

Patton Borough Council  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 8, 2013  
Minutes

President Crowell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and attendance was taken. All Council members and Mayor Bakajza were present.

**Minutes** – A motion to approve Minutes of the December 2012 regular Council Meeting as written and to post to website was made by Council Member Kirk and seconded by Council Member Resko. Motion Carried.

**An Executive Session** was called at 7:05pm – 7:10pm for Personnel Matters a Legal Matters. All guests present left the meeting and returned after the meeting. President Crowell announced after the session that no decisions were made during the session.

**Park Commission** – Council Member Kirk made a motion seconded by Council Member Shilling to reappoint Melissa Kinney to another term as a Park Commission Member. Motion Carried.

**Patton Municipal Authority** – Council Member Noel made a motion seconded by Council Member Kirk to appoint Jeff Weber, to a term as a Patton Municipal Authority Member. Motion Carried. The Council praised Glenn Bowman for all his years of service to the Borough but since Mr. Bowman no longer live or owned property in the Borough that they could not reappoint him. It was suggested that the Borough do something in his honor for all his years of service.

**Tax Collector** – After verification of the same by the County that these funds do not belong to anyone but him - \$467.51 that Tom Hudak had on hand in his cash drawer for change needs to be returned to his estate and verification that the same was done should be sent to the County Controller's office. The cash has been deposited in the General Fund and will be sent to his estate. The County has also sent a letter outlining the distribution of the funds held in Mr. Hudak's tax collection account. Council Member Noel made a motion that was seconded by Council Member Kirk to accept the County's Controller's determination for disbursement of this funds as listed. Motion Carried. (List attached to the minutes.)

Secretary Dunegan informed the Council that the Tax Claim Bureau - sent a list of properties in the Borough with unpaid taxes that have gone to through the Sheriff sale process without any bids. These properties could be purchased from the County.

**Street Committee – One of the Plow trucks was down and there was learning curve for the new driver etc. learning the road...** Ordering remainder of 2012-2013 Salt Requirements and Applying for 2013-2014 Salt Allotment.

**Secretary Dunegan informed the Council that Atty Webb sent information regarding bidding limits....** Effective January 1, 2013, the law automatically increases the bid limit for a borough, township and municipal authority to \$18,901.00; the limit for three written quotes to \$10,201.00; and \$10,200 and below no longer requires bidding or quotes. She also informed the Council that she was continuing with the work for the year end/close outs/ annual reports.

**Sewer and Water Department:** No one attended from the Department and they did not have anything to add for the meeting.

**Police Department:** Chief Leppert did not attend the meeting and had nothing for Council for the meeting.

**Meetings and Other Events:**

**Flood Grant – Contract** –Stiffler and McGraw to Attorney Webb for review. After a discussion on the matter, Council Member Resko made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the favorable review of the Borough Solicitor. Motion Carried.

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**Executive Session** 7:23pm an executive session was held - personnel matter and legal matter. Council Member Shilling excused himself from the session due to a conflict of interest. President Crowell announced that no decisions were made during the session. After the session a motion was made by Council Member Della Valle and seconded by Council Member Resko to update the police pension plan to include survivor benefits (death benefits) and retirement at age 55 and 25 years of service. Motion Carried. Council Member Shilling abstained due to a conflict of interest. Secretary Dunegan will collaborate with the Actuary and the PSAB Pension to process the needed paperwork to up the Pension/ Pension joiner agreements.

**Other Correspondence and information For your information:**

Cenkner Engineering, Inc. – of Acme, Pennsylvania purchased CPS Surveys of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania – who has done the majority of the Borough surveying for the last 35+ years. Cambria County Emergency Services – Sent an updated NIMS form – However the Borough is already in compliance.

A motion was then made to adjourn by Council Member Kirk and seconded by Council Member Noel. Motion Carried.

President Crowell called the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Donna M. Dunegan  
Borough Secretary