

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 20, 2016**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Mr. Starn asked that all remain standing for a moment of silence for J. D. Klein, father of Councilmember Connie Klein, who passed away on January 11, 2016.

**Council Members**

President: Bill Starn - Present

Vice President: Jim Turnbull - Present

Tim Weisenburger - Present

Frances Levinger - Absent

Bryan Landman- Present

Connie Klein - Absent

Sue Pokego - Present

**Mayor**

Phyllis Aluseo – Present

**Officers**

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen – Present

**Police Report:** Chief Jones - Absent No report submitted.

**Tax Collector Report:** Susan Philipp - Present Ms. Philipp read tax report for December 2015. Tax report on file. Ms. Philipp addressed Council about the Beaver Valley Country Club Assessment overpayment. Ms. Philipp will look more into the situation and report back to Council.

**Fire Chief Report: Medlin** – Absent – Report was read by firefighter David Lee 5 calls were reported for the month of December 2015.

Mr. Weisenburger addressed the fire department thanking them for their promptness in answering a call to his residence and their service and what the fire department means to the community.

**Visitors:**

**Xander Wilkinson - 504 4th Avenue** - addressed the yellow and blue painting on the curbs.

**Charlie McGeary - 711 Seventh Street** - Presented a handout to Council which included a copy of the court order and a log with all the events that took place regarding Harrah Alley. Mrs. McGeary stated that she is still having issues with her neighbor who continues to block her in. Mrs. McGeary was requesting help from Council to try to avoid having to go back to court with this ongoing issue.. Mr. Turnbull asked Mrs. McGeary if she has notified the police. Mr. Starn addressed Mrs. McGeary and stated that it was a civil matter. Discussion took place.

**Ruthanne Bentley - 509 4th Street -** Gave an update on the next issue of the View From The Heights. She will include a blurb about the trash pick-up times and when to put your trash to the curb, reminding residents about snow removal and not to park their vehicles on the street, and to keep their sidewalks clear. She was also going to include a blurb about a web site called the "Next Door" for Patterson Heights resident to join.

**Code Enforcement Report:** D. L. Pella – Absent – Mr. Starn read Code Enforcement report for December, 2015. **Discussion took place.** Council requested Ms. Bentley to advertise for a Zoning Officer for the Borough in the next issue of the View From The Heights.

**Communications:** Read by Mr. Starn

- Letter from Columbia Gas
- Letter from John Kwasneski, Attorney **RE: Pegg V. Patterson Heights Borough**
- 2 Letters from Sainovich Santicola & Steele, Attorney at Law **RE: Joint Sewer Users Rates/Tap in Fees/Requirements**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

- Advertisement of the 2016 Meeting Dates. Meeting dates were approved at the January 4, 2016 reorganization meeting. **A motion was made by Mr. Landman to advertise the 2016 meeting dates, 2nd by Ms. Pokego. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**
- Ms. Cameron addressed Council that their Statement of Financial Interest are due by May 1, 2016.

**23Minutes**

**A Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

**A Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to approve the Reorganization Meeting minutes of January 4, 2016, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**Public Safety Committee:** Mr. Landman addressed the solicitation in the Borough. He urged all residents to let the police know if they get a solicitor. Mayor asked Ms. Bentley if she would include a statement in the next issue of the View about solicitation. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor will research other solicitation ordinances.

**Building and Grounds Committee:**

Mr. Turnbull gave an update on the lighting for the Borough building. Mr. Turnbull and Nathan installed the motion sensor lighting for the Borough building.

**Streets and Sewers Committee:**

Mr. Starn discussed that he met with our Engineer, Mr. Sadaka to design an application/permit for an Open Road Permit for the Borough. **Discussion took place.**

Firefighter David Lee addressed a concern to Mr. Starn about the damaged storm sewer ring between 9th Avenue and Darlington road. Mr. Starn will look into it. Mr. Lee addressed his concerns about how the roads and stop signs are being salted.

**Recreation Committee:** Discussion took place about reserving the vendors for the August 7, 2016 Community Days.

**Recycling and Refuse Committee** – Ms. Pokego advised Council to review the recycling ordinance draft that was prepared by Solicitor. Council reviewed the ordinance draft with the Solicitor.

**Discussion took place.**

**Budget and Finance Committee** - Mr. Weisenburger gave an update on the letter he wrote to Penn DOT. He has not received any correspondence back from Penn Dot to date. Mr. Weisenburger will keep Council updated.

**Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee** - Property address 714 4th Street. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor discussed the Borough's zoning ordinance for group homes and rentals.

**New Business**

- **Appointment of Auditor - A motion was made by Mr. Landman to appoint Lee Plummer as the auditor for the Borough, 2nd by Ms. Pokego. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**Swearing in Lee Plummer as Auditor for the Borough by Mayor Aluseo**

- **Newly Elected Municipal Official Boot Camp** - Mr. Starn addressed the Boot Camp for the newly elected officials to attend Friday February 5th and Saturday February 6th, 2016 - Butler County Regional Learning Alliance at a cost of \$125.00 per member. **Discussion took place.**
- **Signatory for PNC Bank accounts - A motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to add Mr. Weisenburger as a signatory to the PNC bank accounts, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**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)
- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG (Starn)
  - Mr. Starn asked for nominations to elect the COG representatives for the Borough. **A motion was made by Ms. Pokego to elect Mr. Starn as the COG representative, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

**A motion was made by Mr. Landman to appoint Fran Levinger as the first alternate representative for COG, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to appoint Ms. Pokego as the 2nd alternate representative for COG, 2nd by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Landman)
- Solicitor – (McMillen)  
Solicitor stated that he will be giving Mr. Turnbull a call to discuss Ordinance No. 262.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A**

**A motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to approve the monthly bills for January, 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Landman. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - N/A**

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Landman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Pokego. **PASSED UNANIMOUS at 8:48 p.m.**

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Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

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Bill Starn, President

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