

Regular Meeting of Patton Borough Council  
Tuesday, November 13, 2012  
Minutes

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

#### **Citizens and Others Present**

**Light Up Night Festivities and Christmas Activities:** A motion was made by Council Member Shilling and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to grant the Patton Event Committee's request to close Magee Avenue ( 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues ) and rest of the regular parade route for Friday, November 23, 2012 at 6pm (parade to start at 6:30pm) as well as donate the traditional \$100.00 donation towards the event. Motion Carried. Santa will be at the Patton Library again this year.

The Cambria County Redevelop Authority is letting the Borough use the corner lot for the display. Since they gave no restrictions Council felt it was the best option... Some of the decorating will be delayed until Verizon resets it poles in the area of 5th and Magee and then the wiring can be restrung. A short discussion followed on other options of the display in the future including the Dollar General who offered to help out next year.

#### **Christmas Party**

After a short discussion on the amount given for Christmas bonuses, a motion was made by Council Member Resko and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to give full time employees \$125.00 each and part-time and per diem employees \$25.00 each. Motion Carried. Secretary Dunegan thanked the Council on behalf of the Borough employees. After a discussion on the annual Christmas party, a motion was made by Council Member Resko and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to set the Christmas Party - for Friday, December 21st - noon – at the Patton Slovak Club, employees would get paid for the full day if they were scheduled to work that day (attendance is not mandatory). Motion Carried. Additionally, Mayor Bakajza was appointed to be in charge of Christmas party and the holiday cheer.

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

#### **Employees and Committees:**

**Sewer and Water Department: Sewer Department** - DEP is in the process of reviewing the WWTP Pilot Permit Application – The DEP responded to the Pilot Study Permit Application and in turn the Borough Engineers responded to the DEP questions... this will continue during the review process.

**Water Department** - Some improvements in security at the Water Treatment Plan have already been added, an additional camera monitoring system from Summit Security would be \$1777.00. A motion was made to approve the installation of a camera monitoring system and approve security monitoring from Summit Security at a cost of \$1777.00 plus regular monthly monitoring fees. Motion Carried.

**Street Committee** – Normal Fall/ Winter maintenance continues - removal of leaves and debris off catch basins... getting ready for the holidays as noted above etc.

**Street Commissioner Price** requested that the Council hire **James Kensinger** – as a per diem Street Crew laborer at \$8.00. Mr. Price would like to hire him now to allow for time to train Mr. Kensinger on the snowplow route etc. before the winter weather kicks in... A motion was made by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to hire James Kensinger – as a per diem Street Crew laborer at \$8.00. Motion Carried.

**Street Department - Magee Avenue Bridge Project (Borough's Bridge)** – Council Member Kirk made a motion to approve Penn DOT's Pay Estimate #5 for Period Ending Date of 11/12/2012- \$18320.15 (to be reimbursed 80% from the Commonwealth in accordance with the grant) based upon on the favorable review and recommendation of approval by the Borough Engineer's, Inspector in Charge's Randy J. Haney seconded by Council Member Noel. Motion Carried. (This is the last of the contractors pay estimates.)

**Police Department:** The Police Department's monthly call response report was distributed. Council was asked to see the Chief if they had any questions. At the request of the Chief of Police a motion was made by Council Member Della Valle and seconded by Council Member Resko to give permission to replace the deflect lights in the Police Station. Motion Carried.

**Secretary Dunegan:** Windows for Tower will be installed Monday, November 26th... continuing with Grant work... **FWF Insurance** – Estimated insurance renewal would be for the next meeting working on Worker's Compensation renewal.

**Meetings and Other Events:** Set Up 2013 Budget Meetings – Week of November 26th... After a brief discussion a motion was made by Council Member Shilling and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to adopt a budget for 2013 keep the millage rates the same (18.5) and keeping the water and sewer rates and all other rates and fees the same but approving the normal 3% cost of living increase for the full time employees and regular part-time employees. Motion Carried.

**7:15 pm Executive Session** was then called for personnel matters and a real estate matter.

7:15pm to 7:20 pm Council Member Kirk leaves the meeting due to a conflict of interest on the real estate matter the rest of the Council remains along with the Mayor and Borough Secretary. 7:20pm Council Member Kirk returns and Council Member Shilling leaves the session due to a conflict on the Personnel Matter everyone else remains. 7:24pm Council Member Shilling returns and a brief discussion on non-conflict of interest related personnel matter is discussed with all present. Session ended at 7:30pm.

It was noted that no decisions were made during the Executives Session.

After the session Council discussed some miscellaneous items on a potential new ordinance to look into some various building code matters and general discussions.

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

President Crowell called the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Donna M. Dunegan  
Borough Secretary