

# TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11, 2016 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Pete Cannizzaro, Calvary Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Christy Ray, Nate Verilla, Bob Dollar, William Latchford, Michelle Miller, Charlie Mills and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Member Courtney Rhoades. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Solicitor Dan Stants; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Chief of Police John Romeo; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Fink announced that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

## **PRESENTATION TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Mayor Fink was in receipt of a book from Dana Marzolf of Elkins, West Virginia who received a book when she purchased a “grab bag” at a flea market. The book is entitled, “Arlington House, Tyrone, PA”, and was written in 1888. Mayor Fink presented the historical book to Nancy Smith of the Tyrone Historical Society. Mrs. Smith was very gracious and advised she would be sending a letter of appreciation to the donor.

## **RECOGNITION OF BOROUGH EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Fink advised that 9 of the Borough’s employees recently participated in the Blair County Weight Loss & Fitness Challenge and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division. The team will receive a trophy which will be presented at the Altoona Curve Baseball game on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The team will also get t-shirts and a nutritious lunch.

## **FEMA – Revised Flood Rate Maps**

Mayor Fink advised the Borough was in receipt of preliminary copies of Flood Insurance Rate Maps along with the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Blair County, specifically Tyrone Borough. This physical map revision updates hydrology, hydraulics, and flood plain mapping for Bald Eagle Creek, Cook Hollow Run, Decker Run, Gypsy

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Run, Hutchinson Run, Laurel Run, Little Juniata River, Schell Run, and Sink Run within Blair County. This update only affects the Base Flood Elevation's (BFE's) and Flood Plain Boundaries for the Borough of Tyrone, and certain sections of the Townships of Snyder and Tyrone. The revised hydrology, hydraulic and Flood Plain Mapping for this Physical Map Revision (PMR) was submitted on behalf of the Tyrone Borough by the Army Corps of Engineers. This flooding project has been ongoing since 2010 following the FEMA remapping that took place at that time. The Borough will be scheduling a public meeting along with the opportunity to review the information and the revised flood maps. Following will be a statutory 90 day appeal period required by FEMA. This will all be coordinated as the process unfolds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the March 14, 2016 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 March 31, 2016 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**

**Change Orders – WWTP Disinfection System Upgrade**

Council was provided with two Change Orders for the WWTP Disinfection Upgrade project. Change Order No. 2 is in the amount of \$6,794.42 and is for the contractor to revise the concrete piers for the metal canopy over the UV system. Change Order No. 3 is in the amount of \$44,192.41 and was an oversight on the Engineer's behalf, wherein GHD did not include four stop gate operators in the bid. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Change Order Nos. 2 and 3. Mr. Nester, GHD, advised with these change orders the cost of the project is still running under bid. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Northern Blair County Regional Sewer Authority Cooperative Agreement**

The Borough is in receipt of a request from Northern Blair Sewer Authority to enter into a cooperative agreement to address overdue payment of seriously delinquent wastewater disposal accounts of Northern Blair customers. Northern Blair has agreed to pay \$50 to the Borough to shut off water and \$50 to restore water service. This will only apply to Snyder Township residents who discharge into the Borough's sewer system through Northern Blair. This Agreement has been reviewed by the Solicitor and needs approved by both Borough Council and the Tyrone Borough Authority. It was moved and seconded that Borough Council approve said Agreement. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**SOLICITOR'S RERORT:** Solicitor Stants had the following for Borough Council:

**Resolution No. 2016-03-Amend Rules & Regulation for IRC**

The Borough is in receipt of a request from the Intermunicipal Relations Committee to have all funds generated by fines and penalties collected for enforcement of the Borough Recycling Rules be allocated to the IRC. Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart advised the IRC is attempting to collect additional funds to help offset their operating expenses. Council Member Ray is not in favor of this and would like to table further discussion and/or decision until they hear from other Municipalities. After some discussion by Borough Council, it was moved and seconded that Council table this Resolution. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2016-04 – Disposal of Old & Valueless Equipment**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the disposal of Old and Valueless Equipment of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2016-05 – Donation of Bicycles**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the donation of three unclaimed bicycles currently being held in storage by the Tyrone Police Department. Chief Romeo requested donation of these bicycles go to Tyrone Area Salvation Army. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report. Mr. Nester apologized for his oversight with respect to Change Order No 3 for the UV Upgrade project at the WWTP.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report. Mr. Frazell presented a lot consolidation for Council's review. This consolidation request is being made for Ace Fix It Hardware. The proposed consolidation will combine three lots for a total of .425 of an acre. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said lot consolidation. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo reminded Council they are currently down 2 officers. His current officers are really stepping up and doing a great job. Chief also advise the Borough is waiting on the results from the oral testing. After these results are received the next step is the background checks.

Chief also advise his officers recently had two incidents of using their tasers.

Chief requested the purchase of a portable speed timing device that can be used all over town. This will then allow for the police to target enforcement for certain high speed areas.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Latchford's monthly report. Mr. Latchford advised the pool season is getting underway.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Mr. Bywater advised Council the Highway Department has gone to the IRC site on several occasions to help them out.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Councilmember Miller asked if the Borough could look in to updating the current audio system in the Council Chambers. It was the consensus of Borough Council for the Manager to move forward with this.

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The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg  
Borough Manager