

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 20, 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

Tim Weisenburger - Present

Richard Evans - Present

Paul Bellan - Present

Bryan Landman- Present

Connie Klein - Present

Mayor

Phyllis Aluseo – Present

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen - Absent

Police Report: Chief Jones – Present – 6 calls were reported for the month of April, 2015.

Tax Collector Report: Sue Philipp – Present – Read report for month of April, 2015.

Fire Chief Report: Medlin – Absent – Mr. Starn read report. 10 calls were reported for the month of April, 2015.

Visitors:

Ruthanne Bentley - 509 4th Street - Thanked Council for a job well done on the paving of our new streets. Gave report on the View of the Heights ready for print . Would like to put together another View of The Heights issue as soon as possible to include special events such as: any graduates, weddings etc. Would also like to include any information and schedule of events about Community Days which will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015 to put in the next View.

Joanne Signore - 627 4th Street - Addressed issue of her curbside. Discussion took place about the gap. Mr. Starn advised that Nathan will be going around to fill in all the gaps in the Borough and that the Borough will not be paying Youngblood to do the work.

Donna Ceriani - 722 7th Avenue - Presented Council a letter on behalf of some of the Residents regarding 8th Street. Mr. Starn addressed Mrs. Ceriani's concerns about the pavement and maintaining of 8th street and whose responsibility it is to maintain 8th street. **Discussion took place.**

Mr. Starn addressed Chief Jones about the safety of kids who are bumper skiing on the roads.
Discussion took place.

Paton and Friends - 903 5th Street - Read letter to Council. Addressed the vandalism in the park and their ideas on how to help make the park more beautified. Mr. Bellan addressed their request on behalf of Council. Mr. Bellan offered to be the liaison and asked for any assistance and help from the

Community members. Discussion took place about a "Community Spruce Up Day". Jr. Council offered to help and assist. Mayor stated that she felt it was a great idea to make it a Community project. Jr. Council offered to pass out a flyer to residents about the Community project.

Xander Wilkinson - spoke on behalf of a young girl who lives in the Borough approximately 9 years of age and her mission is to fight for a cure for Juvenile arthritis. She will be hosting her 4th annual carnival to raise money on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at the Brady's Run Lodge from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Junior Council - Xander handed Council a copy of their meeting minutes from their May 11, 2015 meeting. Announced that their bingo event is cancelled. Will announced that he and his sister will no longer be serving on Jr. Council due to his hectic class schedule and sporting events. **Discussion took place.**

Xander reminded Council about their up-coming chili cook-off event to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Discussion took place.**

Communications:

- Mr. Starn read letter from Joint Sewer Users
- Read letter from Duquesne Light regarding the LED lighting
- Mr. Starn read letter from FEMA
- Mr. Starn read letter from Patterson Twp regarding the emergency generator. **Discussion took place.**
- Mr. Starn read letter of recognition on behalf of Shawn Galbreath member of Boy Scout Troop #407 in Beaver Falls, Chippewa PA who has obtained a rank of Eagle Scout on March 26, 2015. An invitation was enclosed to attend the celebration which was to be held on Saturday, May, 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in his honor. Mr. Starn read 2 letters congratulating Shawn on his accomplishments on behalf of Council and that they would like to recognize him at Community Days.

Secretary/Treasurer - N/a

Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2015 upon making a correction on page 3 of the minutes to correct the Youngblood contract price of \$447,950.00, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Landman addressed the safety concerns of the kids bumper skiing as previously discussed. Requested that Ruthanne put something in the View of the Heights about the safety concerns.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Turnbull addressed the vandalism of the park's pavilion and the playground. **Discussion took place** about purchasing a video surveillance system.

Streets and Sewers Committee:

- Discussion took place about Nathan's request to start working at 7:00 am to 3:30 instead of working 7:30 - 4:00 pm.
- Discussion took place about purchasing weight limit signs. **A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to purchase the weight limit signs, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS**
- Mr. Starn reviewed the paving costs with Council.
Mr. Turnbull suggested that Council put together a tar and chip program. **Discussion took place**

Road Department - Nathan discussed that he will be taking care of the sink hole on 8th street. Mr. Starn addressed that he would like to look at the hole with Nathan.

Mayor addressed her concerns about the grass cutting and trimming on the grounds. Mr. Turnbull stated that he will discuss with Nathan a schedule of grass cutting and trimming.

Recreation Committee: N/A

Recycling and Refuse Committee -

Mr. Starn addressed our 10 ton weight limit ordinance. **Discussion took place** about having a 1 haul. Mr. Evans will research and get back to Council.

Budget and Finance Committee - N/A

Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee - N/A

New Business - N/A

Old Business - Mr. Starn addressed that he had been asked by a resident who attends the meetings regularly about the Health Care, Dental and Vision plans for employees. Wanted clarification if the Dental and Vision plans were dropped. Mr. Starn was unable to answer the question, therefore he addressed Ms. Cameron. Ms. Cameron responded that it had been previously discussed that the Dental and Vision plan coverage was optional for the employees to pay for out of pocket. She stated that the Dental and Vision plan is payroll deducted monthly.

Officer Reports

- Mayor - (Aluseo)
Discussion about the lights took place.
- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG - N/A
- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Bellan)
- Solicitor – (ABSENT) (Chad McMillen)
 - Playground rules ordinance - Discussion took place
 - Meeting Minutes Resolution - **Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to accept Resolution No. 276 for approving a policy for the destruction or erasing of electronically stored meeting minutes, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

Solicitor - Continued (Absent)

- Public Meeting Code of Conduct Resolution 6-12 - will discuss next month.
- Real Estate Tax Petition - Mr. Starn addressed in Solicitor's absence. **A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to absorb all costs associated with the late filing of the delinquent real estate taxes, 2nd by Mr. Landman. Discussion took place. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Bellan, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. **PASSED UNANIMOUS at 8:43 pm.**

Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Starn, President