

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

JUNE 8, 2020 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, June 8, 2020 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Carl Schmidt, Tyrone Alliance 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 David Snyder, Ken Patterson, Robert Dollar, Charlie Mills, William Wisner and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Member Sarah Jane Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Chief of Police John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Highway Superintendent James Bywater; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Public interviews were held for a Council seat that was previously vacated by Terry Richardson. Those interviewed were Heather Alexander, Devon Henninger, Homer Kann, Debra Weston, Tammy Wills and Jay Young. Following the interviews, Solicitor Stants distributed ballots to Borough Council. Council cast their votes and the Tammy Wills had the majority. It was then moved and seconded that Council approve the appointment of Ms. Tammy Wills; Council unanimously approved said motion. Ms. Wills was then sworn in as a member of Borough Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jen Powell, Director, Tyrone-Snyder Public Library

Ms. Powell was present to advise Council of eligible programs the Library is working on for the Summer. The library will be opening for curbside service; this will include copy and fax services and returning/exchanging library books. Portions of the building will be open as they can; they are working on learning kits that kids can do at home. They were also awarded a grant to help offset costs of coping with COVID-19 and were able to purchase 2 hotspots for wi-fi, as they are aware that many families do not have it. Ms. Powell had several requests of the Borough and they are as follows:

- Use of Amphitheatre at Reservoir Park to hold outdoor story times. They would need this on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday for about an hour.
- Use of City Hotel Park for outdoor story times in conjunction with Caterpillar

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Daycare

- Would like to create a story walk using temporary plastic signage in railroad park. A story walk would have page of a book on each sign that families could read at their leisure. The books would have a nature theme and have additional action activities connected to nature.
- use of pavilions for an Arts camp
- permission to do sidewalk chalk art on public sidewalks

It was moved and seconded that Council waive any rental fees for pavilions and/or the amphitheater for these community events. Mayor Latchford asked Ms. Powell to work out the details with the Borough Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the May 11, 2020 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 May 31, 2020 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 Snyder, Patterson, Dollar, Mills, Wiser and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Wills.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Railroad Park Pavilion

The Railroad Park area has seen an increase in visitors. Borough Manager Latchford was seeking Council's approval to seek quotes to construct a pavilion near the train cars that currently sit at Railroad Park. The pavilion would be big enough to house 4 picnic tables. The Borough currently has 3 picnic tables that sit uncovered in this area and we would purchase a fourth. Mayor Latchford suggested also including 2 charcoal grills. It was moved and seconded that the Manager seek quotes to construct a new pavilion at Railroad Park. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Opening of Community Pool

With Blair County being moved to "GREEN" during the COVID 19 pandemic, outdoor activities are permitted to have 90 persons per activity zone. The pool can be split into

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4 activity zones, thus allowing the pool to have 360 patrons at any one time. If Council agrees to open the pool, the Borough Manager suggests the following: no chairs or umbrellas, no concession stand, no swim lessons, or splash hops. Patrons are also encouraged to purchase season passes. If purchasing a daily pass, patrons must have exact change at the door to decrease chances of transferring germs. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with opening the pool for July and August with the suggestions made by the Borough Manager. The opening date will be determined by Borough staff once the logistics of employees and training are worked out. The Borough had already gone thru the hiring process before COVID, although employment paperwork needs to be completed.

2020 SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Borough is moving forward with the “Concerts in the Park”. Concerts are held on Sunday’s @ 6pm at Reservoir Park and will run from July 12 thru August 30.

SOLICITOR’S RERORT: The Solicitor had nothing to report.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester’s report. Mr. Nester advised the PennVEST closing for the water project was held on June 2nd. The preconstruction conference will be scheduled, and the project will move into the construction phase.

PennDOT will be replacing the Bridge over Hutchinson Run at Washington Avenue. Thus, the Borough needs to relocate their sanitary sewer main in this area. GHD recommends the work be incorporated into the PennDOT construction project. By doing this the Borough will share in the cost of the main relocation with PennDOT paying 75% and the Borough paying 25% of the cost. The proposed engineering agreement (design, bidding, and construction phase services) for this project is estimated at \$29,900. There was no public comment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this cost share. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo’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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Jay Young, Tyrone EMA Director advised that during recent meetings to update emergency personnel on the COVID situation, there is discussion of administering vaccines and medicines from a location agreeable to all parties and are looking for volunteers.
- Thank you to Mayor Latchford for taking the lead on the ordering and installing Senior banners.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager