

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

AUGUST 10, 2020 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, August 10, 2020 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Randy Zitterbart, Hillside Community Church, gave the Invocation and Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Robert Dollar, Charlie Mills, David Snyder, Tammy Wills, William Wisner and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Member Sarah Jane Miller and Ken Patterson. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Chief of Police John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Michael Ashcroft; Highway Superintendent James Bywater; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cara Gwinn, 861 Jefferson Avenue, Tyrone Basketball Boosters

Ms. Cara Gwinn, representing the Tyrone Basketball Boosters was present to ask Council for a waiver of the alcohol prohibition for their fundraising event on August 27, 2020. The Boosters Club has used the American Legion in the past; however, with the COVID restrictions, the Legion is not an option. Their event is scheduled for September 12, 4-8pm. They will furnish the Borough with a Certificate of Insurance, will have people in place for security, only selling 100 tickets with 2 persons per ticket. It was also noted this event is for persons 21 years of age and older. Borough staff also advised we do not accept reservations after Labor Day and pavilions are first come-first serve. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the waiver for consumption of alcohol. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Dollar, Wisner and Wills. Nays: Council members Mills and Mayor Latchford. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

Trina Illig, Blair County CDBG – CDBG-CV Funds

Ms. Illig, Blair County CDBG Coordinator, was present to advise Council of additional CDBG Funding received for COVID related matters. This program is called COVID Cares and contains 2 allocations. Submissions are due by August 31, 2020. Ms. Illig suggested \$37,123 for Housing Rehab and \$15,909 for urgent need/public services, this portion does not have to be low to moderate income, they just need to provide

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documentation as to how they were affected by COVID. It was also noted this is only a 2-year contract and will expire in 2022. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the allocation as presented. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the July 13, 2020 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending July 31, 2020 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Permission to Obtain Appraisal and/or Survey of High School Path Property

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Borough Manager seeking an appraisal and/or survey of 2 parcels of ground, better known as the High School Path. The 2 parcels contain approximately 6.9 acres. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Street Paving Program-2020 Liquid Fuels

Council was in receipt of a list of streets for the Borough's 2020 Street/Alley paving program. Borough representatives met with PennDOT representative Mike Bowser on August 5 and he approved the list. This project is funded by the Borough's annual Liquid Fuels allocation. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the list approved by PennDOT and to place this project for bid. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Hutchinson Run Bridge Replacement-Relocation of Sewer Line-Cost Sharing

PennDOT will be replacing a bridge at Hutchinson Run. The Borough's sewer line is located within this work area and needs to be relocated. PennDOT has agreed to pay for 75% of the relocation cost. The Borough was contacted by Borough Engineer Josh Yohe, of GHD regarding approval of Resolution No. 2020-07 agreeing to the cost

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sharing, however this required approval by August 1st. Council was contacted and gave their consensus to approve this cost sharing Resolution. It was moved and seconded that Council ratify the approval of Resolution No. 2020-07, participating in a cost-share with PennDOT. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Community Pool – T ASD Residents Only

With the ongoing issues that COVID-19 has presented for the operation of our community pool, earlier this month Council members were contacted regarding allowing Tyrone Area School District residents only for admittance into the pool. By a 5-2 vote of those Council members responding, the majority voted in favor of this. It was moved and seconded that Council ratify this action. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Mills, Snyder, Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council members Wills and Wisser.

Pension Plans 2021 MMO's – Uniform and Non-Uniform

Each year by the end of September municipalities are required to report the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for their pension plans. The 2021 MMO for the Uniform Plan is \$141,236 and the 2021 MMO for the Non-Uniform Plan is \$154,518. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2021 MMO's for the Police and Non-Union pension plans. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Calvary Tyrone - Request Waiver of Rental Fee – Amphitheatre

Calvary Tyrone has requested the use of the Amphitheatre and Pavilion No. 1 on Saturday, August 15, from 7p-9:30p for an open-mic night. This event is open to the public; however, they will adhere to the Governor's order whatever they may be at that time. It was moved and seconded that Council waive the rental fees for the amphitheater and pavilion. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Calvary Tyrone has also requested use of the City Hotel Park for outdoor worship gatherings on Sunday mornings from 10am to 1pm. The dates would be August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 27. It was moved and seconded that Council allow for these worship services in the City Hotel Park. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Snyder, Dollar, Wills and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council members Mills and Wisser.

Letter of Intent with Altoona Water Authority – Disposal/Acceptance of Biosolids

Council was in receipt of a Letter of Intent (LOI) for their review and possible approval. This LOI is between Tyrone Borough and Altoona Water Authority for the purpose of disposing of the Borough's biosolids. It was noted this LOI is non-binding. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said Letter of Intent with the Altoona Water Authority. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Additional Info:

- Community Yard Sale, September 12 @ 8am
- Burgmeier's Fall Cleanup, September 22, 23 & 24

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: The Solicitor had the following to report:

Ordinance No. 1442 – Permitting Borough Resident Chickens

“An Ordinance of the Borough of Tyrone Amending the Borough of Tyrone Code of Ordinances Chapter 61 Entitled “Animals” By Adding Article IV Entitled “Chickens”; Provide for Severability of Provisions, Establish Enforcement and Penalties for Violations; and Establish an Effective Date.”

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1442, thus allowing Borough residents to have chickens within the Borough if they follow certain guidelines as outlined in the Ordinance i.e. no more than 6 hens, no roosters and not permitted to be free ranging. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Councilmembers Wisner, Wills, Snyder and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council members Mills and Dollar.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester’s report.

Bid Award – 9th Street Pedestrian Bridge Repair

The Borough accepted bids for *Repairs to the 9th Street Pedestrian Bridge*, on August 3, 2020. Six bids were submitted and are listed below:

BCS Construction	\$ 175,350
Gordon Delozier, Inc.	\$ 185,000
LTT Trucking, LLC	\$ 239,500
John Claar Excavating	\$ 252,500
HRI, Inc.	\$ 294,500
George S. Hann & Sons, Inc.	\$ 299,399

Bids have been reviewed by GHD and they recommend award to the low bidder, BCS Construction at their bid price of \$ 175,350. It was moved and seconded that Council approve BCS Construction for the 9th Street Pedestrian Bridge repair. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Amendment to Engineering Agreement – NBRSA

Mr. Nester presented Council with a proposal, not to exceed \$12,500 for assisting the Borough in negotiations with Northern Blair Regional Sewer Authority. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said proposal. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Snyder, Dollar, Mills, Wisner and Mayor Latchford. Councilmember Wills abstained.

Water System Improvement Project

Mr. Nester advised the contractors for the Water System Improvement project are having difficulty obtaining

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell’s report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo’s report.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Harris’s monthly report.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Ashcroft’s monthly report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater’s report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resident Request to Change Name of Street

The Borough is in receipt of a request from Blair County to change the name of a portion of 24th Street to Blue Bunny Lane. This is located in the Borough; the street sign would be purchased by the Borough. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this request. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Latchford asked for public comment, there being none, a roll call vote of Council was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Wisner, Wills, Snyder, Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Councilmember Mills. The motion carried.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager