

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

MAY 13, 2019 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, May 13, 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 Tina Hawkins gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Robert Dollar, Sarah Jane Miller, Charlie Mills, Terry Richardson, David Snyder, Thad Graham, and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Councilmember 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; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sarah Starzesky, 406 Lund Avenue

Mrs. Starzesky addressed Council regarding her concerns about the levee that runs behind her property. This levee has fallen into disrepair and with each rain event the evidence of erosion grows more significant. They have reached out to the Army Corps of Engineers and have educated themselves on what can be done. The Corps advised the Borough can apply for a free Risk Assessment of the levee. The Starzesky's offered to work with the Borough in any manner. Borough staff will investigate having the Risk Assessment done in 2020.

Misty Rhoades, 1461 Logan Avenue

Ms. Rhoades addressed Borough Council regarding the recent citations issued to local musician, Joe Hosko. While Ms. Rhoades understands there are ordinances to be followed, she suggested the Borough allow Mr. Hosko to play somewhere in town a few days a month. Borough staff advised he has been playing his music at Railroad Park and felt he could continue to do so. Others suggested a mute for his saxophone that would lessen the sound. Chief Romeo advised Mr. Hosko was cited under disorderly conduct, not a Borough ordinance, after begin given several warnings to cease playing and move on.

Ms. Rhoades also asked if the Borough could look at the former ice cream store located

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at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street. She has seen a snake and other rodents in and out of that building.

Jen Powell, Director of the Tyrone Snyder Public Library

Ms. Powell advised of a CDBG Public Hearing scheduled for June 13, 2019 @ 6pm at the Library. The public is encouraged to attend. The Library will also hold a Maker Fair on June 20. A water fountain/bottle filling station is to be installed before Summer. The Library is also in receipt of a Google sponsored grant to help job seekers. The Library asked for assistance in holding mock interviews on June 11 and 12. They are also holding a clothing drive for professional clothing that persons may pickup for interviews.

The Library has also offered their parking lot, if needed, should the Borough re-establish the Farmer's Market.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Graham, Dollar, Sarah Jane Miller, Mills and Mayor Latchford. Council member Richardson abstained.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending April 30, 2019 be approved: (1) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; (2) Cash Disbursement Journal and (3) Account Balance Report for March, 2019. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Tyrone Hospital – Request for Road Funding

Earlier this month, Borough Manager Ardean Latchford met with Tim Davis of the Maintenance Department of Tyrone Hospital. He advised the hospital will be applying for a grant for some major improvement projects. They are requesting the Borough, in conjunction with Snyder Township, make repairs to the Oak Hill Lane side of Hospital Drive. Per Solicitor Stants, a Borough is permitted to donate funds equivalent to the amount of free service they provide to Borough residents. This information has been requested from the hospital.

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Bid – Handrails @ Observatory Deck Railroad Park

The Borough has been working on the Observatory Deck at Railroad Park. Previous estimates for handrails have ranged from \$34,500 to \$58,600. The Borough is in receipt of an estimate from Bell Line Boring, to install handrails in the amount of \$16,487, this latest estimate reflects the Borough doing a substantial amount of the work. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this cost for the installation of handrails. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Increased Parking @ Reservoir Park Complex

Parking has long been an issue at the Reservoir Park Complex. Council was in receipt of an estimate to remove some trees in order to increase the parking across from the roller hockey rink. The estimate is from Lauder Tree Care and is for \$9,000. This additional parking can then be used for the hockey rink, swimming pool, summer concerts, etc. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the removal of the trees to allow for additional parking. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Clay Avenue – Request for Speed Study

At last month's meeting, a request was made for a speed study to be done on Clay Avenue. The Borough is in receipt of a letter from PennDOT advising they will schedule and perform a Speed Limit Study on Clay from the Church of the Good Shepherd to 3rd Street. Their letter also states any signage that would result from this study will be the responsibility of the Municipality.

New Pavilion @ Railroad Park

The Borough is in receipt of estimates to construct a new 16' X 24' pavilion at Railroad Park (train side). The lowest estimate was submitted by Maines Engineering in the amount of \$14,554. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Latchford called for public comment, there being none it was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. It was noted this project will be funded by the Community Enrichment Fund.

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Sale of Borough Owned Property – VanScoyoc Hollow

The Borough is in receipt of the property survey and appraisal for the VanScoyoc property. Borough Manager Latchford requested permission to place this property out for bid. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the sale of this property. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Informational:

- ***Senior Fishing Day has been postponed to May 17***
- ***Senior Stroll in the Park, June 12***
- ***Logan Avenue Streetscape to begin May 25, contractors for Streetscape and the paving programs will coordinate schedules***

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had to following to report:

Resolution No. 2019-07 – Donation of Bicycles

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2019-07, donating unclaimed bicycles to Bible Baptist Church. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Amendments to the Police CBA – K9 Duties & Compensation

Council was presented with copies of an *Amendment to the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement* to include the K9 officer duties and pay as well as a *K9 Compensation and Reimbursement Agreement*. These documents have been reviewed by the Police, Borough Staff and the Bargaining unit. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the amendment to the CBA and the K9 Compensation & Reimbursement Agreement. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Kevin Nester's report. The following was discussed for approval:

Water System Improvements

GHD presented Council with a proposed agreement amendment addressing the final design. It was moved and seconded that Council approve final design, not to exceed \$18,000; bidding/award, not to exceed \$33,000; and construction phase engineering services of \$320,000. Council unanimously approved said motion.

GP8 & GP11 Permitting – For Bridges and Grant Process

GHD presented Council with a proposed agreement for completing the General Permit application for the 9th Street Pedestrian Bridge Project. The Borough is required to obtain General Permits (GP11- Maintenance, Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation or Replacement of Water Obstructions and Encroachments and GP8-Temporary Road Crossing) for both the Pedestrian Bridge and the Railroad Observation Deck. GHD's proposed fee for this is \$9,500. It was noted the G11 permit is a lifetime maintenance permit and these permits are also required for the grant process. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this cost. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mills, Richardson, Snyder, Graham, Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Sarah Jane Miller. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Frazell advised he will be meeting with Trina Illig, Grant Coordinator for Blair County CDBG Program to further discuss a release of funds for the demolition of 822 Washington Avenue. Mr. Frazell is hoping this is completed by early Fall, 2019.

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

Chief Romeo requested appointment of a new part time officer, Otto G. Barton. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the appointment of Mr. Barton with an effective date of May 13, 2019. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Chief advised that after the complaint about Lincoln Avenue at last month's meeting, the solar speed sign was placed, average speed recorded was 17-18 mph, the posted speed limit is 25 mph. They will continue to monitor this area. Officers have been very active on Clay Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. Chief is also seeking quotes for an additional solar powered speed sign.

The Buckle-Up campaign began today and will run through June 2. The Borough police will be actively participating in this initiative.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton advised he will be holding a tour at the wastewater treatment plant on June 3, 9-11am.

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WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Ashcroft's monthly report. Mr. Ashcroft advised his department has been working on the pool and the All Abilities playground.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Farmer's Market

Council member David Snyder advised he had been speaking with the Chamber of Commerce regarding re-establishing the Farmer's Market in Tyrone. The Chamber will facilitate it but request that the Borough file for any necessary permits. Mr. Snyder also suggested the market be held on Wednesday mornings, using Logan Avenue, in front of the Chamber, as was done years ago and offering free parking in the municipal lot that day. It was moved and seconded that Council approve moving forward with the Farmer's Market, with the Borough applying for any permits and the Chamber accepting the responsibility for obtaining vendors and the liability. This was not on the Agenda, Mayor Latchford called for public comment. There being none, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager