of the loan on firetruck E33. Two more cameras were installed, bringing the total to 6, with two more planned. The VFD is conducting an AED/CPR/First-Aid class on March 25, at 8:30. In response to a question, Jason explained that the camera provides heat signatures, valuable in a fire, or when looking for a missing person. Report on file.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – Jay Narad, owner of 605 7th Avenue, has made arrangements to take down his dead pine trees, probably within the next week. Three letters went out from BIU to residents on 7th Avenue who do not have house numbers displayed, as required by ordinance.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence in addition to the letters already mentioned.

Tax Collector – Nadine Galbreath reported that no new tax money was deposited after January 10, and the balance owed is still \$5,356.97. People have until March 31 to pay before the taxes are turned over to the County for collection. Borough taxes will be sent out March 1. Report on file.

Treasurer's Report – A report of revenue since the last meeting was submitted. Interest is up to nearly \$1,700/month. We received \$7,600 in interest in 2022, which was about \$7,000 more than the year before. We received our franchise fee from Comcast, almost \$11,000.

It was pointed out that the minutes posted on the website do not include verbatim presentations or discussions. Minutes are meant to be a summary. Also, the official means of communication in the Borough is the website, www.patterson-hgts.com. We do not use Nextdoor, because it contains too much extraneous material. People can also sign up to receive information through the 911 center. Information can be obtained on the County site or our website. Finally, the meeting agenda is published each month on the website, and also posted in the meeting room.

In response to a question, it was explained that we earn interest on all but one of our accounts, as they are money market accounts.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan Landman stressed the importance of signing up for Swift 911, the county notification system. They notify residents of problems of all types, including evacuations, tornadoes, derailments.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing.

Streets and Sewers – Bryan reported on the water line replacement on 5th Avenue. BFMA will have Youngblood Paving come in after they are finished to restore the roadway up to the center line. Bryan will ask Youngblood at that time to give us a price to do from curb to curb.

Recreation – Nothing to report.

Recycling – Royal Oak has emptied the paper retriever.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) Council members will be notified whenever anyone applies for and is issued a Solicitation Permit. If they have not received a notification, the solicitor does not have a valid permit. (2) Bryan Landman moved that Council approve settlement of Docket 2023-10065. Rich Siget seconded, and the motion was approved.

Old Business – (1) After some discussion Andrew Why moved that the Borough reappoint Widmer Engineering as Borough Engineer. Bryan Landman seconded, and the motion carried. Bryan intends to sit down with Widmer to advise him of past dealings which were

unsatisfactory. (2) Jim Turnbull reported that a draftsman is updating drawings for the proposed fire station to fit the location.

Mayor – Regis Luger thanked Jim Turnbull for his work on the committee dealing with the proposed new building.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Bryan commented on the abundance of misinformation on social media regarding the East Palestine train derailment.

Announcements – None.

Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the 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. Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved, with the meeting ending at 7:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be March 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Bill Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary