

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 18, 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: Julie Muhlberger - Present

Richard Evans - Present

Paul Bellan - Present

Bryan Landman- Present

Connie Klein - Present

Mayor

Phyllis Aluseo – Absent

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen - Present

Police Report: Chief Jones – Absent – 7 reports for the month of January 2015.

Tax Collector Report: Sue Philipp – Present – Read tax report for January 2015. Ms. Muhlberger asked when the bulk of the tax money is collected. Ms. Philipp responded around the end of April.

Fire Chief Report: Medlin – Absent – Mr. Starn read report. 2 calls were reported for the month of January 2015.

Visitors: No Visitor Comments

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

Junior Council: - Jr. Council was not present at the start of the meeting. They attended the meeting late. Ms. Muhlberger wanted to address Jr. Council on a matter but they were not present. Ms. Muhlberger had stated that Ms. Klein attended a Jr. Council meeting where a comment had been made that Mrs. Barsottini had made a comment to Jr. Council that Ms. Muhlberger, Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Landman hated Jr. Council and were trying to get rid of them. Ms. Muhlberger wanted it on record that she never said that she hated Jr. Council and that she was not trying to get rid of them. **Discussion took place.** Ms. Muhlberger later addressed Jr. Council at the end of the meeting of what was previously discussed. Jr. Council had stated that it was rumor that they had heard.

Jr. Council presented Council a copy of their agenda and meeting minutes from their February 9, 2015 meeting. Jr. Council gave their report. Discussion took place.

Jr. Council requested permission from Council to create an official Junior Council of Patterson Heights email address to use for their Jr. Council business.

Auditor Report: Lee Plummer – presented Council with the 2013 audit report. He stated that he had filed the report this past week. **Discussion took place.**

Communications:

- Mr. Starn read a proposal from James. L. Smith Insurance Agency would like to offer a bid or proposal on insurance services.

Road Department/Laborer: Nathan Reese gave an updated report on his progress working for the Borough. He stated that the Borough used (56) tons of salt from Beaver Falls to date. Mr. Turnbull addressed our salt usage. Mr. Turnbull stated that the Borough has used (10) tons of salt from Patterson Township. Discussion took place on the Borough alleys and Borough responsibility and Borough liability.

Secretary/Treasurer - Ms. Cameron had nothing to report

Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Muhlberger to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2015 2nd by Mr. Evans PASSED UNANIMOUS

Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Turnbull discussed the street lights. Mr. Turnbull addressed Nathan on a job well done with cleaning up the Borough garage in addition to the snow removal.

Streets and Sewers Committee:

- **Snow removal from fire hydrants** – Discussion took place on whose responsibility it is to clear the snow from the fire hydrants.

Recreation Committee –

- Ms. Muhlberger made a request that Mr. Bellan, Chairman of Recreation Committee, call a Committee meeting as soon as possible to discuss Community Days. Suggestion was made by Ms. Muhlberger to include and invite the Jr. Council and Firemen to participate in the planning.

Recycling and Refuse Committee -

Budget and Finance Committee

- **Commitment Letter from Mark Turnley** - Ms. Muhlberger stated that the commitment letter will be sent from the Turnley's once the 2013 audit report had been filed with DCED.
- **New Cell phone plan and phones for Nathan and Renee** – Discussion took place.
- **Capital Improvement Plan**
 - a) Ms. Muhlberger addressed Mr. Starn that Council needs to come up with a “Wish List” from all Committees which is a DCED requirement. Need to come up with a plan.

Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee

- Mr. Muhlberger stated that 2015 Landlord Rental registration letters were mailed out. Awaiting returns and Dawna Pella will schedule any inspections as needed.

New Business

- Ms. Muhlberger handed in her resignation as Council member to Mr. Starn, President. **A motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to accept Ms. Muhlberger's resignation with regrets effective at the end of tonight's meeting, 2nd by Mr. Evans. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

Old Business

Officer Reports

- Mayor - Absent (Aluseo)
- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG - N/A (Muhlberger)
- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Bellan)
- Solicitor – (Chad McMillen)
 - a) Solicitor addressed the Code Enforcement Contract. Contract is good as is. Solicitor will present the contract to Dawna Pella.
 - b) Discussion took place to amend Ordinance #244 and to advertise. **A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to amend Ordinance #244 with a new number to be provided and assigned and advertised, 2nd by Ms. Muhlberger. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**
 - c) Mr. Starn discussed an ordinance for a flood plan. Mr. Starn stated that he will give all the information to Solicitor for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

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

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Turnbull, 2nd by Mr. Bellan **PASSED UNANIMOUS** at 8:15 p.m.

Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Starn, President