

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Tina Hawkins, Wesley United Methodist 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, Sarah Jane Miller (by phone) Charlie Mills, Ken Patterson, Tammy Wills, William Wiser and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Member David Snyder. 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; Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich and Kimberlee LaRosa.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Latchford presented a Proclamation to the Irish Heritage Committee commemorating the annual Irish Heritage Celebration being held March 15-21, 2021.

Mayor Latchford also presented a Proclamation to the Tyrone-Snyder Public Library commemorating National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Charles Bickel, ACE Hardware

Mr. Charles Bickel, owner of Ace Hardware was present to ask Council if he could purchase the Borough owned property that is situate between the Ace Hardware Parking lot and the Municipal Building. Mr. Bickel would like to extend the parking lot for his business and use the alley as well for access. Council member Charlie Mills stated that property was given to the Navy Club for the crosses of those who are not allowed at Soldier's Park. Mr. Mills was advised the Navy Club was permitted to use that parcel for crosses. There are two parcels (1102 and 1104) Logan. Borough staff will look into this request.

Ann Osbourn – Food Truck Festival

Ann Osbourn was present to make additional requests for the Food Truck festivals. As a reminder the food truck festivals are planned for the first Saturday of each month from

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May thru September from 11am to 7pm. Ms. Osborn also requested permission to have breweries and/or wineries, not more than 3 as part of the event. Their goods would be for sale only and no consumption is permitted at the event. Ms. Osborn and another member of the audience stated it would bring something more to the area. Ms. Osborn also advised they would do what they had to do to keep Thomastown residents able to get to and from their homes.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Wisser, Wills and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council members Miller, Patterson, Dollar and Mills. The motion did not pass.

Ms. Osborn also requested permission for craft and art vendors for the same days. It was moved and seconded that Council approve art and craft vendors. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Dollar, Wisser, Wills, Miller, Patterson and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Mills. Borough Manager Ardean Latchford advised Ms. Osborn the Borough will need a Certificate of Insurance for the event, name the Borough as an Additional Insured.

Mayor Latchford recessed the Regular Council meeting and turned the Public Hearing over to Attorney Stants.

Attorney Stants called the Hearing to order and advised the nature of the Hearing was to take public comment on the request from Lloyd H. & Lisa H. Loose to vacate an unnamed and unopened alley, located between 538 and 566 W 22nd Street in Tyrone Borough. It was noted that no building and/or structure of any nature shall be erected on said easement which in any way may interfere with use of said easement by the Borough of Tyrone and public utilities. There being no public comment, the Hearing was adjourned. Mayor Latchford reconvened the Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the February 8, 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 February 28, 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

Sale of 1107 Bald Eagle Avenue

Council was provided with a copy of an appraisal for 1107 Bald Eagle Avenue, the parcel is approximately 141’ x 11’. The appraised value is \$400. As was previously noted, the buyers absorb any additional costs incurred by the Borough as part of the sale. The Borough is not required advertise this for bid as it is less than \$ 6,000.

Improvements to the Community Pool Filter Room

The Borough has requested bids for Improvements to the Filter Room at the Community Pool. Bids are being accepted on March 19, 2021 and will be presented to Borough Council at the April meeting.

Enhancement Project at the Historical Museum/Railroad Park area

Borough Manager Ardean Latchford presented Council with an idea for a two-story model train station. This area is gaining in popularity for tourists, and this would enhance the Rail History experience. The initial thought is to move the memorial bricks to the opposite side of the Museum and put the addition where the bricks currently stand. The Borough will be receiving a \$250,000 gift from Liberty Power as part of the Wind Phase II project and felt these funds could be put towards this project.

It was the consensus of Borough Council to pursue ideas/drawings, etc.

Informational:

- Irish Heritage Celebration is March 19-21 with fireworks the evening of March 19, Festival and Parade on March 20 and a Church Service on March 21.
- The Borough receive an update from the Sandy Ridge II Wind Project
- Burgmeier’s Hauling will be holding their Spring Cleanup in the Borough on April 6, 7, and 8
- The Borough, along with Burgmeier’s Hauling, will be hosting a Shredding Event at Reservoir Park, on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 11am to 2pm
- TACO Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 3 @ 4pm with a rain date of April 10 @ 4 at Reservoir Park
- TACO Fish Rodeo will be held April 17, 8am to 11am

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- The Borough will host an informational only meeting on March 16 @ 6pm to meet with the Altoona Water Authority to discuss Digester options

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

Ordinance No. 1448 – Loose Vacation Request – Portion W. 22nd Street

Earlier in this meeting, Borough Council held a Public Hearing to address a request from Lloyd H. & Lisa H. Loose. There was no public comment, the title of said Ordinance is:

An Ordinance of the Borough of Tyrone, a Home Rule Municipality: Vacating an Unnamed and Unopened Alley, Located Between 538 W. 22nd Street and 566 W. 22nd Street, in Tyrone, Blair County, Pennsylvania and Establishing an Effective Date.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1448. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2021-03 – VS Tyrone LLC Sewer Condemnation

The Tyrone Borough Sewer Department has contracted with a company to perform sanitary sewer work. VS LLC is a property owner in this area and has neglected to respond to the Borough after numerous attempts. The Borough needs this right of way in order to move forward with their project. Resolution No. 2021-03 allows the Borough to do so under the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-03. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2021-04 – Supporting Efforts of the Western PA Conservancy

The Borough was in receipt of a request to adopt a Resolution supporting the efforts of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Partners. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-04, supporting the efforts of the Conservancy applying for a Rivers Conservation Planning Grant. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

The handrails for the 9th Street Pedestrian Bridge were returned because of poor quality. They should be back on site within the next 2 weeks.

It was moved and seconded Council approve Application for Payment No. 2 under Contract 2 for the Water System Improvement Project. The AFP is in the amount of \$83,408.72 and has been reviewed and approved by GHD. Council unanimously approved said motion.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Application for Payment No. 3 for the Water Plant Filter Rebuild. The AFP is in the amount of \$30,411.10 and has been reviewed and approved by GHD. Council unanimously approved said motion.

A meeting to review Tyrone's Water System for the Risk & Resiliency Plan Update is scheduled for March 9, 2021.

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.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager