

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Latchford asked that all present keep the Mills family in prayer as Council member Charlie Mills had passed away over the weekend. Pastor Eric Fether Tyrone Church of the Brethren, 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 Robert Dollar, David Snyder, Sarah Hunter, Ken Patterson, William Wiser and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council member Rob Poust.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Cherry, Assistant Chief, Neptune Volunteer Fire Company

Mr. Cherry was present at the meeting to request the Borough's assistance in applying for a grant thru the State for a Local Share Statewide program. Mr. Cherry stated some of their apparatus is aging out and they need to prepare for replacement. Their engine is a 2001 and was a top-of-the-line model when it was purchased. Their main truck is a 2011. The new apparatus they are looking at would be a safer vehicle, more space for passengers, more storage for equipment and upgrade the pump capacity. The stock price for this truck, with no special order is \$875,000. Borough Manager advised the Borough would be happy to work with the Fire Company on this grant but it should be submitted using the fire company's financials and not the Borough's.

Philip Hoy, Tyrone Community Players

Mr. Hoy was present to request funding for the Tyrone Community Players building. The Players need a handicap ramp and front steps and after that work is complete, they can work on inside renovations. Mr. Hoy advised the Tyrone Community Players have been part of the Tyrone Community for 40 years. Borough Manager Ardean Latchford advised Mr. Hoy that he had previously met with two members of the Players and advised them to contact the Borough's CDBG coordinator to discuss how that program

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may be able to assist with a handicap ramp. The Borough's CDBG coordinator was present at the meeting and advised she had not heard from anyone regarding this.

Deb Moore, 5th Street

Mrs. Moore was present to address Council regarding speeding on 5th Street. Mrs. Moore presented a petition to the Borough Manager requesting a 3-way stop at Jefferson Avenue and 5th Street. She stated that Susquehanna Trail buses are now using this road to go to the athletic fields. She stated while construction was going on there was heavy equipment traveling this way as well. Mr. & Mrs. Moore both stated cars travel 50 mph at times going up 5th Street. She expressed her concern for the children in the neighborhood. Borough Manager Latchford advised a traffic study will not support stop signs. Solicitor Stants will check to see if you are permitted to use stop signs as a measure to slow traffic.

Donna Reese, Tyrone Pickleball

Mrs. Reese was present to thank Council for the use of the hockey rink for their pickleball season. They are looking for indoor space if anyone has any ideas, please let her know. Mrs. Reese provided a breakdown of how many people played and how much the rink was used. Mrs. Reese also requested to extend the use of the hockey rink to include Tuesdays. She advised they had spoken with a representative from the hockey league, and they had no objections. It was the consensus of Council to allow this activity to be extended to include Tuesday nights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Latchford advised Council held an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the August 14, 2023, 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, 2023, 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

PENSION PLANS 2024 MMO’s – UNIFORM AND NON-UNIFORM

Council was provided with copies of the 2024 MMO’s for the uniform and non-uniform pension plans. The 2024 MMO for the Uniform Plan is \$105,317 and the 2024 MMO for the Non-Uniform Plan is \$199,500. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2024 MMO’s for the Borough’s pension plans. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT #1

Council was in receipt of Application for Payment #1 for the First Responder’s Park in the amount of \$74,207.17. This AFP has been reviewed by the Borough’s Engineer and they recommend approval of payment. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CDBG HOUSING REHAB

Council was in receipt of a schedule of events for the Borough’s CDBG Program along with a breakdown for FY2023 Funding. The Borough has no current projects. With 17 Borough residents on the waitlist for funding, it was suggested that Council allocate all funds to housing rehab. It was moved and seconded that Council allocation all CDBG Funding to Housing Rehab. Council unanimously approved said motion.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – WWTP

Council was in receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) permitting the DeGrosso plant to discharge to the wastewater treatment plant. Council approved this MOU by email vote and must now ratify their action. It was moved and seconded that Council ratify their vote to approve the MOU. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF POLICE CONTRACT

Borough Manager Latchford advised Council that the Borough and the Police have come to agreement on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Police contract. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

September 16 - Tyrone Community Yard Sale
September 19, 20 and 21 – Burgmeier’s Fall Cleanup

SOLICITOR’S RERORT: Solicitor Stants 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.

Mr. Bywater advised he was in receipt of 2 requests for handicap parking spaces. One at the post office and one at Puff n Snuff. Solicitor Stants will review the Borough’s ordinance and report back to Council.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Bob Dollar, President of the Historical Society, had several items for Council’s approval. Mr. Dollar advised that prior to 1994, Railroad Park was called Station Park. The Historical Society would like to take that name back. Borough Manager Latchford advised that staff would check on the name change due to the funding that was used for the construction of Railroad Park.

Mr. Dollar also inquired as to the Amtrak fencing that he believes is at the Water Department. The Historical Society would like to use it from the 9th Street bridge to the observation deck. They are also asking if Borough employees could install it. They would also like 6 signs around the Railroad Park area noting what different things are, much like you see thru Reservoir Park. Mr. Dollar is also working on getting a set of rail wheels, flashing lights and railroad cross arms all as part of a display. Mr. Dollar felt this should all cost less than \$400, if they are able to use Borough manpower. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with these ideas.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager