

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 @ 7:00PM

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The regular monthly Council Meeting of Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, September 9, 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 Ardean Latchford gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council Members Sarah Jane Miller, Charlie Mills, Terry Richardson, David Snyder, Thad Graham, Robert Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Member Michelle Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Police Chief John Romeo; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Shannon Wilson; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Latchford announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Buck, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau

Mr. Rick Buck was present to address Borough Council of the upcoming 2020 Census. Mr. Buck described the importance of residents responding to the 2020 Census. Residents may respond by phone, email or paper. If residents are not counted it negatively affects the amount of funding the State receives. The census also helps to fund liquid fuels, fire and police protection and water/sewer grants. Mr. Buck stressed this is done once every 10 years and if residents do not respond it hurts the entire State. Mr. Buck urged Council to keep this reminder on their meeting Agendas and advised the Census is confidential.

Dave Marzolf, Bald Eagle Games

Mr. Dave Marzolf was present at the meeting to discuss downtown events and how they negatively affect his business by blocking the sidewalks and entryways into businesses. Mr. Marzolf urged whomever is in charge to police these activities better. Mayor Latchford advised this would be the responsibility of the event planner.

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Jen Powell, Director Tyrone Snyder Library

Ms. Powell provided a monthly update for Council:

- September 21 is a Donor Appreciation Open House celebrating paying off the Library's mortgage
- Several classes are being offered including early childhood and Spanish
- 4 Thursdays in October will offer basic computer classes
- 3rd Tuesday from 12 noon to 4pm Career Link will be at the Library to assist those seeking employment
- September 12, 6-7:30pm the new voting machines will be at the Library for anyone wishing to have a demonstration on the machines

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the August 12, 2019 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 August 31, 2019 be approved: (1) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; (2) Cash Disbursement Journal and (3) Account Balance Report. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Pension Plans – 2020 MMO'S

Council was provided with copies of 2020 MMO's. Each year by the end of September municipalities are required to report the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for their pension plans. The 2020 MMO for the Police Plan is \$135,991 and the 2020 MMO for the Non-Uniform Plan is \$162,239. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2020 MMO's for Police and Non-Uniform employees. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Approval of Payment Application No. 3 - Logan Avenue Streetscape Phase II

Council was provided with a copy of Payment Application No. 3 for the Logan Avenue Streetscape Project. This payment request is in the amount of \$135,823.38 and has been reviewed by Borough staff. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this payment request and forward the same to Grant Coordinator, Trina Illig for processing. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Date Change for November Council Meeting

It was noted the November meeting date is changed to Tuesday, November 12 @ 7pm due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Informational:

- Fall Cleanup for Borough Residents, September 10, 11 & 12
- Curbside Leaf Pick-up will begin October 7 and run thru Dec 2
- Halloween Parade, October 26 @ 4pm
- Trunk or Treat, October 26, 6-8pm
- Trick or Treat, October 31, 6-8pm

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 1433 – Blair County Addressing Authority

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1433, authorizing the County to have addressing authority for the Borough. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1434 – Additional Stop Signs

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1434, authorizing the installation of additional stop signs at the intersection of Alley J at Alley F and W. Cottage Street at Logan Avenue. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester’s report. Mr. Nester advised of a typographical error in the not to exceed amount for the Meadow Street Sewer Line Replacement project. It was moved and seconded Council rescind the previous motion of \$31,000 and approve \$34,100. 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. Chief advised the Bald Eagle Lodge #51 will be soliciting for fundraising and this is a legitimate fundraiser. Chief Romeo also advised that on August 23 and 24 the police had an attempted homicide. The assailant was chased, tased and subsequently arrested. The Borough’s K9 Getro recently had his first seizure of drugs during a routine traffic stop.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton’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. Mr. Bywater was in receipt of a request for a “Watch Children” sign for an autistic child on W. 20th Street. It was the consensus of Council to allow the installation of this sign, contingent upon Solicitor Stants’ review of the State codes.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Councilmember David Snyder asked if the Borough could take over the responsibility of the landscaping at 11th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Manager Latchford had already discussed this with Rose Black of the Chamber and will contact C & L Lawncare regarding the same.
- Councilmember David Snyder advised he had received a request from a resident asking for a 4 way stop at Adams Avenue and 18th Street. Mr. Snyder was advised that stop signs cannot be used as a traffic control device. Borough Manager Latchford also advised this would cause a lot of congestion during shift changes coming from Albemarle and Chicago Rivet. Chief Romeo advised they could use a speed timing device. The ENRADD is the next best thing to radar and is very accurate. The state of Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States that municipal police officers are not able to use radar.

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- Councilmember David Snyder had recently spoke with business owners along Logan Avenue (except for 1 business) regarding not replacing the parking meters on the portion of Logan that borders the Municipal lot. Councilmember Sarah Jane Miller asked if anyone had requested use of the municipal lot since the Borough had done a trial run of rentals. Nobody has requested the use of those spaces. Mr. Snyder stated he has observed that since the meters have been removed, 70% of the time the spaces are not used. Council member Dollar was in favor of not replacing the meters. Councilmember Richardson noted the Borough would be giving away 5 free parking spaces. Homer Cann, a member of the audience, advised he was opening a laundromat downtown and he is not in favor of removing the meters. It was moved and seconded that Council remove the parking meters on Logan Avenue from Herald Street to 11th Street. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Graham, Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council members Miller, Mills and Richardson. The motion carried.
- Council member Bob Dollar requested that notification be made to Washington Avenue property owners reminding them maintenance of the sidewalks is the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Dollar further stated the Borough has put a lot of money into those sidewalks and they need to be better maintained.
- Mayor Latchford suggested naming Pavilion No. 1 after Cary and Betty Simpson. The Simpson's were a staple at the Labor Day Picnic for many years. Mayor suggested a dedication ceremony prior to opening the Park on Memorial Day, 2020. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with this dedication in May.
- Mayor Latchford was seeking input on using the upper part of the parking lot at the swimming pool for a temporary portable skate park. This would only be during spring and fall; it is a low-cost option estimated at \$6,500. Council member Miller inquired as to who would monitor this. Mayor advised he is working on that. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with this portable skate park.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager