

**BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 18, 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 - Absent

Bryan Landman- Present

Connie Klein - Present

Sue Pokego - Present

**Mayor**

Phyllis Aluseo – Present

**Officers**

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen – Present

**Road Department** - Nathan gave an update on the security system and the cameras installed. Discussion took place about the parking lot lights and the timer. Nathan will check the timer and reset so that the lights are working properly.

**Police Report:** Chief Jones read his report. 5 calls for the month of October. Discussion took place citation was issued for violating Borough Ordinance #262 for dumpster on the street.

Council addressed Chief Jones asked if there was a method to enforce the weight limit ordinance for the Borough streets. Discussion took place. Chief will speak to some of the trucking companies and will report back to Council at the next meeting.

**Tax Collector Report:** Sue Philipp – Present – Report was read for the month of October, 2015. Tax report on file.

Solicitor addressed Ms. Philipp about a Tax Sale on a Borough property to be held in January 2016. Solicitor asked if there were any liens on the property that the Borough was aware of. Mr. Starn replied that he was not aware if any liens were actually filed at the court house. Solicitor will look into the Tax Sale and discuss with D. L. Pella about any possible liens that may be on the property and will report back to Council at the December meeting.

Solicitor addressed Council on the Beaver County Golf Course assessment tax appeal. Result was that the golf course was over assessed for several years and the outcome was they were successful in reducing the assessed value to a fair amount which resulted in a significant decrease in the real estate taxes owed to the Borough per year. **Discussion took place**

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**Fire Chief Report: Medlin** – Present – Read report 12 calls were reported for the month of October, 2015. Chief stated that the fire department will be taking Santa around the Borough on Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm residents are invited back to the station for hospitality. Chief addressed some of the resident's concerns in his report. He gave a report on funds received from grants, and fundraising events and any upcoming events. Chief asked that if residents have any concerns or feedback to please address the Chief or Fire Department directly. Mr. Turnbull asked Chief about the active membership within the department. Chief stated that the department is always looking for new active members and accepting applications. **Discussion took place.** Suggestion was made by Mr. Landman to include a copy of the application in the View from the Heights. Mr. Landman offered to be the liaison for the Fire Department.

### Visitors:

**Caren Turnbull - 613 5th Avenue** - Addressed her concerns about the closed Patterson Heights hill and trespassing concerns. **Discussion took place.** Addressed her concerns about Valley Refuse driving too fast through the Borough need to slow down asked if Council can call Valley to address concerns.

**Donna Ceriani - 722 7th Avenue** - Addressed Council on behalf of some of the residents. Requested an update on the 8th Street paving project. Mr. Starn addressed Mrs. Ceriani on behalf of Council. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor will write a letter to Youngblood regarding the paving of 8th Street on behalf of Council.

**Ruthanne Bentley - 509 4th Street** - Stated she will most likely not have another issue of the View From The Heights going out until January 2016. Asked that if anyone would like anything printed please submit to her as soon as possible.

**Lynn Jameson - 709 7th Street** - Requested copies of all fencing ordinances. Solicitor addressed Mrs. Jameson that she needs to complete a Right To Know Request and submit it to the Borough Secretary. Secretary gave Mrs. Jameson a blank copy of the Right To Know Request form to complete and submit to her. Has concerns and issues with neighbor regarding the "paper alley". Stated she had the alley surveyed. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor stated this is a civil matter but will look into the situation on behalf of the Borough.

**Code Enforcement Report:** D. L. Pella – Absent – Mr. Starn read Code Enforcement report for October, 2015. **Discussion took place.**

**Junior Council** - Xander gave Jr. Council report.

Discussed movie night. Looked into trying to get a grant for movie equipment. Discussion took place about 50/50 raffles. Jr. Council will forward information he researched to Solicitor for review.

**Communications:** Read by Mr. Starn

- Read newly elected officials education from the Boroughs Association. Cost \$125 per person in Cranberry, February 5th and 6th, 2016. or Local Government Academy \$450 per person.

**Secretary/Treasurer** -

**Motion was made by Mr. Landman to pass Resolution No. 277 to appoint Sue Pokego to fill the Council vacancy, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

**Minutes**

**A Motion was made by Mr. Landman to approve the meeting minutes of October 21, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Klein. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

**Public Safety Committee:** Mr. Landman stated that discussion took place previously at the meeting under the Fire Chief's report with the Fire Department.

**Building and Grounds Committee:** N/A

**Streets and Sewers Committee:**

- Youngblood retention invoice discussion took place

**Recreation Committee:** N/A

**Recycling and Refuse Committee –**

- Sue Pokego stated the her committee did have a meeting and discussed the One-Haul ordinance. She asked Council to refer to the handouts she provided Council for review with the questions and answers by the Committee and the Solicitor. **Discussion took place.** The Committee will meet again to discuss and report back at the next meeting.

**Budget and Finance Committee -**

- **Budget** - Mr. Weisenburger discussed the budget and possibly working with the State to negotiate the terms of our loan payment. **Discussion took place.**

**A Motion was made by Mr. Landman to advertise the proposed 2016 budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

**A Motion was made by Mr. Landman to advertise the millage rate for 2016 to remain at 24 mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee -** N/A

**New Business -**

- Mr. Starn read letter from the Commissioners of Patterson Township considering the closing of 2 elementary schools and rebuilding a new school. **Discussion took place.** Council will write a letter and submit it to the School Board meeting.
- Mr. Starn discussed the **House Bill No. 1155** - **Discussion took place.**

**Old Business**

**Officer Reports**

- Mayor - (Aluseo) – Present  
Duquesne Light Solicitation - Discussion took place.  
Requested to be notified if any new residents move into the area.
- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG
- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Bellan)

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- Solicitor – (McMillen)  
**A Motion was made by Mr. Landman to advertise Ordinance No. 277 Repeal of Independent Tax Auditor Ordinance No. 272, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS**
- Solicitor addressed the small game of chance license email that was forwarded to him for review from Jr. Council. **Discussion took place.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A**

**A motion was made by Mr. Turnbull to approve the monthly bills for November, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Pokego. PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Landman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Pokego **PASSED UNANIMOUS at 9:25 p.m.**

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Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

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Bill Starn, President