

Regular Meeting of Patton Borough Council

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

MINUTES

President Crowell the Call Meeting to Order.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kim Charney – 607 Third Avenue – Water on the levee. Mrs. Charney stated that water was pooling in her yard (adjacent to the levee)and that no one took a look at it... she explained her concerns for the potential of mosquitoes breeding and sewage coming up since she said she saw suds in her yard... President Crowell stated that (although she may not have seen anyone out) that the Street Commissioner Price had taken pictures of the activity and that it was scheduled to be repaired. The Council discussed the matter and concerns that the Backwash at the water plant was causing the problem... additionally the potentially broken pipe or other issues. It was suggested to see if Stiffer and McGraw could camera the lines. Mayor Bakajza explained the pumping system of the Backwash... A discussion then took place out the storm drain system, sewer system and trees in the area. After more discussion a motion was made by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Shilling to get a price to remove the roots from the line. Motion Carried. It was further discussed that perhaps after that that the lines could be televised to see what the condition of the lines were.

Patton Garden Club – Applause their efforts in helping keep Patton Beautiful and send a thank note.

Request from Storms to Swap Rights of Ways – in Highland Heights Development. A short discussion on the matter took place; however the Issued “died” for lack of a motion.

2002 Crown Victoria

Tabled from June's Regular Meeting the decision on to fix the 2002 Crown Victoria,

put out for bid sale etc. It was noted that the 2002 Crown Victoria was still at All Star and needed to be hauled back. A discussion then took place on the cost to fix the engine, condition of the vehicle, what was thought to be the value of the vehicle or what value the Council could get back from the vehicle if sold.

(It was noted during the discussion that Jack White Signs would letter the new police vehicle and

to get the other Borough trucks lettered.)

More discussion took place; after which a motion was made by Council Member Della Valle and

seconded by Council Member Shilling to bring the 2002 Crown Victoria back from All – Star and to put it out for bid for sale as is with no minimum purchase price. Motion carried with on nay vote.

Legal Work:

Tax Collection Ordinance – Attorney Webb – suggested to table until October due to law still being updated on Act 32 Tax Collection motioning to approve advertising the draft ordinance. Additionally Secretary Dunegan informed the Council that Atty Webb – was still reviewing the **Outdoor Furnace Ordinance** and has not sent a written opinion and that **Flood Control Ordinance** – would be tabled to August for consideration for adoption to meet advertising time after Attorney Webb's review.

Minutes – A motion was made by Council Member Kirk and seconded by Council Member Della Valle to approve Minutes of June 2011 as written and to post to website. Motion Carried.

Call on employees present.

Street Department -

The Levee Inspection went well the Army Corps of Engineers was very pleased with the tree removal project

Police Department - Requested to hire Jim Bogus as a per diem officer and also request to take Jason Owens off the roster since he has been unable to give the Department any hours.

A motion was made by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Shilling to **hire Jim Bogus** as a per diem police officer (at the regular per diem rate currently \$15.00 an hour.) Motion Carried.

A motion was then made by Council Member Della Valle and seconded by Council Member Kirk to **take Jason Owens off the roster** as a per diem police officer. Motion Carried. Chief Leppert noted for the record that Officer Owens departure was in no way a negative reflection on his job performance it was that his main job had to take priority and he no longer had time in his schedule to give our department service.

If anyone has any questions on other Police activity please see the Chief at his office.

Mayor Bakajza also noted that Cambria Heights had asked Chief Leppert to sign a **Memorandum of Understanding**. This document basically is an acknowledgment for some of the agency that

the School District deals with that the Patton Borough Police Department covers the High School and the Middle School... A short discussion followed. After which Council Member Della Valle made a motion, which was seconded by Council Member Shilling to authorized Chief Leppert to sign the memorandum of understanding between the Patton Borough Police Department and Cambria Heights. Motion Carried.

Water and Sewer Department – Noting to report at this time.

Park Commission reported on the Sale of their Equipment that no bids were received. The Commission will discuss at their next meeting and make a decision whether or not they would like to re-bid; if so they will let the Council know.

Other Correspondence FYI: Thank you from – The Glenn Bowman Family – for condolences from his mother’s passing. **Thank you Note from Keep Cambria County Beautiful** – For Patton Borough participation in the Spring 2012 Appliance and Tire Collection Day.

Council Member Noel asked about some nuisance properties. Then Council had a short general discussion on nuisance properties. Chief Leppert was given names of other individual to investigate and send potential violation letters. After which a motion was made by Council Member Della Valle to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Council Member Kirk. Motion Carried.

President Crowell called the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Donna M. Dunegan

Borough Secretary