

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 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, Rich Siget, and Ryan Errett. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Regis Luger, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Solicitor Frank Paganie, 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 – Bryan Landman moved that the minutes from June 19, 2024 be approved, with the correction of the tax collection being deposited in May, not April. Ryan Errett seconded, and Council approved.

Visitors – (1) Evan Autenreith of 306 6th Street Extension discussed his intention to purchase a small piece of land belonging to Carol Wagner, who lives beside him on 6th Street Extension. After some discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Paganie keep the drawing of the proposed property sale until the next meeting, so he could check for zoning conformance.

(2) Helena Fields of 723 5th Street gave an update on plans for Community Day, to be held on August 1

(3) Council discussed proposed Ordinance 286, known as the Bamboo Ordinance. Bryan Landman moved that the Ordinance be advertised, Ryan Errett seconded, and the motion passed.

Police Report – Chief Stanislawski said there were 39 calls for service in June.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin's report showed 20 calls for the month of June. In response to a question, Bard Hendry explained that the QRS system adds additional cost to the Fire Department, and he would soon be presenting ideas for additional funding.

Solicitor – (1) Frank will review Mr. Autenreith's documents to ensure compliance.

(2) Frank reviewed the award for the sewer project, and is ok with Bill signing it. Issues to be discussed under new business.

Community Day – Discussed previously.

Code Enforcement – The Magistrate continues to hold hearings. Most are continued to a later date, but Neill Connelly, the owner of 518 4th Street, has been fined at least twice. We are unaware of any liens on the property, but any liens should be caught during a title search. Bryan is continuing to gather addresses where vegetation is growing over the curbs. The Amberson house at 703 4th Street has still not been repaired. She is hoping to have Hosanna Industries help her.

Correspondence – (1) A letter to the Council from Regis Luger, tendering his resignation. It will become effective on August 21, 2024.

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(2) A letter from Patterson Township expressing their desire to remain as the provider of police services for another five-year. Chief Stanislawski was notified that we would like to receive a proposal. (3) A letter from the County notifying us that we had been awarded a grant to be used toward the elevator (which is probably going to be scrapped). The funds are not transferrable. (4) A letter asking if we have any input on the Townsend Dam project.

Tax Collector's Report -- Nadine reported that \$4,214.99 was deposited In June. School tax bills were mailed late, so it is anticipated that the filing deadlines will be extended, though nothing official has yet been determined.

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

Public Safety Committee – Bryan noted he and Charlie may be able to help residents recover from recent wind damage to trees. Nadine suggested we may be able to find an arborist through Penn State Master Gardeners.

Buildings and Grounds – The covered slide on one of the pieces of playground equipment has been damaged, and roped off to prevent its use. Jason is investigating to see if he can determine who broke the equipment, so that parents can pay for repairs.

Streets and Sewers – A meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 21 to go over the Insight Pipe contract with them and Widmer.

Recreation – Ryan has been in touch with playground equipment companies, and continues to explore alternatives for installation.

Recycling – Nothing to report.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new to report.

New Business – No New Business.

Old Business – No Old Business

Mayor – Nothing to report.

COG – Bill presented a number of items gathered from a recent COG meeting.

Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

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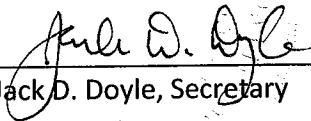
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Fiscal and Contractual – Bryan Landman moved that the bills be paid or ratified as presented. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

Announcements – None

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rich Siget seconded, and Council adjourned at 8:50pm. The next regular meeting will be August 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.



Jack D. Doyle, Secretary



William A. Starn, Council President