

Patton Borough Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appliance Day – The Solid Waste Authority requested for the Borough to participate and hold on Saturday, May 18th an Appliance-Recycling Day with the County. A motion was made by Council Member Della Valle and seconded by Council Member Shilling to approve the Borough holding and Borough employees to participate in the Saturday, May 18th an Appliance-Recycling Day with the County as well as to compensate our employees under the usually policy. Motion Carried.

Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2013 regular meeting of Council as written and to post to website was made by Council Member Resko and seconded by Council Member Kirk. Motion Carried.

Tax Collection – The Tax Collector forwarded to the Borough Secretary over 200 residents who have not paid their Per Capita taxes. These delinquent taxes are then collected by Berkheimers; once turned over additional fees are added on at the delinquent taxpayers expense. A short discussion took place... Council decided to allow Secretary Dunegan to wait until March 15th to turn over the delinquent per capita to give taxpayers a few more weeks before collection.

Sewer – Palmer Avenue Pump Station – The computer control panel went down at the Palmer Avenue pumping station and cost \$4256.37 to repair by GES Automation Technology- Harrisburg... Additionally, the effluent sampler went down and it cannot be repaired; Ken Trinkley did some work with the other sampler at the plant to keep things running... however the sampler had to be replaced immediately because the plant is required to have an operable one at all times... the estimated cost is \$4300.00. The expected life of the equipment at the plant and pumping stations only five (5) years; since most of the sewer plant and pump station's equipment is from the 2004 upgrade. It may be prudent to budget more for these expenses; including the pending cleaning out of the reed beds. A short discussion followed on the potential impact... since Mr. Trinkley was not present it was asked that he put together more information for the next meeting.

Nutrient and Phosphate Permit DEP – Pilot Study to Permanent Work; as soon as the weather breaks in the spring Ken Trinkley can start the physical installation.

Water Department – The Borough no longer needs to send via mail to each household the Annual Consumer Confidence Report; instead we can post this information to our website out of a courtesy (along with our annual newsletter.) Not having to mail out this report will save the Borough about \$600.00 in postage, office supplies and man-hours to prepare/ send out. This should help offset the new annual compliance fee of \$750.00 that the Borough will now be required to send to the SRBC (Susquehanna River Basin Commission) for the wells (although they are not online yet.)

Meter Reading Handheld needs replaced – Approx \$13000.00. It will no longer keep a charge and is too old to upgrade (2004); however we have cleaned the contact points in an effort to extend its life and we will see how the charge holds. These readers have an estimated life of 4 to 5 years and it has survived almost double its life expectancy. The cost to have a person reading versus a new gun was discussed... it was decided to wait and see if the gun life could be expended before making this purchase...

Patton Municipal Authority – Received the SRBC Permit for the Well Project... Awaiting other Permits Continuing with design work in the meantime...

Water and Sewer Billing –Secretary Dunegan informed the Council that soon a newer version of the Water and Sewer Billing software would be available... with new emailing capabilities... at a cost of \$300.00. A short discussion took place after which Council Member Noel motion to approve the purchase and install of the new upgrade once it is available with a second by Council Member Della Valle. Motion Carried.

Street Committee – Council was informed that as the weather has gone to the extremes over the last month, the plow trucks had to have some additional repairs done to them... and additional salt was order to fulfill our order requirement. As short discussion followed.

Prison Program – The Council was informed that the County Prisoner Project is scheduled to come in May they can assist with painting the curbing, brushing work etc.... The Borough would just need to feed them and inform the insurance company. Additionally since the Cresson Prison is shutting down; therefore that prison workforce program which was at no cost to the Borough and saved thousand of dollars is of course no longer available.... A motion was made by Council Member Resko and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to approve the cost to feed the prisoners and workforce as part of the requirements of the utilization of the prisoners. Motion Carried.

Police Department: Received additional Aggressive Drive Campaign (WAVE) and Buckle Up funding. A short discussion took place on the vehicle towing.

Police Pension – The PSAB MRT prepared new joiner agreements for the Police Pension based on the recommended changes approved by Council at the last meeting; some laws have changed on passing these changes; the Borough solicitor needs to review and see how the Council needs to proceed to enact the updated joiner agreement (new ordinance resolution etc.)

State Police Fines Allocation: Secretary Dunegan informed the Council that Patton is eligible to continue receiving its State Police Fine allocation. This is because the Borough has 40 hours or more of Police coverage a week and a population under 3000. (A copy of the Magistrate's year-end report is also with the Chief's police call report.)

Penn DOT - Penn DOT sent out a copy of the new laws for **Parades** or any use of a State roadway... Organizations that usually request to close the streets besides our own – Patton Fire Company, Patton Events Committee, Christmas Committee, and Patton Veterans/ Legion are effected. A short discussion followed...

Easter Egg Festivities - Additionally Mayor Bakajza informed the Council that a request was made by the Patton Special Events Committee for the Easter Egg Festivities - A motion was made by Council Member Della Valle and seconded by Council Member Resko to approve the use of the Park under regular conditions and the usual donation of \$100.00 towards the event. Motion Carried.

Hazard Mitigation – FEMA sent a letter commending Council for their dedication demonstrated in preparing and adopting a strategy to reduce future disaster losses; however in order to be “re-certified” in the future they have a lengthy “List of Recommendations” the for improvements they would like.... Council asked Secretary Dunegan to forward to Al Kline of the Emergency Management Center for guidance on how (if needed) to implement.

Municipal Building – A water line leak in dentist office caused damage to tile and carpeting, which must be replaced... Just over \$1600.00 in damages... Including pipe repairs and damage to the basement. The insurance covered most of the loss.

Municipal Window Replacement Program: For 2013 – Main Borough Office's window; Window leaking/ warped open and leaking air; with the -0° F temperatures it froze equipment and the office although efforts were made to keep cold air out; this was the first window ordered the cost will be \$465.00 from Window World -half down when ordered and remainder when it is installed.

Gerald Wilkie 422 McIntyre also asked to address Council – He asked the Street Commissioner about plowing his alley in a different manner to help with his access...a short discussion followed.

7:50pm to 7:55pm EXECUTIVE SESSION –On Legal Matters was held.

It was noted that no decisions/ official action took place during the EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Borough Amusement Devices – A motion was made by Council Member Resko and second by Council Member Kirk to clarify that the Borough Amusement Tax did not extend to any Pennsylvania Lottery regulated devices therefore a Pennsylvania Lottery ticket machine would not be taxable under the Borough Ordinance. Motion Carried.

General Discussions took place.

Plastic Piping – A discussion took place on C&G Bank's Lateral replacement... it was decided that since plastic plumbing was allowed under the State wide building code that they would allow it as a Borough lateral as long as it was in compliance with the State Wide Building Code.

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 7:58 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Donna M. Dunegan
Borough Secretary