

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Ken Patterson, Bible Baptist 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, Ken Patterson Sarah Jane Miller, William Wiser and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council member Charlie Mills. 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; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Tate, Tyrone Improvement Group – Veteran Banners & New Vendors

Mr. Tate, representative of Tyrone Improvement Group (TIG) requested the Borough's permission to install Veteran banners on the light poles such as they did with the senior banners. They currently have 143 banners. It was moved and seconded that Council allow TIG to install these banners on the light poles. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Mr. Tate also advised the Food Truck organizers have had several requests from local craft breweries to sell their beer and merchandise at this event. Patrons would be able to purchase canned beer. This would not be for consumption at the festival. The Tyrone Improvement Group does have insurance and they would have extra help to ensure patrons are not consuming. Mr. Tate stated they will have a zero tolerance if any issues arise from this. Council member Snyder stated these events have been incredible and he feels it is not the same atmosphere/culture/clientele as would be at a bar. It was moved and seconded that Council permit vendors for the sale only of craft beer, not consumption. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Dollar, Wiser, Wills and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council members Miller and Patterson. The motion carried.

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Terry Tate addressed Borough Council requesting

Melissa Russell, Backpack Giveaway

Mrs. Russell was present to request permission to do their 5th annual Backpack Giveaway in conjunction with the August 7 Food Truck Festival. This was formerly sponsored by Verizon Wireless however the Russell's sold their Verizon store and Inspection Go will be the new sponsor. They have 300 backpacks to give away. They would be in the pavilion near G & R and would still do face painting, bounce house, etc. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Mrs. Russell's request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Benjamin Johnson – 524 W. 18th Street

Mr. Johnson was in attendance to request the Borough revise the recently adopted chicken ordinance to allow for more chickens if you have a larger property. Mr. Johnson's lot size is .28 of an acre and he would like to have more than 6 chickens. Borough Manager Latchford asked if we could advertise this before adoption if Council chose to do so.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the June 14, 2021 minutes of the 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 June 30, 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

Approval of Fire Police Member

The Borough is in receipt of a member application for Tyrone Fire Police from Mr. Gary Sprankle. Mr. Sprankle has submitted the required documents and we recommend him for appointment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Mr. Sprankle as a member of the Fire Police. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Proposed Ordinance for Volunteer Fire Companies to Recoup Costs for Services

The Borough was contacted earlier this month by the Neptune Volunteer Company, requesting an Ordinance that would allow our volunteer fire companies to charge insurance companies for services while on calls. A draft copy of an ordinance was provided to Council for their review. Chris Cherry of Neptune advised they would use a third-party entity for billing. Mr. Cherry advised this was presently being done in Antis Township, City of Altoona and Port Matilda. The biggest concern from Borough staff was if this would affect insurance rates for our taxpayers. Mr. Cherry advised he was not aware of anyone having an increase from enacting this Ordinance. They would bill for things such as flares, hose, absorbent, etc; and they would only bill the insurance companies and not individuals. The proposed ordinance includes a 20% fee for services rendered. Council wishes this to be at 15%. Solicitor Stants will prepare an Ordinance based on this discussion and will present at the August Council meeting.

Bid Award – 2021 Street and Alley Paving Program

The Borough accepted bids for the 2021 Street and Alley program on July 12 @ 11am. Three bids were received and are listed below:

New Enterprise S&L Co.	\$144,766.24
Glenn O. Hawbaker	\$174,621.30
Grannas Bros. Co.	\$153,307.30

It was moved and seconded that Council award to the low bidder, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., in the amount of \$144,766.24. Council unanimously approved said motion.

2020 Consumer Confidence Report

Council was provided with a copy of the Borough's Consumer Confidence Water Report for 2020. The Borough is required to distribute this report by July 1st every year. The link to this report was included on the water bills and copies are available at our office.

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Informational:

- Summer Concerts in the Park begin July 11 and run every Sunday thru August 29, concerts begin at 6pm and are free to the public
- The Police National Night Out is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 5-7 @ the Community Pool
- The Tyrone Community Yard Sale is scheduled for September 18
- Fall Cleanup – September 21, 22 and 23

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 1451 – Additional Stop Sign @ Short Street

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1451, authorizing installation of a stop sign at Short & 5th Street. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1452 – Prohibiting Signs in Borough Rights of Way

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1452, prohibiting the placement of signs in Borough rights of way. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Fire company and Borough representatives will schedule a meeting to finalize this Ordinance before bringing it to Council at their August meeting. This was tabled until then.

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

Water System Improvements-AFP #9 Contract 1

Council was in receipt of Application for Payment #9 in the amount of \$245,970.93 for the Water System Improvement project. This payment request has been reviewed by GHD and they recommend payment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve AFP #9. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Water System Improvements-AFP #6 Contract 2

Council was in receipt of Application for Payment #6 in the amount of \$21,181.20 for the Water System Improvement project. This payment request has been reviewed by GHD and they recommend payment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve AFP #6. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

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

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:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager