

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2025**

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, and Rich Siget. Other officials in attendance included Mayor Bard Hendry, Solicitor Frank Paganie, Assistant Police Chief Nick Bathgate, Fire Chief Jason Medlin, Tax Collector Nadine Galbreath, and Secretary/Treasurer Jack Doyle.

Bill Starn asked that everyone please rise for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Caren Turnbull, which was followed by words in remembrance by Mayor Hendry.

**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 April 16, 2025 be approved. Rich Siget seconded. Council approved. There were no minutes for May, 2025, as there was no quorum.

**Visitors** – Mike Morrow, 204 17<sup>th</sup> Street Extension, Patterson Township, spoke about the Borough's request to remove his tree from the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue roadway. The Council has told Mr. Morrow that they have the right to take down the tree and lien his property, which he would prefer not to do, but he cannot afford to take down the tree himself. The Council will make a decision and let Mr. Morrow know.

**Police Report** – The May Police Report showed 42 calls for service.

**Fire Report** – The Fire Company responded to 36 calls in May, consisting of 28 EMS and 8 fire.

**Solicitor** – Frank reported that the PUC approved the sale of the Beaver Falls facility to Aqua by a vote of 4-1. It can be appealed, but any appeal will take a long time, at least a year.

**Code Enforcement** – Tony Sadaka asked about the setback for a new shed, which is 20' from the rear of his property. Council agreed that he must follow the zoning ordinance and then file for a variance, if he desires. The discussion continued that we need to update our zoning ordinance. Jim complained about a property at 601 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for overgrown vegetation. He also said that the property owner at 401 6<sup>th</sup> Street is cutting a doorway in her brick wall in order to put in a door. Jim recommended we have a code enforcement officer drive up and down the streets looking for violations. The attorney for Tim Nixon said that he is interested in getting their case resolved. It was suggested that Council send a letter to all residents informing them that weeds and grass growing out of the curbs are their responsibility.

**Correspondence** – (1) a letter from PennDOT informing us that we will be receiving \$119.97 as our share of state police fines. (2) a copy of a letter from the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment regarding the properties along Bridge Street purchased by him looking, and advising

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them of the need for sewage, trash removal, storm water management, etc. Frank said he had spoken to Widmer, and they would do an analysis of the deal, but he has yet to hear back from them. (3) A letter from the Borough of Ellwood City announcing that they have been chosen to receive assistance from the Department of Defense to have medical personnel come to the Borough from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tax Collector** – Nadine reported deposits of \$26,901.98 in May. School tax bills will be mailed out on July 1.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer provided a report of receipts in the month of May.

**Public Safety Committee** Nothing to report.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Jim asked about the status of building a new building. Whitmer Construction has provided some materials, but we hope to apply for and receive a grant. The material to fix the roof on the pavilion is on site. Bryan needs a helper to install it.

**Streets and Sewers** – Fifth Avenue needs to be repaired by BFMA. Council members began to discuss the removal of the tree on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but Frank halted the discussion because the matter may be in litigation.

**Recreation** – Bryan and Ryan have verified the receipt of the new playground equipment, so we will pay their invoices, which total about \$66,000.

**Recycling** – The paper retriever was not emptied recently. Jim wants Council to find someone to write a grant application. Bill will check at the next COG meeting.

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

**Rental Property** – Inspections are due to start.

**Executive Session**—Council went into Executive session at 8:13 to discuss some contractual items and litigation, as well as personnel. Council resumed their regular session at 8:36.

**New Business** – (1) Council is asked to approve the advertising of a bid package for milling and base repair of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, estimated cost to be \$80,589.40. The motion was seconded and approved. (2) The proposed purchase of tax parcel 45-020102.001-01-1 by Andy Briggs. There was a motion to allow the purchase from the tax repository, all delinquent taxes from the 2024 tax year and prior years are exonerated. The purchasers shall be responsible for the Borough's 2025 real estate taxes. The motion was seconded and passed. (3) There was a long discussion on how to better do code enforcement. We will check with BIU to find out what they would charge for increased presence in the Borough. (4) David Lee moved to accept Evan Autenreith's new drawing of his proposed purchase of property from Carol Wagner. Jim Turnbull seconded, and Council approved.

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**Old Business** – (1) We need to give Randy Dawson at the 911 center the list of new house numbers and street names. (2) Bryan Landman moved to hire Ken Leclair as a laborer at \$20.00/hour for up to 40 hours per week with no benefits, effective immediately. He shall work for the Borough under the direction and authority of the Borough Foreman, who is Bryan Landman. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved.

**Mayor** – Nothing to 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** – None.

**Adjournment** – Bryan Landman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:19. Rich Siget seconded, and Council approved. The next regular meeting will be July 16, 2025, at 7 p.m.

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William A. Starn, Council President

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Jack D. Doyle, Secretary