

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Aaron Jeffrey, Grace Baptist Church, gave the Invocation and Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Sarah Hunter, Robert Dollar, Ken Patterson, Tammy Wills, Rob Poust, William Wisser and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Councilmember David Snyder.

Also, present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Don Shultz; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; Chief of Police Jessica Walk and Executive Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

Presentation of Irish Heritage Proclamation

Mayor Latchford presented a Proclamation to Sue Griep, President of the Irish Heritage Committee, commemorating the annual Irish Heritage Celebration being held March 11-17, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christy Beyer, 6th Street, was before Council again asking for help with a neighbor that she states is terrorizing their neighbor. Ms. Beyer stated that he has now made softball size concrete balls, climbs in and out of his window to not be picked up by their cameras, he is going to hurt someone. He is terrorizing the Shaffer's. The police are called there every 3 or 4 days. Chief Walk and Borough Manager Latchford had recently met with the Shaffer's and advised them again that the Borough has done what they can do. Chief Walk advised that he has 8 open court hearings. Borough staff advised this is at the next level of the court system. This neighbor has been ordered to have no contact with the Shaffer's.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2024 Council meeting. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending February 29, 2024, 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

Joe Oricko, Architect

Architect Mr. Joe Oricko was present at the meeting to show Council the proposed plans for the addition to the Railroad Park Building. Councilmember Patterson inquired as to why we are expanding towards Thomastown and not towards the Borough. Borough staff advised the utilities are on the Borough side of the building. Mr. Oricko advised the plans are 90% complete. Council had no further questions or Mr. Oricko.

Council member Poust inquired as to the number of visitors on a yearly basis. Mr. Dollar advised there were 750 who signed the book in 2023. Mr. Dollar advised the Historical Museum will be open for the season on Monday, March 13 @ 1pm, for the season.

Discussion/Approval– Purchase of Lincoln School Property

Council has previously discussed the purchase of the former Lincoln school property. Prior to making the purchase, Borough Manager Latchford is requesting permission to obtain soil samples. It was the consensus of Borough Council to allow for soil samples.

TAHS – Community Service Day

For the last several years, Cummins McNitt, TASD, has planned for students to do a community service day in Tyrone. This year, on March 27, approximately 360 students will do community service jobs around Tyrone cleaning up various parks, cemeteries, etc.

Pickleball Request for Covered Playing Area

The Tyrone Pickleball organization has requested the Borough look into covering the hockey rink, allowing them to play all year round. The Borough’s engineer did some preliminary work and at the February meeting the engineer advised a cost estimate for a bubble enclosure at the current rink would cost approximately \$475,000. If a new

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facility was to be constructed if the Borough were to purchase the former Lincoln school lot, those costs are approximately \$1.7 million. Council member Poust felt the Borough has enough “irons in the fire” for the Borough Community Enrichment money. The Borough has already committed over \$500,000 toward borough projects. While other council members echoed his thoughts, they stated they would like to put this on the back burner for now to be revisited later.

DCED Grant Commitment Letter

The Borough is applying for an LSA Grant for repairs to the upper bridge at Reservoir Park. The Borough was in receipt of a letter from DCED requesting a commitment letter in the amount of \$61,085. This grant funding will not be approved until 2025. The Borough is using community enrichment money along with donated material (by Superior Lumber) to make a temporary repair to this bridge so that it can be open for the 2024 park season. It was moved and seconded that Council approve submitting the commitment letter in the amount of \$61,085. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Miscellaneous:

- Irish Heritage Celebration, March 11-17
- Burgmeier’s Spring Cleanup, April 16, 17, 18

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

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Rettew’s Engineering Report.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Walk’s monthly report.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Harris’s monthly report.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Shultz’s monthly report.

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

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MISCELLANEOUS: None

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager