

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, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Agenda – Bryan Landman moved that the Agenda be approved, Rich Siget seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Resolution – A resolution recognizing and honoring Mr. Willard Harsh on the occasion of his 100th birthday. A motion to approve was offered by Bryan Landman, seconded by Jim Turnbull, and Council approved.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from September 20, 2023 be approved. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The September Police Report showed 57 calls for service, including two arrests for trespassing, loitering and prowling. Trick-or-Treating will be from 6 to 8 pm on October 31.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to seven calls in September. Both trucks passed their pump tests. The firemen will be out riding through the Borough on Halloween.

Visitors – (1) Donna Ceriani of 722 7th Avenue thanked the Council for the informational meeting regarding borough addresses held on October 11. She also explained that she found out that her own phone was shown as being in Beaver Falls, due to her using VOIP (Vonage) service. The situation has been corrected at the 911 Center.

(2) Brian Harsh of 400 4th Street asked about the renumbering of houses, and was told it would be discussed later in the meeting. He said he was against the renumbering, and that people should be able to tell the 911 operator that they are in Patterson Heights.

(3) Jim Culler of 815 5th Street asked that the alleys be plowed more frequently this year now that more people have to park in the alleys due to parking restrictions on the streets.

(4) Jim Ciganik of 516 4th Street asked about progress in citing his next door neighbor for the appearance of his property at 518 4th Street. It was explained that the magistrate's office sent the citation to the wrong address. Now that it has been sent to the correct address, they need to wait till they receive a plea before further action can be taken.

(5) Mike Brown of 734 6th Avenue complained about people driving too fast past his house and not obeying stop signs. He was advised to get a license number and give it to the police so they can follow up.

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – The house at 518 4th Street was discussed previously. The green bag of construction trash on Darlington Road has been removed. The fence in disrepair at 510 8th Avenue has been taken down. The pine tree at 410 7th Avenue is scheduled to be taken down in the next two weeks. Jim Turnbull asked about piles of brush and compost creating a nuisance.

Correspondence – (1) A letter from the DEP informing Patterson Heights that we have been granted an MS4 waiver for another five years.

(2) An announcement of the opening of the new Education Discovery Center in Brady's Run Park.

(3) An announcement of a Trunk or Treat event in North Sewickley.

(4) A letter from the County Commissioners regarding money available through the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$267,000 to be used for infrastructure improvement.

(5) A proposal from Plunkett's Pest Control for skunk removal. After a period of discussion, Bryan Landman moved that we engage the company to set traps to remove skunks from the Borough. Rich Siget seconded, and the motion carried.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported deposits of \$534 in September, leaving \$12,442.84 still due. People paying their borough tax in installments owe their final payment by October 31. The second installment payment is also due for the school tax, and regular school tax payments are also due by October 31. Laura Trehar reported that she discovered that Per Capita tax does not have to be paid until a person reaches the age of 21.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts, with nothing unusual.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan reported that the cameras on the pavilion had been tampered with, and needed to be re-aimed. Chief Stanislawski told the Council that photos of the persons who vandalized the playground on July 4 were sent to the Blackhawk and Beaver Falls administrators, but they could not identify them. There was discussion on placing signs in the playground prohibiting vandalism, but no action was taken.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim reported that he is waiting to meet with Nick Engle on the feasibility study. Bryan informed the Council that he had removed the damaged slide from the playground.

Streets and Sewers – Jim asked about repairs to 8th Avenue between 4th Street and Ross Hill. The bid received from Youngblood Paving was for \$58,000. We hope to split the cost with Patterson Township, but they have to wait to put it in their budget for 2024.

Recreation – Nothing to report.

Recycling – Both the paper and cardboard retrievers continue to be emptied on a regular basis. Jim brought up the fact that many residents are still putting their cardboard out for the trash instead of recycling it. He said that people are not being informed, although there is a great deal of information on the website. Beaver County Waste Management will be contacted about providing educational literature.

Budget and Finance – Work on the 2024 budget needs to start, so it can be reviewed at the next meeting.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) Bryan moved that Council approve the Fee Agreement of the Bond Counsel pursuant to the Legal Services Fee Agreement for the Borough's USDA Sanitary Sewer System and Storm Sewer System Improvement Project. Jim seconded, and Council approved. Bryan moved that Council approve the Fee Agreement of the Borough Solicitor pursuant to the Legal Services Fee Agreement for the Borough's USDA Sanitary Sewer System and Storm Sewer System Improvement Project. Jim seconded, and Council approved.

(2) Animal control already discussed.

Old Business – (1) The Council discussed the benefits and problems associated with changing addresses in the Borough. Bryan Landman moved that the names of all the roadways in the Borough be changed. A roll call vote was requested. Landman – yes; Trehar – yes; Siget – no; Starn – yes; Turnbull – yes; The motion carried by a four to one vote.

(2) Council discussed and decided to get the borough's storm sewer lines cleaned. Bryan moved that Tri-State Maintenance be hired to jet and camera where necessary all the storm sewers in the Borough. Jim Turnbull seconded, and the motion carried.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

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

Announcements – (1) A meatball hoagie sale conducted by the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held on October 30. Orders must be in by October 23. (2) Trick-or-Treat will be on October 31 from 6 to 8pm. (3) Election Day is on November 7.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be November 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 18, 2023**

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary