TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2019 @ 7:00PM
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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, January 14, 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 Aaron Jeffrey, Grace Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Robert Dollar, Charlie Mills, David Snyder, Terry Richardson, Thad Graham, and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Councilmembers 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; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tyrone-Snyder Public Library

Jennifer Powell, Director of the Tyrone Snyder Public Library, was present at the meeting to advise Council the Library has applied for a $3,000 grant they would like to use at Reservoir Park. This would be for an environmental story walk thru the park which would include environmental information, informational displays and pamphlets. They are requesting Council's permission to do so, should the grant be approved. The grant approval should come in April. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this park project. Council unanimously approved said motion.

The Library is also continuing their work with the STEM program and has received a grant from Penelec that will allow for an energy audit.

Michelle Miller, Tyrone

Michelle Miller was present at the meeting to address the safety/traffic issue on Clay Avenue. Mrs. Miller was advised the Borough had met with the school earlier this day and the school district was advised by their Solicitor not to sign the Agreement, giving Tyrone police jurisdiction on Clay Avenue. Borough Manager Ardean Latchford advised that without the School District signing the Agreement, the Borough would not be able to enact the Ordinance that was on their Agenda for tonight's meeting.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the December 10, 2018 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 December 31, 2018 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

Approval of New Member - Fire Police

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Mr. Clarence Weakland as the newest member of the Fire Police. Mr. Weakland was sworn in by Mayor Latchford on January 13. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request for Survey/Appraisal/Potential Sale of Property

The Borough owns a parcel of ground (approximately 75 acres) in Snyder Township, located along VanScoyoc Hollow Road. The Borough Manager requested permission to have this parcel surveyed and appraised for possible sale. Council granted permission to move forward.

Pension Audits

The Borough's Police and Non Uniform Pensions were recently audited for the years 2014-2017. No discrepancies were found and the Borough continues to administer its plans in accordance with the laws.

Neptune Fire Chief

Prior to the January 14 Council Meeting, Alan Walls was sworn in as Fire Chief for Neptune Fire Company. Fire Chiefs from the two companies are sworn in every other year.

Tyrone Borough Community Enhancement Meeting

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 @ 6pm to discuss Enhancement projects for Borough facilities. This meeting is scheduled for February 21st at 6:00pm. Council was in agreement to this meeting.

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had nothing to report.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised the electronic speed sign has been moved back to Washington Avenue.

The K9 fundraiser is at $18,000 of the $25,000 goal. Chief advised the Department is currently holding a hoagie and apple dumpling sale and Colonial Courtyard is sponsoring an Elvis Night at the Elks Club on January 18th.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton requested permission to move forward with the Meadow Street project that was included in his budget. Council advised if it was in his budget, he was to proceed.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Ashcroft's monthly report. Mr. Ashcroft reminded residents to let water faucets trickle water during frigid temperatures to avoid frozen water lines.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- At the December meeting, Councilmember David Snyder inquired about a sign being placed near 12th Street & PA Avenue, he stated that truck drivers follow this route thinking they can get to Interstate 99. Mr. Bywater advised this was installed earlier this month.
- Councilmember Terry Richardson discussed his continued concern for safety of school kids. Mr. Richardson feels Council should approach the school as a group to further discuss school bus stop safety. Mr. Richardson was advised by the school that if an intersection has a 4 way stop, no crossing guard is required.
- Councilmember Thad Graham commended the Library on their STEM program.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager