

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Benjamin Crum, First Assembly of God 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, Tammy Wills, David Snyder, Charlie Mills, Ken Patterson, William Wiser and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council member Sarah Janae Miller. Also, present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Interim Chief of Police Jessica Walk; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss possible litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Hadduck, Forester with Penn Forestry was present to discuss Gypsy Moth Spraying with Council. Mr. Hadduck advised that the gypsy moth problem has blown up and the Borough has areas of significant damage already. If the Borough chooses not to spray, next year will be devastating to the Borough's forested areas. Because the share of the trees helps to protect the Borough's reservoirs if these trees are damaged from the gypsy moths it could also endanger the Borough's water system. Mr. Hadduck discussed the product they would use and advised it has a shelf life of only six months.

Mr. Hadduck will assist the Borough in preparing bid specs for this job. There are approximately 50 acres that Mr. Hadduck feels needs immediate attention. If the Borough were to expand this to 200 acres the cost would be approximately \$11,000. If the Borough were looking to spray the entire forested area of 3,800 acres the costs could be as high as \$140-150,000. The Park would have to be closed while being sprayed, May to mid-June is the best time to spray because they need to get the trees before the leaves come out. Donnie Coffee, a local resident and certified arborist was also present and advised they he had found 2 other species (picnic and bark beetles) at a house on 5th Street in the Borough earlier today which causes a fungus called "oak wilt". The diseased tree can affect other trees quickly by a process called "root grafting", where the disease travels thru the roots and attacks the vascular system of the tree. If not treated these beetles can kill a tree in 4-6 weeks.

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Mr. Coffee also suggest the Borough may want to look into adopting an Ordinance for preventative maintenance and what to do if certain species/diseases are found on trees in the Borough. Ferguson Township and State College Borough have an Ordinance regulating this activity.

Rob Poust, Hops n Vines Committee

Mr. Poust, representing Hops n Vines, was present to request the Open Container Ordinance be waived for their event on August 14, 4pm-11pm. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the waiver. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Dollar, Mills, Wisner, Wills, Snyder and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Patterson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the July 12, 2021, 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, 2021, 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

Bid Award–Refuse and Recycling Contract

The Borough accepted bids on July 21 for a new Refuse & Recycling Contract. Two bids were received and are listed below:

	1 st year/Annual	2 nd year/Annual	3 rd year/Annual
Burgmeier Hauling	\$17.49/\$209.88	\$18.05/\$216.60	\$18.60/ \$223.20
Waste Management	\$ 25.80/\$309.60	\$26.83/\$321.96	\$27.90/\$334.80

Bids have been reviewed and we recommend award to the low bidder, Burgmeier Hauling. It was moved and seconded that Council award this contract to the low bidder. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Request for Use of Pavilion #1 – Grace Baptist Church

The Borough is in receipt of a Request for Use of Reservoir Park Pavilion #1 on the evenings of September 12-19 for Revival services. This event is free to the public. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this request. Council unanimously approved this request.

American Rescue Plan

Council was in receipt of information regarding the American Rescue Plan. These funds can be used for water and wastewater infrastructure. Borough Manager Ardean Latchford advised there was a \$41,000 loss at the Community pool during Summer 2020/COVID. He suggested recouping those costs. Council member David Snyder suggested putting some toward the water project; Mr. Latchford advised with a five-million-dollar loan that amount would not make much of a dent. It was suggested that looking into a system to make drier sludge at the sewer plant. Hauling costs for this doubled this year. Drier sludge would be cheaper to haul. Funds have to be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Borough Manager Latchford would like to see this decided by November.

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 1453 – Financial Recovery for Volunteer Fire Depts.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1453, authorizing the Fire Companies to financially recover expenses from insurance companies. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Mr. Nester had the following items for Council's approval:

Water Supply Permit Application – Sodium Permanganate Addition

It was moved and seconded that Council approve final payment in the amount of \$18,143.41. Council unanimously approved said motion, contingent upon the Contractor providing the final application for payment, certificate of substantial completion and closeout documents.

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AFP #7 for Contract #2 – 23rd Street Booster Station

It was moved and seconded that Council approve AFP #7 in the amount of \$44,587.30. This request has been reviewed by GHD and they recommend approval. Council unanimously approved said motion.

AFP #10 Request to Reduce Retainage – Glenn Johnston

Council was in receipt of a request from Glenn Johnston to reduce the percentage of retainage being held by the Borough. No motion was made.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Interim Chief Walk's report.

Interim Chief Walk had 2 requests for private handicap parking spaces:

- Kay Miles, 1301 Washington Avenue – this request was reviewed by the Police Department. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this request.
- Wendell Watters, 1063 Logan Avenue – this request was reviewed by the Police Department. Due to off street parking available at this property, no motion was made.

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.

EMA DIRECTOR:

EMA Director Jay Young thanked all involved during the July 26 house explosion and reported the following: there were no injuries to any firefighters; Chief Alan Walls had never handled anything of that magnitude and did a phenomenal job; 5 people individuals went in harms way to help save the lives of others. Mr. Young noted there was a slight problem with water pressure that day, he will be meeting with the Fire Chiefs and Water Department to discuss this. Mr. Young would like Council's permission to give out Valor awards. Mr. Young would also like letters sent from the Mayor to all fire companies that came to Tyrone's aid that day.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager