

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
December 16, 2015

7:00 pm Council Meeting called to order by President, Bill Starn and meeting was being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Mrs. Barsottini announced she was recording the meeting.

Council Members

President: Bill Starn - Present

Vice President: Jim Turnbull - Present

Tim Weisenburger - Present

Paul Bellan - Present

Bryan Landman- Present

Connie Klein - Present

Sue Pokego - Present

Mayor

Phyllis Aluseo – Present

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen – Present

Police Report: Chief Jones read his report. 7 calls for the month of November. Chief followed up and report back to Council on the weight limit signs. **Discussion took place.** At this point no incidents since last discussed. Chief will discuss with the Golf Course and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Chief discussed the hearing regarding Ordinance #262. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor will review Ordinance #262 and will discuss with Council any changes.

Tax Collector Report: Susan Philipp - Absent - Mr. Starn read report for month of November, 2015. Tax report on file.

Fire Chief Report: Medlin – Present – Read report 7 calls were reported for the month of November, 2015. Chief Medlin expressed his gratitude to all who helped and participated in helping to make their Christmas event with Santa a success and a community event.

Visitors:

Ruthanne Bentley - 509 4th Street - Stated would like to have the next issue of the View From The Heights going out by end of January and the reorganization meeting. Would like to feature all new council members.

Chris & Megan Cantwell - 508 4th Avenue - Wanted to express her feelings about how neighborly Patterson Heights is and how happy they are to have moved back to the Heights.

Code Enforcement Report: D. L. Pella – Absent – Mr. Starn read Code Enforcement report for November, 2015. Read letter of intent from D. L. Pella to continue her Code Enforcement services for 2016 to the Borough. Discussion took place on 612 7th Avenue.

Junior Council - Nothing to report

Mr. Starn discussed letter he received from the PSBA. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor addressed some of the concerns Jr. Council had in getting a small game chance license. Discussion took place about the role of Jr. Council and the Jr. Council programs. Will and Xander addressed Council that they were resigning from Jr. Council. **A motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to accept the resignations of Xander and Will from Jr. Council with regret, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

Communications: Read by Mr. Starn

- Letter from Pen Dot
- Letter from Veterans
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Secretary/Treasurer - N/A

Minutes

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

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Landman reminded residents to lock their doors during the holidays.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Turnbull apologized for the delay in the automatic light switches to be installed. Discussion took place about the lighting in the park. Mr. Turnbull suggested to have the timers set to Dusk-to-Dawn.

Mr. Turnbull stated that the leaf pick-up is now finished for the year. Nathan will continue to pick-up the bags weekly until snow fall. Discussion took place about having the leaf machine serviced.

Streets and Sewers Committee:

Mr. Starn discussed the final paving and retention invoices received from Youngblood. **A motion was made by Mr. Bellan, to pay the invoices from Youngblood, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

8th Street paving - discussion took place.

Recreation Committee: N/A

Recycling and Refuse Committee –

Sue Pokego stated her committee met and discussed the One-Haul ordinance. She asked all Council to review the handout. Solicitor addressed Council and explained the purpose of having a One-Haul ordinance. He encouraged Council to review and requested feedback. **Discussion took place.** The Committee will meet again to discuss and report back at the next meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee -

A motion was made by Mr. Weisenburger to adopt the 2016 budget as advertised, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS .

A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve Ordinance No. 276 to keep the tax levy at 24 mills, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS

A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve Ordinance No. 277 to repeal Ordinance No. 272 for the independent auditors, 2nd by Ms. Pokego. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Mr. Weisenburger discussed his attempts made to PenDot on the paving loan. He stated he is in the process of writing a letter to PenDot and will keep Council updated.

Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee -

Mr. Starn addressed complaint that was filed with Code Enforcement on property 429 4th Avenue regarding possible rental property. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor will research and report back to Council at the next meeting.

New Business

Dumpster Ordinance - **Discussion took place.** Solicitor will review the Dumpster Ordinance.

Old Business

Mr. Turnbull addressed that he would like to see Council provide some guidelines for future Jr. Council. **Discussion took place.**

Mr. Turnbull announced that the memorial plaque for Bob Harker has been mounted.

Officer Reports

- Mayor - N/A (Aluseo) – Present
- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG (Starn)
Mr. Starn stated that there will be a slight increase in dues.
- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Bellan)
- Solicitor – (McMillen)
- **Golf Club Amusement Tax.** **Discussion took place.** Solicitor will research and report back to Council at the next meeting.
- **Code Enforcement Contract.** **Discussion took place**
- **723 5th Street sale** - **Discussion took place.** Solicitor reported no liens currently filed with the court house on this property. Solicitor will not attend the sale on behalf of Council.
- **Paper alley** - **Discussion took place.**

Solicitor requested to enter into executive session for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve the monthly bills for December, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS.

A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to adjourn to executive session with the immediate dismissal after executive session with no vote to be taken, 2nd by Mr. Landman at 8:51 pm. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Returned to regular meeting at 9:17 pm
The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm

Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Starn, President

Date

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