

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

FEBRUARY 11, 2019 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, February 11, 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 Ken Patterson, Bible Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Officer Scott Beall Presentation

Officer Scott Beall, who recently returned from deployment, was at the meeting to present Chief Romeo and the Borough with a flag that was flown during his deployment. Officer Beall was welcomed back with a round of applause.

Tyrone Community Cat Advocates

Pat Griffith addressed Borough Council regarding the stray cat issue. She advised the stray cat population is greater than they thought. As of November 2018, the Tyrone Community Cat Advocates have picked up 28 cats, 9 of which have been adopted out. They have also picked up cats on the outskirts of town. In town they have been focusing on Columbia Avenue, 6th Street and 18th Streets. They provided Council with a cost analysis of various fees they have paid. They charge \$75 per adoption. They have had to buy extra cages and traps.

Council member Mills thanks them for all they are doing in town and made a motion to donate \$1,500 to them. Council member Richardson seconded the motion. A discussion was held. Mayor Latchford asked if they had an organized group or were registered as a 501(c)3 status. Mrs. Griffith advise they are not and that she opened a checking account at her bank for the group.

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Councilmember Dollar voiced a concern of the cats being released back to where they came from and this is not helping with the initial complaint that came in from Mr. Holmes of the cat defecation on his property.

Mrs. Griffith suggested Council consider licensing cats. Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell feels this is not a viable option as you would see more cats on the street when people cannot afford to pay for a license. Mr. Frazell also has a concern that Mr. Holmes' issue that was brought to the Borough month ago still has gone unresolved.

Chief Romeo advised they have had numerous houses in the Borough with excessive cats, one particular resident is paying \$6,000 in fines. Chief advised he would like to see a limit on the amount of cats a resident can have. Council member Michelle Miller also would like to see the Borough be able to regulate the number of cats.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Michelle Miller, Mills, Richardson and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Snyder, Graham and Dollar. The motion carried with a 4-3 vote.

Council member Graham feels Council is opening a can of worms by giving a donation to this group.

Representative Jim Gregory

Representative Jim Gregory was present at the meeting. His office is open and ready to serve the residents of Tyrone. Mr. Gregory advised he was most recently able to assist in getting Kunzler's final permits for their expansion project.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Council Meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Graham, Dollar, Mills, Richardson and Mayor Latchford. Council member Michelle Miller abstained.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending January 31, 2019 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

Bids – Logan Avenue Streetscape – Phase II

The Borough accepted bids on February 11 @ 1pm. Six bids were received. Lehman Engineers will review the bids to ensure their completeness. A report of these bids will be furnished to Council at a later time for approval.

2018 Paving Program – Rescheduled

As Council may recall, due to the extreme amount of rain our area received in the fall, Glenn O. Hawbaker had requested an extension until early Spring of 2019 to complete the Borough’s paving project. This project should be underway in the near future.

2019 Paving Program – Logan Avenue

The Borough will be meeting with Mike Bowser, PennDOT Liquid Fuels, on February 20th to discuss the 2019 Paving Program. The 2019 Paving Program will consist of Logan Avenue from 10th Street to 16th Street.

Blair County Conservation District

A meeting was held on February 7th to discuss a possible grant for the road leading to the water department. The County has grants for Dirt and Gravel Roads.

Plaque for Sensory Playground Equipment

On February 5, the Borough was invited to the Blair County Commissioner’s meeting to receive a plaque for the installation of the Sensory Playground Equipment that was installed. The Borough received a grant from Blair County Park and Recreation in the amount of \$2,622.50. Once the weather breaks, Borough crews will complete this project.

Community Enhancement Meeting

A public meeting has been scheduled for February 21st @ 6pm to discuss enhancements of Borough facilities.

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SOLICITOR’S RERORT: Solicitor Krystal Edwards had the following to report:

“An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone (Borough) Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Borough And Snyder Township (Township) Wherein The Purpose Of The Agreement Is To Grant Jurisdiction To The Borough Police In Those Areas Of Snyder Township In Which Tyrone Hospital And Tyrone Area School District Operate Together With The Means Over Township Streets For Ingress, Egress And Regress To Such Areas; In Addition, Said Agreement: 1. Remains In Effect Until Terminated Upon Thirty Days Notice By Either Party; 2. Reaffirms That The Police Officers In The Township Remain Borough Police Officers And That The Borough Continue To Pay All Cost Associated With The Police; 3. Requires The Borough To Hold The Township Harmless For Liability Arising Under The Agreement; 4. Sets Forth That The Police Remain Under The Authority Of The Borough And Subject To The Chief Of Police Of The Borough Police Department; 5. Does Not Authorize The Procurement Of Real Estate To Effectuate The Said Agreement; And 6. Establishes An Effective Date.”

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1426. Council unanimously approved said Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1427-Regulating Parking of Trailers, Box Panel Trucks, Etc

“An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone Amending The Borough Of Tyrone Code Of Ordinances Chapter 185 Regulating Trailers And Trailer Camps In The Borough Of Tyrone, And Replacing The Same With The Following Ordinance To Now Prohibit Parking Of Box Panel Trucks, Low Boy Trucks, Tow Trucks, Trailers, Mobile Homes, Buses And Other Similar Vehicles Upon The Streets Of The Borough; And Establishing An Effective Date.”

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1427. Council unanimously approved said Ordinance.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell’s report. Mr. Frazell thanks Council for the recent adoption of Ordinance No. 1427. Council member Richardson advised he had recently rode along with Mr. Frazell for a day and urged other Council members to do the same.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised the process for the full-time hire is still moving forward.

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 advised they are having a hard time getting sale due to all the winter weather.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Council Member Richardson provided a handout to Council members regarding the safety of school kids. Mr. Richardson feels even though the school is in Snyder, we need to do our part to protect our children. Mr. Richardson urged Council to attend the next School Board meeting with him. Mr. Richardson has done some research and has even sat at some bus stop intersections. Mr. Richardson also advised the School Solicitor stated "nobody has been hit or killed on Clay Avenue". A local Clergy was in the audience and advised she lives three doors from the School and feels the speed limit needs lowered. Borough Manager Ardean Latchford recently met with PennDOT and advised a study was done regarding reducing the speed limit, however, PennDOT felt it would cause more congestion down Clay Avenue and other Avenues to the School.

Michelle Miller, former Crossing Guard for the School advised she doesn't live in the Borough or have children in the school district but she has a passion for the safety of our children.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager