

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 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 Jim Turnbull, Bryan Landman, Ryan Errett, Rich Siget, and David Lee. Other officials in attendance included Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

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

Minutes – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from March 20, 2024 be approved. Ryan Errett seconded, and Council approved.

Visitors – No visitors sought recognition.

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski was unable to be at the meeting, but he did submit a report for the Council members. The March Police Report showed 46 calls for service, including 36 sessions of traffic monitoring.

Fire Report – The Fire Company responded to 7 calls in April.

Solicitor – (1) Frank Paganie explained that the Rimoldis of 78 Darlington road had reached an agreement with the Fatulas that the Rimoldis would receive 10 feet of what had been the Fatulas' back yard. He will have paperwork ready for the May meeting, so that Council can approve.

(2) Frank said that Council should approve Resolution 24-4-2, approving a new franchise agreement with Comcast. Bryan moved for the passage of the Resolution, Ryan seconded, and Council approved.

(3) Frank provided the Council members with a packet of information which showed that the entirety of 8th Avenue between 4th Street and Ross Hill most likely belongs to the Borough, and not to the Township. The members will have time to review the information, and may discuss at the next meeting.

Community Day – Lindsey Beegle related that she, Gretchen D'Atri, and Helena Fields have been working on ideas for Community Day. They have been discussing ideas intended to get the kids involved earlier in the day, like having a three-on-three basketball tournament and a bike parade, and having a yoga session in the morning. They are also considering a home and garden tour on Sunday. Council also discussed the proper way to handle funds raised or donated for Community Day, and will discuss in more detail later.

Code Enforcement – We are able to go online to see the progress of the Magistrate's office on bringing cases to hearings or trials, and all current cases have been scheduled except one that was most recently filed. It was noted that the fence at Mr. Villalta's yard has collapsed, making his swimming pool enclosed. Council asked that BIU be contacted.

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Correspondence – There were two letters sent to Aiken Refuse and the City of Beaver Falls. Aiken said they would stop picking up trash in the alleys. Beaver Falls' letter dealt with the closure of Ross Hill, which has now been reopened.

Tax Collector – Nadine reported That \$24,590.16 had been deposited in March. She figured there would be greater deposits during the last two weeks of April, as mortgage companies worked to beat the discount deadline.

Treasurer's Report – There is nothing unusual in the Treasurer's report submitted to Council.

Public Safety Committee – Bryan said that he had repaired as best he could some of the playground equipment, but keeping it safe and usable is getting more difficult. Council discussed options about upgrading the playground.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing new to report.

Streets and Sewers – Nothing has been heard from Widmer regarding a bid package for the sewer relining.

Recreation – Bill asked that Ryan be added to the Recreation Committee.

Recycling – Joseph Brunner has said he could supply and service a second cardboard retriever for an additional \$90/month. Bill discussed a program promoted by the COG wherein a company will come in and take electronic scrap. The community could then charge the people disposing of the items as a fund raiser.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – (1) We need a resolution and contract signed with the county before we can begin submitting invoices for reimbursement from the American Rescue Plan. The resolution has already been signed, and Frank will look over the contract.

Old Business – (1) For people leaving trash cans in the streets, we will have to determine if there is a fine specified in our ordinances. Council then discussed the pros and cons of going to a one-haul trash system. After much discussion it was decided to form a committee to compose a Request for Proposal for one-haul trash collection to send out to the trash collection companies in the area. The committee includes Bryan, David, and Bill.

(2) Regarding the nuisance ordinance, Bill listed bamboo, dumping water in the streets, trash cans, dogs running loose, time limits for loud noise, trash buildup, large items, tree trimmings and grass in the streets. Bill also questioned who would enforce these rules, and who has the power to enforce them. Bryan asked to add to the list large bushes and shrubs at the curbs, causing a sight hazard. He also mentioned any growth into or covering parts of the street. Bryan also spoke about

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the problem with pampas grass that is not cut down each year. It gets caught in the impeller of the leaf machine. It was finally decided to have Frank look into the ordinances currently in force, to see what is covered and what is not.

Mayor – No report.

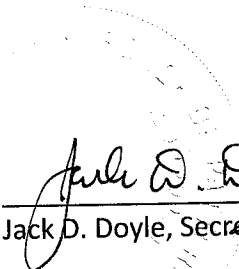
COG – Nothing to report.

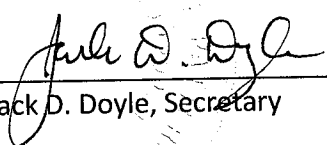
Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

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

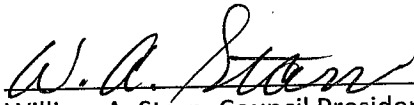
Announcements – The Primary Election will take place on April 23,

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be May 15, 2024, at 7 p.m.





Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William A. Starn, Council President