

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2019 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Peter Dittman, Bald Eagle/Grazierville United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council Members Charlie Mills, Terry Richardson, David Snyder, Thad Graham, Robert Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council members Sarah Jane Miller and Michelle Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Police Chief John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Finance Director Shannon Wilson; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester and Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss real estate and personnel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Chuck Banas, 602 4<sup>th</sup> Street,** representing the Tyrone Golden Eagle Football program was present at the meeting to request a Proclamation from Mayor Latchford for the August 30<sup>th</sup> football game against Central. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tyrone Golden Eagle Football State Championship. Mr. Banas is working on a celebration to be held during the halftime show. Players of the 1999 State Championship team will be introduced, the Mayor would read the Proclamation and a brief fireworks display is scheduled. It was the consensus of Council to approve all activities.

**Trina Illig, Blair County CDBG Grant Coordinator,** was present at the meeting to discuss the Borough's CDBG allocation. After administrative fees are deducted, the Borough has \$86,202 to allocate to projects. As of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, there were 20 units on the Borough's rehab waiting list. This amount could rehab at least 3 housing units if 2019 funds are allocated to housing rehab. Council will need to approve this at their October meeting.

**Ronnie Garbinsky, Tyrone Sports Association,** was present to advised Council their organization has received a grant from Southern Allegheny in the amount of \$20,243.45. Council had previously greed to donate \$35,000; these funds will also be presented to the Tyrone Sports Association in the near future. Mr. Garbinsky thanked

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the Borough for their contribution. Southern Allegheny will be holding a press release at the basketball court at Reservoir Park on August 20th at 10am to make their presentation.

**Bridget Gill, 1461 Bald Eagle Avenue**, was present at the meeting to advise she is not part of the Tyrone Cat Advocates. She was not aware that TCCA was not trapping or doing anything during the summer as they are on vacation. Various residents have asked for help. It is kitten season and is best to trap females before they reproduce. They have found a 35-40 cat colony with several pregnant females and kittens that were born this season. This is just one colony and doesn't address all other issues that are taking place. Ms. Gill is a photographer and would like to organize a "Snap for Traps" event at Reservoir Park as a fundraiser where 100% of the proceeds would go towards the cause. The event would be 2 days with 15-minute increments for family portraits. Her goal is to trap, neuter/spay and release. She works closely with Hope at the Humane Society. Davie Snyder said it was refreshing to hear her approach to this topic. Consensus from Council was made by all to proceed.

**Jen Powell, Director, Tyrone-Snyder Public Library**

- Installed a new water fountain with a bottle filling station. Jen thanked the Borough for hosting the summer pool party. Plenty of school supplies were received and will be distributed this Saturday from 10am-2pm.
- Kindergarten readiness school programs
- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> story-time with author of Children's book
- August 23 will be the last toddler legos class
- Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Blair County Elections Committee will do demonstration of polling stations
- A local mystery author will be coming in
- Started sensory story times next one is Tuesday, September 17
- Workshop series for teen girls in the fall
- September 21, the Library will hold a celebration for paying off the mortgage

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending July 31, 2019 be approved: (1) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; (2) Cash Disbursement Journal and (3) Account Balance Report. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**Request for Use of Amphitheatre – Faith Day**

Council was in receipt of a request from Pastor Zitterbart, Hillside Church, for use of the Amphitheatre at Reservoir park, for a Community Movie Night on August 17 from 8-10:30pm. This will wrap up the Community Faith Day being held earlier that day and is a free community event. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the use of the Amphitheatre. Council unanimously approve said motion.

**Payment Request Nos. 1 & 2 – Logan Avenue Streetscape**

Council was in receipt of Payment Request Nos. 1 & 2 for the Logan Avenue Streetscape Phase II project. Payment Request No. 1 is in the amount of \$ 97,489.47 and Payment No. 2 is in the amount of \$10,802.12. The requests have been reviewed by the Borough's Inspector and Blair County Grant Coordinator, Trina Illig. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Payment Application Nos. 1 and 2. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Approval of Repository Bids**

Council was in receipt of a notice from the Blair County Tax Claim Bureau containing a bid for a vacant piece of land located on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Tyrone and bearing the Map Code No. of 2201-06-22. The bid is for \$250. It was moved and seconded that Council accept the bid of \$250 for the above-mentioned tax parcel number. This will get this parcel back on the tax records. Council unanimously approve said motion.

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**Sale of VanScoyoc Hollow Property**

Bids were accepted on July 26 for the sale of 80 acres of vacant ground located on VanScoyoc Hollow Road. One bid was received from Glenn Ray/Elizabeth Acres in the amount of \$182,560. It was moved and seconded that Council accept the sole bid. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Improvements to Hospital Road**

Council was provided with information from the Tyrone Hospital with regards to the funding request hospital representative made at a prior meeting. Representatives from the Hospital were in attendance. Council member Richardson stated he is fine with paving the road up to Dr. Patel's office. He states 85-95% of this road is in Snyder Township and feels this will just provide a shortcut from Clay Avenue. Council member Richardson also stated the paper incorrectly printed that the Borough had already agreed to pave this road, and this was not true.

Hospital representative Bill Maines stated the Borough has funds from the windmills to use as grants. Council member Mills inquired as to the size of the road to which Mr. Maines advised it was 18' wide and 750' in length. Interim Hospital CEO Anna Anna advised the hospital maintenance crew filled the pothole on the existing road. Hospital financials were provided to council members. The estimated cost of the road is \$56,299.03.

It was then moved and seconded that Council approve a grant request in the amount of \$56,299.03 to the Tyrone Hospital for restructuring of Hospital Drive. A roll call vote of Council was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Graham, Dollar, Mills and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Richardson.

**Approval of 2019 CDBG Allocation**

It was moved and seconded that Council allocate the 2019 CDBG allocation of \$86,202 to housing rehabilitation. It was noted this could rehab 3 units. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**Informational:**

- Senior Swim, August 15, 6-8pm
- Free Community Swim, August 19, all day
- Community Yard Sale, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8am
- Fall Cleanup for Borough residents, September 10, 11 and 12

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Stants had the following to report:

**Ordinance No. 1431 – Amending Speed on Portions of Clay Avenue**

*An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending The Code Of Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone Specifically Chapter 190 Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic", Section 190-53, Entitled "Schedule I: Speed Limits"; And The Ordinance Reaffirms Section 190-53 As Amended; Contains Repealer And Severability Provisions And Established An Effective Date.*

**Ordinance No. 1432 – Authorizing Electronic Payments**

*An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone Amending The Borough Of Tyrone Code Of Ordinances Chapter 3 Entitled "Administration Of Government" By Amending Provisions Article IV Entitled "Chief Operating Officer" To Authorize The Borough Manager To Approve Electronic Fund Transfers; Amending Article VIII Entitled "Department Of Administration" To Authorize The Director Of The Department Of Administration To Implement And Supervise The Receipt Of Electronic Payments; Provide For Severability Of Provisions And Establishing An Effective Date.*

It was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 1432.

**911 Addressing**

Solicitor Stants advised Council the County is requesting Blair County Municipalities give addressing authority to the County. Most municipalities are adopting this Resolution. It was the consensus of Council for Attorney Stants to prepare a Resolution for the September meeting.

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

Mr. Nester advised there were a few areas of concern for the Meadow Street Improvement Project. After discussion with the Sewer Superintendent, an amendment to this contract is needed in the amount of \$5,650. Council unanimously approved this amendment.

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

Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell was in receipt of a Land Development Plan for Keith Deal located at 908 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said land Development Plan, contingent upon receiving required approvals. Council unanimously approve said motion.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised the National Night Out was a successful event with over 350 people in attendance. Chief thanked Council, Manager, residents and businesses for their strong support of the Borough's K9 unit. The Police Department will be offering K9's in place of the Because We Care Bears.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton'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. Mr. Bywater requested stop signs in two areas: 2 way stop at Alley J where it intersects with Alley F and a 4 way stop at W. Cottage Street where it intersects with Logan Avenue. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Latchford called for public comment; there being none the motion was unanimously approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Council member Dollar inquired as to putting American flags on all streetlight poles that have a flagpole (185) and would like them to be up from Memorial Day thru Labor Day or Veteran's Day. Borough Manager Latchford advised the Bonsell family historically puts these flags up.
- Council member Richardson advised he saw on Facebook where grade school kids were able to do chalk art on a portion of public streets that were closed off. The Director of the Library offered their parking lot if someone wished to pursue this.

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- Debbie Kahn, 1203 Lincoln Avenue, voiced concern about the condition of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, coming into town and electrical service and asked the Borough to make contact

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/sw  
Borough Manager