

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2024**

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, David Lee, and Jim Turnbull. Rich Siget arrived after the meeting started. 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, David Lee seconded, and the Council approved the Agenda.

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from December 20, 2023 be approved. Jim Turnbull seconded. Council approved, with David Lee abstaining. Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from January 2, 2024 be approved, with a change that Jim Turnbull be added to the list of attendees. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Visitors – Nobody sought recognition.

Appointment of Borough Auditors – Frank Paganie explained the process of appointing Borough Auditors, after which Jim Turnbull moved the passage of Resolution 24-1-1. The resolution appointed Raymond Young, Trevor Dolan, and Eric Trehar for two year terms. Bryan Landman seconded, and the resolution was approved.

Police Report – The December Police Report showed 41 calls for service. Jim Turnbull told the Chief about a large black vehicle that has been parked in a no-parking zone on 7th Street about a block down from Darlington Road, and recommended ticketing of the vehicle, plus any others parked illegally, as snow plowing would probably begin soon.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 15 calls in December. Chief Medlin went on to explain that the State of Pennsylvania makes no requirements of fire companies for training, but the Patterson Heights VFD makes the effort to get their firefighters trained to the Essentials level, which calls for 180 hours of training, and is recognized by the State. They go a step further, and provide professional level certification, which is recognized nationally. Our Fire Department has reached the Bronze level of Pro Board Certification, requiring that 50% of the firefighters have completed this level of training. Jason then made a presentation to the Borough of a beautiful framed recognition of this award. Very few area departments have achieved this level, the VFD was very proud to have received it, and the Borough is very proud of them for going the extra mile to earn it.

Solicitor – No report.

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Code Enforcement – Mr. Connelly at 518 4th Street has entered a plea of “not guilty” in his case, and a summary trial has been scheduled for February 7. BIU will be notified so they can represent the Borough at the trial. Violation notices have also been sent to the Nixon residence at 612 7th Avenue, the Steel residence at 721 5th Street, the Villalta residence at 705 5th Street, the Amberson residence at 702 4th Street, and the Mangano residence at 710 4th Street.

Bryan Landman reported that a large truck has been parking on 5th Street in the 400 block, and the owner, Miller Pipe, should be contacted about the violation.

Correspondence – A letter from PSAB informing us that we will be receiving a plaque from them in recognition of our 125th Anniversary.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported deposits of \$1,418.76 in December.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts, with a check from the Beaver Valley Golf Club for \$4,406.05.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan reported that the \$1,000 approved in December for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and medical bag was only about half of what would be needed. He moved that Council approve \$2,000 for the purchase of a new AED and medical bag. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

Buildings and Grounds – Some of the council members had just received the estimates from Nick Engle for rehabilitating the existing borough facilities. It was decided to give them time to look through it and consider the work and the costs. The proposal did not include the cost of a new firehouse. Bill Starn pointed out that it appeared that just fixing up what we have might not be cost effective.

Streets and Sewers – Tri-State is continuing to video our sewers. They have completed the storm sewers and need to have some catch basin grates removed. They will provide reports when they are finished.

Recreation – Nothing to report.

Recycling – The paper retriever was emptied last week. Brunner continues to do a good job with the cardboard.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) Pennsylvania’s new Fertilizer Law will probably require that we crack down on people placing grass in the streets.

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(2) Council members received a form asking for correct contact information. Frank noted that members should have a distinct email address for Borough business.

(3) Statement of Financial Interests were distributed to the Council Members. They are supposed to be turned back in by May 1, and they also have the option to complete the form online.

(4) PSAB offers a “Boot Camp,” training for new council members. The cost is \$125. Bryan moved that the Borough pay for anyone wanting to attend. Jim seconded, and the motion carried.

(5) Council discussed possibly going to a “one haul” garbage pickup, in order to limit the number of heavy trucks traveling through the Borough. They also discussed having companies who run through the Borough provide road bonds for any damage they cause.

Bryan then mentioned his difficulty in getting roads repaired by Columbia Gas. Cristin Milne of Patterson Township, who was in the audience, provided some information on how they deal with Columbia Gas regarding one-calls and road openings, and Council will look into doing much the same.

Old Business – (1) It was decided to give Council more time to consider the issue of changing addresses.

(2) Bryan related how he has had great difficulty in getting any cooperation from suppliers in obtaining quotes for a new salt spreader for the truck. He will keep trying.

(3) Discussion on the recycling bins revolved around people dropping off cardboard beside the bin if it appears full, and people putting cardboard in the paper bin, causing it to fill up prematurely.

Mayor – No report.

COG – No report.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

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

Announcements – None,

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be February 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary