

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 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

Richard Evans - Present

Paul Bellan - Present

Bryan Landman- Present

Connie Klein - Absent

Mayor

Phyllis Aluseo – Present

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer: Renee Cameron – Present

Solicitor: Chad McMillen – Absent

Solicitor: Nick Urick - Present

Police Report: Chief Jones – Present – read report 10 calls for the month of August. Chief Jones stated he had a meeting with Mayor Aluseo and President, Mr. Starn to discuss some concerns and complaints. **Discussion took place.** Chief announced that Trick-or-Treat night in the community will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6-8 pm. **Discussion took place about parking on the grass on private property. Chief will look into the matter and get back to Council next meeting.**

Mayor Aluseo stated that she attended one of the crime watch meetings in August and was very impressed and encouraged others to attend one of their crime watch meetings. Mayor Aluseo stated that she plans on attending other meetings in the future. Mayor stated she would like to see the Borough put together a program.

Tax Collector Report: Sue Philipp – Absent (arrived later) – Mr. Starn read report for month of August, 2015.

Fire Chief Report: Medlin – Present – Read report 7 calls were reported for the month of August, 2015.

Visitors:

Ruthanne Bentley - 509 4th Street - Asked Fire Chief Medlin if he was planning on anything for fire prevention week. She requested information to include in the September 2015 View of the Heights as soon as possible.

Jake Barsottini - 624 4th Street– Jake stated he picked up the flags that were in the box on the lower level. **Discussion took place about replacing the Flags.** Mr. Barsottini asked Council if all the adjustments were made per the auditor's request.

Visitors - Continued

Mr. Barsottini asked if the \$34,000 had been transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement fund. Mr. Weisenburger responded on behalf of Council that the adjustments had been made and that Council was working on the budget at this time. Mr. Barsottini stated that as an elected auditor he offered his assistance to the budget committee if needed.

Joanne Signore - 627 4th Street - Addressed her concerns to Chief Jones and Council about residents parking on the grass on their own property, parking on curbs, & parking opposite direction. **Discussion took place.** Chief will report back to Council at the next meeting.

Pam Barsottini - 624 4th Street - Addressed Council why Mr. Bard Hendry, Zoning Officer has not attended any Council meetings or submitted any reports. Discussion took place. Mr. Starn responded that he would discuss with Mr. Hendry about attending future meetings and submitting Council a report.

Rosemary Bellan - 743 8th Avenue - Voiced her concerns about the one-haul program with the new roads. Addressed her concerns about the grass clippings on the streets. Discussion took place about Nathan completing a form and placing a written notice on any resident who is in violation. Mr. Starn stated that Council was working on gathering information on the a one-haul program.

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

Junior Council - Xander asked how can Jr. Council get information posted on the web site. He was advised by Council to email information to Ms. Cameron and she can submit the information to Mr. Livingston to post on the web site. Discussion took place where to put the Bob Harker memorial plaque. Xander stated he is working on planning different events for spring and summer such as Movie Night. Discussion took place about Council looking at the budget to see if they can assist with any of the their needs. Discussion took place about their upcoming 50/50 raffle.

Communications: Read by Mr. Starn

- Letter from Jeff Bolland from Emergency Services. Discussion took place
- Read letter from FEMA regarding the floodplain ordinance that the Borough is in compliance.
- Read letter from Attorney Bowers & Fawcett regarding the Beaver Falls Joint Sewer Users Agreement.
- Read letter from Frank Polito from Comcast. Discussion took place about the Comcast Franchise Fee tax.

Mr. Bellan suggested that Council write a thank you letter to Mr. Ely for his assistance with the Comcast Franchise fee.

- Read letter from Direct Energy

Secretary/Treasurer - N/A

Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 2015, 2nd by Mr. Turnbull. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Landman stated that he was working with Mrs. Barsottini to try to get a Neighborhood watch program together for the Borough. Mr. Starn suggested to try to collect contact information from the residents such as email addresses so that in the future residents can be notified.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Turnbull gave an update on the security system. **Discussion took place.** Mr. Turnbull stated the committee made a list of job duties and responsibilities for Nathan /Road Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to add 2 additional cameras to the Intertech purchase order if we have the funds in the budget, 2nd by Mr. Landman. Discussion took place. PASSED UNANIMOUS

Streets and Sewers Committee:

Mr. Starn gave a paving update. Estimated date will be mid October.

Mr. Starn stated that Nathan asked permission to attend a PA One call convention in Monroeville. **A motion was made by Mr. Landman to authorize Nathan to attend the PA One Convention on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at Mr. Starn's discretion, 2nd by Mr. Bellan. PASSED UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Starn discussed the leaf machine needing some parts and Nathan was going to be ordering. Mr. Starn discussed the backhoe possibly needing a new brake system. Nathan stated the backhoe has been making a lot of noise. Mr. Starn stated he made a few calls about possible costs to repair if needed. Discussion took place.

Ruthanne asked about leaf pick up dates. Will publish dates in the View

Recreation Committee: N/A

Recycling and Refuse Committee –

Mr. Evans gave an update on the one-haul proposal. He presented Council with a list of names of recycling and refuse companies. **Discussion took place.** Solicitor Urick addressed the concerns with the one-haul. Solicitor suggested that the Borough needs an ordinance to enforce a one-haul program. **A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to prepare an ordinance for a one-haul, 2nd by Mr. Landman. Discussion took place. A Vote was taken. (5) Yes (1) No. Mr. Turnbull - No; Mr. Evans - Yes; Mr. Bellan - Yes; Mr. Starn - Yes; Mr. Weisenburger - Yes; Mr. Landman - Yes. Ms. Klein - Absent**

Budget and Finance Committee -

Mr. Weisenburger discussed the proposed budget with Council. **Discussion took place**
A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to transfer the \$34,000 from the General Fund account to the Capital Improvement Fund, 2nd by Mr. Weisenburger PASSED UNANIMOUS.

Rental Prop and Maintenance Inspection Committee - N/A

New Business - N/A

Old Business –

Officer Reports

- Mayor - (Aluseo) – Present
Addressed her concerns with someone from Council needs to have a key to the main doors to the Borough building. **Discussion took place.**
- Zoning Board/Code - N/A (MDIA)
- COG - Mr. Starn stated that he attended the COG meeting last week
- Emergency Management Coordinator – N/A (Bellan)
- Solicitor – (Chad McMillen - Absent) Solicitor - (Nick Urick - Present)
Solicitor Urick addressed still working on the co-op agreement with the Patterson Township Solicitor.

Discussion took place about the Beaver County Times reporter Right-To-Know Request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

Monthly Bills: A motion was made by Mr. Bellan to approve the monthly bills for September, 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 9:15 p.m.**

Renee Cameron, Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Starn, President