

Patton Borough Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Minutes

President Crowell – Called the Meeting to Order at 7pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and attendance was taken. Mayor Bakajza arrived at 7:03pm.
Council Member Resko was absent from the meeting due to be out of town for his employment.

Jennifer Storm did not attend but requested that Council take into consideration renaming the alley by Warfield's Market her Grandmother **Regina Winslow**, a former resident and active civic leader. (The 400 Block of Edelweiss Street.) After a short discussion, Secretary Dunegan was asked to check with the 911 Center's addressing department to see if there would be any reason from them why this section of Edelweiss Street could not be renamed.

Seasonal Workers:

A motion was made by Joe Noel and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to hire the following seasonal works at the applicable wages listed: Park Commission – Maintenance - Richard Miller \$11.85 per hours; Gerald Flick \$7.25 per hour; Pool Manager – Jaymie Sheehan - \$7.25 per hour; Lifeguards – Autumn Bracken, Robert W. Grove, Alivia Coposky and Samantha Lechene: all \$7.00 per/ hour; Concession Stand – Evan Kinney, Christine Sopata and Loren Schweiger: all \$6.00 per/ hour. Other Borough Workers – Office Assistant – Amanda Farrell - \$7.25 per /hour. Summer Levee Maintenance – Bernard Dunegan, Luke Trinkley and also to approve the hiring of Daniel Trinkley retroactively back to the first day he worked this season. Motion Carried.

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April Meeting 2013 as written and to post to website was made by Council Member Kirk and seconded by Council Member Shilling. Motion Carried.

Water and Sewer – Sewer Plant – Ken Trinkley was not present but it was noted on his behalf that he has begun to get the items in for the nutrient and phosphate work he will be doing in the spring as part of the new requirements at the Waste Water Treatment Plant on the same.

Police Department: -A copy of the Chief's report was handed out for the Council's information. Council was asked to see the Chief in his office if they had any questions.

Police Pension Ordinance – A motion was made by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to adopt Ordinance No. 2013 – 04-01; an ordinance updating the Police Pension Plan to lower the retirement age to age 55 and provide certain disability benefits (the specification of both are outlined in the ordinance.) Motion Carried.

Streets - Road Program – The Street Commissioner has made a preliminary list of Streets that should be considered due to their current condition. Rather than setting up a formal meeting of the Street Committee Council stated that the Street Commissioner would be permitted to use his judgment in prioritizing the street that need resurfaced the most. Council asked about shaling the unpaved alleys Street Commissioner Price informed them the he and Mr. Kielbowick had already taking care of that and they were continuing with spring maintenance work... Council Member Noel said that he saw that Logan Twp had a sealer for sale... a short discussion took place on the befits of sealing cracks on our streets.

The road that Street Commissioner Price presented were: Fir Street (Cowher Avenue to Green Avenue), Good Avenue (Cowher Avenue to Green Avenue), Murray Avenue, Heather Street (Brown Avenue to Good Avenue), Palmer Avenue (4th Avenue to the Slovak Club Parking Lot).

Secretary Dunegan stated that she would contact Penn DOT to set up for them to review and approve the Road Program.

Flood Protection - Secretary Dunegan informed the Council The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Will be conducting the Continuing Eligibility Inspections (CEIs) – the Patton CEI on June 20, at 8:00 am. They anticipate that the inspection should take one full day, Secretary Dunegan noted as she and Street Commissioner Price were informed last year, that it will become increasing hard to remain in compliance because it is extremely difficult to be a certified flood control project.

Army Truck - Secretary Dunegan also noted from the last meeting that the **Army Truck** was sold to Mueller's in Altoona as junk in the amount of \$400.00. This is twice as much than was offered before.

Health Insurance – Borough's health insurance will be re-newing in June. The new rates reflect an 8% increase this is lower than the average of 17%; vision remains the same.

However because of "Health Care Reform" they are anticipating a few things to happen – A.) There would be separate rates for members who smoke. These rates are to be passed onto the employee – or else that portion the employee could be taxed as a taxable benefit.
B.) They will be making tiers for age groups; so for instance a single family plan may have various rates. Also they may allow the Borough to change our renewal date to a half-year in January, to allow the plan to be grandfathered in for another year.

Since there is no finalized plan on Health Care reform at this time our agent will keep us informed and make us aware of these changes as they happen. They are hoping that rates stay stable but with companies not knowing what the final Health Care reform document will look like; we should anticipate our insurance might go up drastically for 2014. This information has been passed on to our employees with Health Care as well so they also can be aware that this may affect their paychecks next year. A motion was made by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Kirk o renewal with current plan for 2013/2014. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on the **Great Patton Yard Sale...** it was noted that the Patton Special Events Committee was taking care of this year again.

Mayor Bakajza informed the Council that the Baptist Church approached him about them gifting the Borough their church building. A short discussion on the matter took place. After which a motion was made by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Shilling to thank the church for their offer but inform the Baptist Church that Borough respectfully turned down their offer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was held from 7:24pm to 7:30pm to discuss legal matters. All guests left and did not return after the session; only Council, Mayor and Secretary remained. No decisions were made during executive session.

After the Session a motion was made by Council Member Kirk and seconded by Council Member Noel to denied a request by C&G Bank to remove the liens for water and sewer on the Chris Jolly property in the Borough currently at \$1200.00 and the Patrick Miller property in the East Carroll township also for unpaid water and sewer services in the amount of \$1900.00. Motion Carried.

Other Correspondence FYI - Penn Vest Changed their computer systems and changed the account numbers of the Borough two (2) current Penn Vest loans (one for water and one for sewer.) This information is filed with their respective loan files in the Borough office.

Penn DOT - Chest Creek Bridge Over Route 36 – Project Commencement Letter.

Penn DOT - April 11, 2013 - Notice of work at one track of RJ Corman Railroad Company.

Patton Municipal Authority - Submitted a copy of Keller Engineer's Monthly report in from the last meeting; some of which contains legal information regarding contracts and real estate therefore not all information is public information at this time.

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

President Crowell called the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Donna M. Dunegan
Borough Secretary