

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 15, 2015

7:00 pm Council Meeting called to order by President, Bill Starn

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Council Members

President: Bill Starn - Present
Vice President: Jim Turnbull - Present
President Pro Tem: Vacant
Richard Evans - Present
Paul Bellan - Present
Bryan Landman- Present
Connie Klein - Absent

Mayor

Phyllis Aluseo – Present

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen - Present

Resolution No. 275 - A motion was made by Mr. Bellan, 2nd by Mr. Landman to vote on Resolution No. 275 to appoint Tim Weisenburger to fill the vacancy. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Phyllis Aluseo, Mayor Swearing in of Tim Weisenburger as the new Council member to fill the vacancy.

Police Report: Chief Jones – Absent – Mr. Starn read the report. 3 calls were reported for the month of March, 2015.

Tax Collector Report: Sue Philipp – Absent – Mr. Starn read the Tax report for month of March.

Fire Chief Report: Medlin – Absent – Mr. Starn read report. 4 calls were reported for the month of March 2015.

Road Department Report: - Nathan Reese - Absent - Mr. Turnbull read report. Mr. Turnbull reported that Nathan started brush pick-up. Mr. Turnbull gave an updated on the status of roads.

Visitors:

Xander Wilkinson - 504 4th Avenue - Discussion took place about property 723 5th Street, Jr. Council Website, dogs the park, etc. Xander presented Council web site information.

Ruthanne Bentley - 509 4th Street - Wanted clarification on what exact days Nathan will be picking up brush. **Nathan will be picking up brush every Wednesday.** Ruthanne will be working on the next View for May and mid June. Requested information on any Graduates and any information on the upcoming Community Days which will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015.

Sue Pokego - 498 4th Street - Addressed her concerns about the park. Wanted to know who is responsible for cleaning up the park. Suggestions were made to add extra Police Patrols.

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Visitors - Continued

Larry Malone - 710 7th Street - Concerns about Hair Alley. Discussion took place. Addressed his concerns about the vandalism.

Joanne Signore - 627 4th Street - Requested that Nathan from the Road Department clean up the cinders on her corner.

Code Enforcement Report: D. L. Pella – Absent – Mr. Starn read Code Enforcement report for March, 2015.

Junior Council: - Xander, presented Council a copy of their Agenda and their Meeting Minutes of their Tuesday, April 14, 2015 meeting. Xander presented Council some information that they needed to be reviewed and approved by Council for a tab on the web site. They announced that they will be hosting their first annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Requested permission from Council to use the Borough building to hold their Chili Cook-off. Discussion took place on the memorial plaque for Bob Harker. Jr. Council requested and asked permission of Council to ask the solicitor to review some legal documents for Jr. Council. Discussion took place on raffles, charities and donations, and possibly needing a permit.

Communications:

- Mr. Starn read letter from DCED.
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Secretary/Treasurer - Ms. Cameron requested authorization to transfer \$34,000 from the "Sewer Sanitary Fund" back to the "General Fund". This transfer was originally authorized at the December 17, 2014 meeting. These funds were transferred in error as the intentions for the \$34,000 according to the 2014 budget was for the "storm sewer" payment. **Discussion took place.**
A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan, to authorize Secretary to transfer the \$34,000 from the Sewer Sanitary fund back to the General Fund, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2015 2nd by Mr. Landman PASSED UNANIMOUS

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Landman addressed to the residents to make sure that they contact 911 if they see any unusual or suspicious behavior including any type of vandalism. **Discussion took place.**
A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to have Solicitor develop an ordinance to enforce the rules for the playground. The Solicitor will also include a Code of Conduct in the ordinance. 2nd by Mr. Landman. Discussion took place. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Building and Grounds Committee: N/A

Streets and Sewers Committee:

- Mr. Starn stated the Street Committee had a meeting. He had been in touch with Youngblood. They got a price on replacing the storm sewers. Mr. Starn stated that the money left over from the Storm Sewer loan will be used for this project.

Streets and Sewers Committee - Continued

- Mr. Starn discussed the Paving Plan Project. The study was done in 2012. **Discussion took place. Mr. Bellan made a motion to adjust the motion made at the October 15, 2014 meeting to cap the contract to \$425,000 and to adjust the original contract price \$447,950.00 that Youngblood is now approving upon, and that we authorize Youngblood to get started as soon as possible, 2nd by Mr. Landman PASSED UNANIMOUS**

Motion made by Mr. Bellan that before we authorize Youngblood to start paving our streets that we make our Storm Sewer repairs that were discussed previously first before paving and we use the money left over from the Storm Sewer loan, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Recreation Committee: N/A

Recycling and Refuse Committee - N/A

Budget and Finance Committee - N/A

Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee - N/A

New Business - N/A

Old Business - N/A

Officer Reports

- Mayor - (Aluseo)
Discussion about the lights took place. Council will direct Nathan to install some motion sensor lights in the building.

Mayor addressed that if anyone knows of any new neighbors moving in to our area to please notify her.

- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG - N/A
- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Bellan)
- Solicitor – (Chad McMillen)
 - a) **Floodplain Ordinance** - Solicitor suggested that we send the floodplain ordinance to the engineers.
 - b) **Code of Conduct** -Discussion took place about a resolution that took place back in 2012. Discussion took place about recording devices and audio recordings of meetings. Solicitor suggested to Council that the rules of the meeting be posted.

Solicitor suggested that the audio tapes of the meeting minutes should be deleted after they have been approved. Suggested that a Resolution be written. **Discussion took place. A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to authorize Solicitor to prepare a resolution to delete the audio recordings after they have been transcribed and approved, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

Monthly Bills: A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve the monthly bills for April 2015, 2nd by Mr. Landman PASSED UNANIMOUS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Bellan, 2nd by Mr. Landman **PASSED UNANIMOUS at 9:00 pm.**

Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Starn, President