

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Ron Baker, Church of the Good Shephard, gave the Invocation and Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members, David Snyder, Robert Dollar, Sarah Hunter, Rob Poust and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Members Charles Mills, Ken Patterson and William Wiser.

Also, present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; Rettew Consulting Engineer Steve Siegfried; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Earl Brandt, 1273 Pennsylvania Avenue

Mr. Brandt was present to address Council regarding safety at fires, standoffs, etc. Mr. Brandt commended the First Responders during recent events. Mr. Brandt further stated his concern for emergency personnel with so many bystanders around. He inquired if there could be an Ordinance in place for crowd control. Solicitor Stants advised that State law prohibits persons from interfering in any way at the scene of incidents. Other staff members advised this would be difficult to control with limited and volunteer staffing.

Tammy Moul, Social Worker – PA House

Ms. Moul was again present to discuss their request from last month for additional parking for the Pennsylvania House. Borough Manager Latchford advised the Borough has, in years past, received requests from other Borough businesses for removal of meters and those businesses have been denied. They have spoken to a Church in close proximity, and they agreed to permit them to use their parking lot. After a lengthy discussion by Borough Council and back and forth with possible ideas, Mayor Latchford stated he didn't feel there was anything the Borough could do to assist them at this time but encouraged Council and the PA House residents to bring any ideas back to the Council if any other ideas arose.

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Ms. Moul stated she understood Council's position and thanked them for consideration of their request.

PUBLIC HEARING – SHAFFER ALLEY VACATION REQUEST

Mayor Latchford recessed the meeting and turned it over to Solicitor Stants to conduct a public hearing regarding vacating a portion of Highland Avenue, located behind 602 S. Lincoln Avenue. This request is being made by Brian and Hope Shaffer of 602 S. Lincoln Avenue. Notice was sent to all utilities with no return replies. There was no public comment. Solicitor Stants adjourned the hearing and turned the meeting over the Mayor Latchford.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the July 11, 2022; Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Poust, Snyder and Mayor Latchford. Abstentions: Council members Dollar and Hunter. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending July 31, 2022, be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Poust, Snyder and Mayor Latchford. Abstentions: Council members Dollar and Hunter. The motion carried.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Request For Use Of Shea Field

The Borough is in receipt of a request from the Tyrone Christian Academy to use Shea Field as a playground/recess area for their students. This activity would be Monday thru Friday for the duration of the school year. The Borough's current Lease of Shea Field states in part, "*The Borough covenants and agrees that it will use (and permit to be used) the premises only for recreational purposes, including but not limited to youth baseball and soccer. Borough also covenants that it will (and will cause all persons who use the Premises to) comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.*" The school will provide the Borough with a Certificate of Insurance for this activity. Council

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asked if the school was a non-profit, staff was unsure however will find out and get back to Council. Council wished to table this until the September meeting.

Approval Of Investment Policy Statements – Borough Pension Plans

Council was provided with Investment Policy Statements for both the Police and the Non-Uniform pension plans. The Borough's pension Attorney, Randy Rhoades has made some changes to these plans to help boost performance. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Investment Policy Statements. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Extending Park Reservations

The Borough accepts reservations for Reservoir Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day. After Labor Day, services are limited as far as electricity, bathrooms, etc. Every year the Borough receives an increasing number of requests for pavilion rentals in the month of September. This was presented to Council for discussion. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the extension of reservations into September, beginning in 2023. Council unanimously approved said motion.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Summer Concerts in the Park are held each Sunday thru August 29, concerts begin at 6 and are free to the public
- Tyrone Community Yard Sale – September 17 @ 8am – anyone interested in registering for the sale can contact the Borough office.
- Fall Cleanup – September 20, 21 & 22

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

Resolution No. 2022-05 – Donation of Unclaimed Bicycles

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2022-05, authorizing the donation of unclaimed bicycles being held by the Police Department. These bicycles will be donated to Bible Baptist Church. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Ordinance No. 1452 – Vacating of a portion of Highland Avenue

Earlier in this meeting Solicitor Stants held a Public Hearing to vacate a portion of Highland Avenue, located behind 602 S. Lincoln Avenue. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1452. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Rettew’s Engineering Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell’s report. Mr. Frazell presented Council with a Lot Consolidation for Grace Baptist Church. This is to join lots only; no building is proposed. It was moved and second that Council approve the lot consolidation. Council unanimously approved the motion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Walk’s report. Chief Walk advised the part time hiring process is not going well.

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

Grant Martin, Owner of Former Big Yank Building

Borough Manager Latchford read an email from Grant Martin, President of MAG Industries requesting the Borough install stop signs at Lincoln and 16th Street and Lincoln and 17th Street. Mr. Martin is requesting this mainly due to safety factors for his business and employees. The Borough is required to do a traffic study for this request. It was moved and seconded that Council approve a traffic study to be done by Borough staff. Council unanimously approved said motion.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager