

Regular Meeting of Patton Borough Council
Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Minutes

President Crowell the Call Meeting to Order – 7pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll Call of Attendance was taken.
Council Member Don Kirk was absent due to a death in his family. All others present at this time.
No citizens present.

Stiffler and McGraw – Roof Project. Bids were opened from two bidders: Cumberland USA, INC (base bid of \$67880.00) and Capitol Construction (base bid of \$23,290.00) (Copy of bidders sheet attached.) The total of and Capitol Construction alternate bids was \$55348.00) Dave Macharola, Principal Architect – Went over the bid with Council and a discussion followed. The Council had questions on the high cost of the heat wire in alternates NO. 3 - \$22,550.00 and NO. 4 of \$12,500.00 (\$35,050.00) – After more discussion followed, Council decided that although the heat wire may be needed it may be better to have Mr. Macharola go back to Capital Construction to see if a better prices on alternates NO. 3 and NO. 4 was possible. Mr. Macharola agreed with Council. After which a motion was made by to accept the base bid and alternates NO. 1, 2, 5, and 6: (Totaling \$43588.00) and to authorize Dave Macharola, Principal Architect Stiffler and McGraw go back to Capitol Construction to see if there was a better price, less expensive design etc. for the heat wire in Alter. NO. 3 and 4 before making a final decision by Council Member Shilling with a second by Council Member Noel. Motion Carried.

Street Commissioner – Continue to plow the Streets / Winter Maintenance. A short discussion took place.

Salt Contract – COSTARS - A motion was made by Council Member Resko with a second by Secretary Dunegan to apply for August 2011 - July 2012 Contract Salt Season through COSTARS. Motion Carried.

Traffic Signal – Secretary Dunegan received proposals for additional work to Traffic Signals (copies attached). This would complete the mini upgrade to the traffic signals at 4th and Magee Avenues and well as the insurance work to the “**No Left Turn Symbol Sign**” that in activated when the trains come through. A motion was made to allow **Telepower** to complete the insurance work on the “**No Left Turn Symbol Sign**” at cost \$6915.00 (paid for by the insurance claim) and the additional separate work comprising of replacing the “**No Right Turn Symbol Sign**” **signal heads, cluster head and rewire all signal head (excluding advance Railroad Signals)** at a cost of \$9915.00 as described in the respective proposals by Council Member Noel with a second by Council Member Shilling. Motion Carried.

Police Department – Chief Leppert would like to attend a DUI Task Force Conference in March; he explained that it is three days and it covers mandatory updates that the our police officers require. A short discussion followed, a motion was made to allow the officers to attend DUI Task Force Conference in March and to be reimbursed under regular Borough Policy on the same by Council Member Noel and seconded by Council Member Resko. Motion Carried.

Fire Works Draft Ordinance: Secretary Dunegan informed the Council that no suggestions were received for the language on the deposit amounts or clean up time for the Draft Fire Works Ordinance. A discussion followed. After which Council decided to incorporate one million dollars of liability insurance, \$250.00 for the permit with \$200.00 to be reimbursed upon clean-up which must be done with 24 hours of the events or it will be forfeited and \$50.00 being given to the Fire Company for their assistance in the inspection process. These will be added into the **Fire Works Draft Ordinance and sent to the Borough Solicitor for review.**

Draft Snow Ordinance: Was discussed if Council still would like to update or not. The consensus was that they did noting problems with vehicles that needed towed due to people not moving cars during snow events causing hazardous and making it difficult for emergency services to access streets. The Draft was tabled to the next meeting to give a chance for everyone to add any comments.

Sheriff Department delivered notices of two (2) nuisances properties for Judicial Sale: 418 McIntyre Avenue; 517 Lang Avenue to take place in the spring. A discussion of nuisance properties in the Borough then followed.

Water and Sewer -

Committee Meeting - Commercial (Industrial and Intuitional) Rate Structure Workshop
– Thursday, January 13, 2011 – 7pm. A short discussion took place; (since not all members could make this date it was rescheduled for Wed. January 26, 2011.) Council Member Noel stated on behalf of the Committee that by reviewing the rate structures for a more fair system for Commercial (Industrial and Institutional) properties perhaps this could help keep the residential rates down. More discussion followed on information on rates from other systems etc. Secretary Dunegan would be requesting information on popular of the School Districts building to assist in the review. More discussion followed.

Building Inspection – Secretary Dunegan requested the Borough files and information be returned back to the Borough since they were no longer our inspection company as of December 31, 2010 from Somerset County Building Code Inspection; a proposal from Cambria County Building Codes and Commonwealth Code Inspection Services – Bedford were also received to act as our new inspection services. After a discussion of the two companies Council Member Resko made a motion to hire **Commonwealth Code Inspection Services** as the Borough's Inspection Company and to allow the Building Committee to negotiate the prices for services; with a second by Council Member Shilling. Motion Carried.

Flooding Grant – Received acknowledgement of receipt of the Flood Protection Grant Agreement executed by the Borough – should receive the fully executed agreement back from the Commonwealth shortly. Council Member Noel asked the Council if they would having any objection to him assisting the Street Commissioner in looking into the Boom mower (and related equipment) he stated that he had free time to do so but he did not want to offend the Street Committee. No one had any objects with Council Member Noel helping out the Street Committee with this project.

Secretary Dunegan also informed the Council that she signed up the Borough for the Reader's Digest **We Cheer America Contest** - <http://wehearyouamerica.readersdigest.com> just type our zip code 16668. To enter citizen sign into the website. Hit the cheer button ten times and do this everyday until February 7th. Patton Borough could win enough money with your help to improve the **Patton Pool Bathhouse**. (Those who enter also have a chance to win a prize from Reader's Digest.) So Please sign up and vote Daily ...Spread the word!

Mayor Bakajza informed the Council that he was in contact after the **digital cable** change to receive free cable for the Ambulance Association and the Fire Department... under the agreement these organization used to all receive... however at some time since they vacated the Municipal Building the location were not update... A short discussion followed. After which Council Member Shilling made a motion to authorize updating the agreement to add the building locations in order for the Ambulance and Fire Company to again receive free cable (along with the Municipal Building). Seconded by Council Member Della Valle. Motion Carried.

Mayor Bakajza also added that Police Contract has been signed by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) in its "cleaned – up" form as noted... a discussion followed. After which a motion was made by Council Member Resko and seconded by Council Member Noel to approve and execute the Agreement between the Borough of Patton, Cambria County, Pennsylvania and the Fraternal Order of Police Hemlock Lodge 101, Cambria County, Pennsylvania: Represent the Fulltime Officer(s) of the Patton Police (Noting that the only officer that is covered by this agreement is Officer Travis Shilling) January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014. Motion Carried.

A discussion also took place about placing copies on the Minutes on the website for this and future meetings. Mayor Bakajza stated that Secretary Dunegan could scan and he could make a place for them on the site once approved at the next meeting etc.

Miscellaneous Correspondence:

Information from First General Services of Ebensburg/ Altoona - Ebensburg.
Comcast - Information on Cable Franchise Renewal – Rate Increase February 2011.
Information on New Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Put enforce today (1/11/2011).

DEP – Notification of New Reporting Requirements for Public Water Systems that perform Environmental Testing for the Accreditation by rule Parameters under 109.304 (c) – Forward to Plant Manager: Ken Trinkley.
DEP – Sewage: New NPDES Permit Received (No. PA0110469) - Forward to Plant Manager: Ken Trinkley.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Noel and with a second by Council Member Resko.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectively Submitted.

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