

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

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 Bryan Landman, Laura Trehar, Andrew Why, and Jan Livingston. 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, Jan Livingston seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

It was announced that Council held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss legal and labor issues. No action was taken.

Minutes – Andrew Why moved that the minutes from November 15, 2023 be approved. Bryan Landman seconded, and Council approved.

Police Report – The November Police Report showed 40 calls for service. The Chief commended the Fire Department on their cooperation.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 16 calls in November. Chief Medlin was thanked for the Santa Claus drive through the Borough earlier in the month.

Visitors – Nobody sought recognition.

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Connelly at 518 4th Street has been getting daily citations, and Council was in favor of continuing. Two couches that were sitting in alleys have been removed, in addition to a possible abandoned car.

Correspondence – A letter from the Secretary of Transportation announcing a state police payment of \$152.94

Council also received Christmas cards from Duquesne Light, T&L Ferguson, Premier Bank, and Building Inspection Underwriters.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported deposits of \$1,734.36 in November.

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

Public Safety Committee – Bryan reported that the Fire Department is going to be providing QRS services, which provide quick response in medical emergencies. They will need to have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and a “medical bag” with equipment needed in

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emergencies. Council decided to bear the cost of these items, since they will be of great benefit to the community. Bryan Landman moved that Council purchase these items, with a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved. Jason agreed to order the equipment.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report.

Streets and Sewers – Interstate is continuing to “camera” our sewers. There’s no new information on Ross Hill. Bryan reported that cracking of the pavement throughout the Borough is getting bad this year.

Recreation – Nothing to report.

Recycling – R.O. Recycling is down a driver, so the paper retriever has not been emptied recently. Council discussed the fact that Aiken Refuse is causing damage to our roadways and alleys, and discussed a renewed interest in going to a single-hauler system.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) Frank provided a sample ordinance regarding renumbering of houses and renaming of streets for Council to consider.

(2) Approval of the Bulk Services agreement between Aqua and the Borough. The agreement approves the sale of the wastewater treatment plant and all accessory piping, etc. It also lays out the sewage rates for the next three years, and specifies where the connection points are between the Borough, Patterson Township, and Beaver Falls. Bryan Landman moved for approval, Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved.

(3) Approval of the Final Settlement Agreement between the Borough, Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., The City of Beaver Falls, West Mayfield Borough, Patterson Township, and White Township. This ends all legal action taken previously. Bryan thanked Frank and his legal team for the work they provided on this project. Frank went on to explain that the Borough’s share of the sale would be about \$225,000, and Aqua agreed to purchase the necessary flowmeters, and to maintain them. Bill reported that the flowmeters cost in the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000 apiece. He also explained how our legal team drastically reduced their fee, since our share turned out to be less than expected. Bryan Landman moved for approval, Andrew Why seconded, and Council approved.

(4) Pay increases for borough employees as discussed in executive session. All will be effective January, 2024. (A) For Bryan Landman an increase to \$27.72/hour, moved by Andrew Why, seconded by Laura Trehar, by rollcall vote, Landman abstain, Trehar aye, Livingston aye, Starn aye, Why aye. The motion carried. (B) For Charlie West an increase to \$17.50/hour, moved by Laura Trehar, seconded by Andrew Why, by rollcall vote, Landman aye, Trehar aye, Livingston aye, Starn aye, Why aye. The motion carried. (C) For Jack Doyle an increase to

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\$17.50/hour, moved by Andrew Why, seconded by Jan Livingston, by rollcall vote, Landman aye, Trehar aye, Livingston aye, Starn aye, Why aye. The motion carried.

(5) Approval of the 2024 Budget as advertised in the Beaver County Times on December 1, in the amount of \$453,236. Approval was moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Laura Trehar, and Council approved.

(6) Approval of Ordinance 285, setting the tax rate for 2024 at 3.1755 mills. Passage was moved by Bryan Landman and seconded by Andrew Why. Council approved.

(7) Approval of Resolution 23-12-1, allowing Nadine to accept tax payments made in installments in 2024. Motion made by Bryan Landman, seconded by Jan Livingston, and approved by Council.

(8) Approval to advertise 2024 meeting dates on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7 pm in the Municipal Building. So moved by Bryan Landman, seconded by Laura Trehar, and approved by Council.

Old Business – (1) Bryan has been unable to have anybody quote on a new salt spreader, so discussion was tabled.

(2) Discussion of the feasibility study was postponed to January.

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing has changed in the Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Announcements – A Reorganization Meeting will be held at 7pm on January 2. Magistrate Dirk Goodwald will attend to administer oaths of office.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Laura Trehar seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be January 17, 2024, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary