

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 19, 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, David Lee, Ryan Errett, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Bard Hendry, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Police Chief David Stanislawski, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, 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 February 19, 2025 be approved. Rich Siget seconded. Council approved.

Visitors – Mark Stanton of Building Inspection Underwriting gave a presentation on what he and his company do with code enforcement, property maintenance and building inspection. He distributed copies of our contract with BIU and a checklist that they use for inspections, including rental inspections. He described how landlords balked at inspections at first, but it made them more careful in who they rented to, so everybody, including the Borough, benefits.

Helena Fields explained that they prefer to get local vendors for Community Day for things like ice cream or snow cones, but the local vendors are unwilling to help on the cost, so they will have to look elsewhere. Council was fine with that. Ryan owns some equipment like bounce houses and “jelly balls,” and he said we would be able to use them again this year. Jack told her he could provide the line item budget figure for Recreation and Community Day.

Helena also mentioned having an Easter Egg hunt on April 6. Community Day will be August 9. They are also planning a dedication to Charlie West, and are bringing back the petting zoo.

There will be a movie night in June.

It was decided that Bryan would try to fix the old equipment as best he could, and spread mulch underneath it. The rest of the mulch would be spread soon.

Lindsey Beegle then asked about stray cats in her neighborhood and under her deck. Apparently, the State considers them feral if they do not have a collar. She also said that there are people who leave out bowls of food for them, so they are assuming ownership. If she can get the addresses of the feeders, the Borough will send them a letter advising they are acting against the nuisance ordinance.

Police Report – The February Police Report shows 54 incidents, with one parking citation issued. Jim Turnbull remarked that at the recent Patterson Township Commissioners’ Meeting, it was said that Patterson Heights stop signs should not be enforced because there was never a study performed to demonstrate their necessity. Bill Starn replied that the Borough does have a study on file. Jack Doyle said that he was told by the magistrate, Dirk Goodwald, that he would enforce stop sign violations provided we have an ordinance on file dealing with them. The Borough does have such an ordinance. Jim further complained about cars speeding through stop signs near his house. Kids on motorized vehicles also go through the stop signs, and he wants the police to do something

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about it. Chief Stanislawski said his department is shorthanded and he would have a discussion with his assistant about what was said at the Township meeting.

Fire Report – Chief Medlin reported six fire calls and 25 EMS calls for the month of February. Bill thanked the firefighters for their assistance in installing the new playground.

Solicitor – No report.

Code Enforcement – Jack advised the Council that he had sent letters to three residents regarding their bamboo. Only Mr. Salvano has replied, and was very cooperative. Mr. Mine has since cut his and Mr. Salvano's bamboo down to the ground. There has been no reply from Mr. Nixon.

Bill read a letter from the Borough to Tonya Verrico regarding damage to her roof caused by the storm in early September, and now covered by a blue tarp. Her reply indicated that work on her roof should begin in two weeks. The consensus of Council was that she be given two weeks before she is cited by BIU.

Correspondence – The letters noted above.

Tax Collector – Nadine sent information that she has made deposits of \$18,805.42 in March.

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

Public Safety Committee Nothing to report.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim would like to get an estimate for a new roof for the pavilion.

Streets and Sewers – Jim reported a sink hole opening up in the street near the front of his house. Frank was asked to send a letter to the Water Authority asking them to make it right.

Jim also asked about the status of a tree along 8th Avenue preventing us from repaving. Bill said he is inclined to just top coat the section of road rather than completely repaving. Bryan then said how the Township is refusing to fix the problems they have made on their side of the road where water runs underneath. Bill asked that a letter be sent to the Township.

Recreation – Ryan thanked everyone who came out to help install the new playground.

Recycling – Aiken should be informed that they must collect recycling according to our ordinance. In addition, they should not begin work in the Borough till 7 a.m.

Budget and Finance – Nothing to report.

Rental Property – Nothing new.

New Business – Already discussed.

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Old Business – Members recommended for the Planning Commission are Helena Fields, Dan Phillips, Bob Buck, Rich Siget, and Ryan Errett.

Mayor – Mayor Hendry offered to work on a dedication for Charlie.

COG – Nothing new.

Emergency Management – Nothing new

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

Announcements – None.

Adjournment – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40. David Lee seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be April 16, 2025, at 7 p.m.

William A. Starn, Council President

Jack D. Doyle, Secretary