

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

**April 11, 2011@ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on April 11, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink gave the Invocation and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, Steve Hanzir, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Patricia Stoner and Mayor Fink. Also present were Borough Manager John Cornell; Solicitor Larry Clapper; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Department Employee Dave Lynch; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Phyllis Garhart and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Fink advised that Council held an Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Connie Muir, 2119 Lincoln Avenue**

Ms. Connie Muir, 2119 Lincoln Avenue, was present to inquire about the cleanup across the street from her house. The railroad advised last year, when they cut back the brush that they would be back to clean it up and nothing has been done. Mrs. Muir also inquired about outdoor furnaces and 4 wheelers. The Borough Manager advised that the newsletter has information regarding requirements for outdoor furnaces and the Chief of Police advised that they are aware of the 4 wheelers and have stepped up patrol that area.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Borough Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting periods ending March 31, 2011 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Questions were asked regarding Lakemont Veterinary, Citizens Bank, MRM Trust and HDH Group. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**Resurfacing Roller Hockey Rink – Reservoir Park**

Mr. Cornell advised Council that the Borough was in receipt of four bids for resurfacing of the roller hockey rink. Council was reminded that the Borough received a \$5,000 grant from the Blair County Park and Recreation Commission. The roller hockey association has an additional \$900. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the bid from Homecourt Sports, Inc. at their bid price of \$9,300 and authorize the Borough to spend the additional \$3,400. Mr. Aquadro was present and advised that once this resurfacing was completed, it should last for 8-10 years. Mr. Aquadro also advised that the material being used on the rink is made specifically for roller hockey courts and is made for all weather. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Mr. Aquadro also advised Borough Council that his team recently won the Rural Mountain Hockey Championship at the War Memorial in Johnstown. Six of those players learned to play roller hockey at the Tyrone facility.

**Holding Cell – Police Department**

Council was in receipt of information regarding improvements to the holding cell in the police department, however, following Executive Session discussion regarding real estate this matter was tabled at this time.

**Derman Funeral Home Request for Parking**

The Borough was in receipt of a request from Larrie Derman, owner of Derman Funeral Home, for 3 parking spaces in front of this business to be used during viewings and funerals. Mr. Cornell presented Council with several options to consider. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded that Council allow limited parking during funeral events and allow Mr. Derman to place "*No Parking During Funeral*" signs,

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at his expense, however, this unfortunately cannot be enforced by the Police Department. While Borough Council was sympathetic to Mr. Derman's plea, they also are unable to show preferential treatment to one business person. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Ray, Hanzir, Kosoglow, Latchford, Stoner, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council member Bryan.

**FY2008 Home Program Reprogramming**

Council was in receipt of a request to reprogram \$6,824.28 of 2008 Home Program Funding from Administration to Housing Rehabilitation. To date, the rehab program has provided rehab for 21 homes. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said reprogramming of funds. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Traffic Study – Park & Lund Avenues & 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

Council was in receipt of information from CET Engineering regarding a previously requested traffic study for Park and Lund Avenues and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. CET recommends that the Borough approve a 4-way stop intersection at Park Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. CET also recommends that the Borough consider a "Stop Ahead" sign be installed for the westbound lane of Park Avenue and a "Slow Children at Play" sign be installed at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Lund Avenue, and that a speed limit sign be posted for Lund Avenue. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the recommendations as presented by CET in their letter of April 5, 2011. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Joshua House Hoopsfest Request – July 16, 2011**

Council was in receipt of requests from Joshua House for street closures of W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to the overpass (at Washington Avenue) and use of the Borough's Municipal lot. The Joshua House has also offered to buy new basketball hoops for the Park Avenue Playground as a way to give back. After some discussion by Council, some information was unclear. Council member Kosoglow will get some clarification on the requests and bring them back to the Council at the May meeting. This item was tabled until the May meeting.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** The Solicitor had nothing to report.

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**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester advised Council that they were in receipt of correspondence from PEMA advising that the Flap Gate Project does not meet the minimum requirements to have the project forwarded for further review. Mr. Nester also advised that the Washington Avenue Manhole Project was progressing and the replacement of the Adams Avenue Water Main was near completion, pending stream crossing at Decker Run. This should be completed within the next two weeks.

Mr. Nester also provided Council with updated information regarding the Spillway Gabion Baskets and the capacity of the existing spillways. Mr. Nester provided Council with two possible options. It was moved and seconded that Council authorize CET to prepare an evaluation as to the adequacy of the existing spillway at a cost of \$2,500. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Council was provided with a building permit report for March, 2011.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of the monthly Police report. Chief Romeo reported that the tasers have been delivered and free training is being scheduled for all officers. Council member Hanzir commented on cars parking in yellow zones. Chief will address this.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton advised that the Washington Avenue manhole project was moving along.

Mr. Nulton requested permission to move forward with Ultrasonic testing for all the influent piping within the raw sewage pumping station. Only two companies could be located that do this work. Corrviv International LLC out of Landing, NJ submitted a bid for \$3,800. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Corrviv International LLC at their price of \$3,800. Council unanimously approved said request.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Lynch's monthly report. Mr. Lynch reported that their Department is very busy with Adams Avenue water main project, line separations for Washington Avenue Streetscape and Leak Detection.

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**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. During last month's meeting, Council member Kosoglow advised that he had received complaints from residents regarding street cuts that were never repaired. Mr. Bywater checked on these cuts and they are very old. They will be added to the Borough's street patching list.

Council member Hanzir asked if the Highway Department could publish a sweeping schedule. Mr. Bywater advised that they try to sweep Wednesday in the downtown, Thursday is West Tyrone and Friday is East Tyrone.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John V. Cornell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

John V. Cornell/kdg  
Borough Manager