

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 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 Jim Turnbull, Bryan Landman, Ryan Errett, Rich Siget, and Andrew Why. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief David Stanislowski, 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.

**Minutes** – Rich Siget moved that the minutes from February 21, 2024 be approved. Ryan Errett seconded. Secretary Jack Doyle related that he took an emergency phone call near the end of the February meeting, and did not hear much after the Old Business was discussed. Members of Council gave a synopsis of what took place, and the February minutes will be corrected accordingly. Council approved.

**Visitors** – Roman Kozak is running for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and gave a brief synopsis of his background and ideas.

**Police Report** – The February Police Report showed 58 calls for service. Jim Turnbull asked about placing stop signs where 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extension and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Extension connect to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Caren Turnbull commended the police for working to get violators on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Fire Report** – The Fire Company responded to 19 calls in February. The Fire Department has received grants for 2 AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) at a price of \$1200.

**Solicitor** – (1) Frank said that the assessment appeal by the Beaver Valley Golf Club has been settled, resulting in no loss of tax revenue to the Borough. (2) Frank related a discussion including himself, Bill, Jack, and the Beaver County Solicitor regarding funds available to the Borough through the American Rescue Plan. The Borough was awarded \$267,000, and though we were originally told by the Commissioners that we had until the end of 2024 to have the work scheduled, and the work completed by the end of 2026, the County was now saying that the work had to be completed, and receipts submitted for reimbursement by October 31 of 2024. The Borough will be responsible for 20% of the total cost. Widmer Engineering said they could have a bid package ready quickly to slip line the sanitary rather than the storm sewers, and Council approved a motion to have Widmer proceed. Jim Turnbull made the motion, and Bryan Landman seconded. Preliminary work, like engineering and "video-ing" the existing sewers is also eligible for reimbursement.

**Code Enforcement** – One new citation has been issued, to Lynn Macmurdo at 716 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Neill Connelly of 518 4<sup>th</sup> Street has had a landscaping working to clean up his property.

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**Correspondence** – The only item of correspondence was a new franchise agreement from Comcast. Frank will take it to review and compare to previous agreements.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine reported no receipts or deposits in February. The end of March will mark the end of the 2023 collection period. After that date delinquencies will be turned over to the County for collection. Nadine also commended Frank Paganie for his work on the reassessment of the Beaver County Golf Club.

**Treasurer's Report** – There is nothing unusual on the Treasurer's report.

**Public Safety Committee** – Bryan said that children are playing on the new wall, climbing over the fence, and climbing onto the dumpsters while parents are sitting near them and not doing anything. It was agreed to get some signs warning of the danger, in the hope that adults will read them and take proper action.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Nothing new to report.

**Streets and Sewers** – It is still undetermined whether the Borough owns all of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Ross Hill and 4<sup>th</sup> Street or it is split with the Township. Frank is still researching.

**Recreation** – Gretchen D'Atri reported that the Community Day Committee has decided that the celebration will be held August 9-11. The group is still brainstorming as to the particular events.

**Recycling** – R.O. Recycling has been better about keeping the paper retriever emptied, but they have to be called for a pickup each time the box is full. Brunner empties the cardboard box every Thursday. Bryan has put a new lock on the cardboard box to keep people from throwing in pieces that are not broken down. Now, however, if the box is full, some people are placing their cardboard beside the box, when the truck driver is not going to pick it up.

**Budget and Finance** – Nothing to report.

**Rental Property** – Nothing new to report.

**New Business** – (1) Jim Turnbull brought up the matter of stop signs on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extensions. After a period of discussion, it was decided to hold off on any action until next month, after Regis could speak with some of the residents on 7<sup>th</sup>. (2) Council decided that a letter should be sent to the City of Beaver Falls asking about their plans for repairs to Ross Hill.

**Old Business** – (1) Gretchen asked about getting sponsorships for our Community Day celebration. It was agreed that any funds raised would be kept separate, and could roll over from year to year.

(2) It was decided to take up the Nuisance Ordinance next month, after council members had a chance to look at the current ordinance and suggest any additions.

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(3) Council decided to have a letter sent to Aiken Refuse asking them to comply with the Borough's ordinances regarding trash hauling.

(4) Bryan and some of the firefighters visited the Pine Run Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of examining their new building. They were impressed with the facilities installed, and got some good ideas to incorporate into a building for Patterson Heights.

**Mayor** – Mayor Luger noted the passing of Mr. Willard Harsh, who had just turned 100 years old in November. He was a great citizen, a great resident, and has many descendants still living in Patterson Heights.

**COG** – COG elected new officers, and discussed the 250-year anniversary of the Declaration of Independence coming in 2026.

**Emergency Management** – Bryan told of new certifications which were now necessary. Bill told all council members that they should visit the Emergency Center in Ambridge to get ID's.

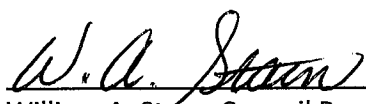
**Fiscal and Contractual** – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

**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 April 17, 2024, at 7 p.m.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William A. Starn, Council President