

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

APRIL 13, 2015 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2015 @ 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 Roy Garthwaite of Grace Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Ray Detwiler, Mark Black, Courtney Rhoades, Christy Ray, William Latchford, and Mayor Fink. Absent: Councilmembers, Mark Kosoglow and Terry Richardson. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Director of Administration Brandi Miller; Solicitor Daniel Stants; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Rabits; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor announced Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and real estate.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Mayor Fink and Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton presented two industries with a *Certificate of Compliance*, whereby Kunzler & Company and Albemarle Corporation were in total compliance of all Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permit Parameters for the year 2014. Mr. Rodney Shultz of Kunzler, thanked Mr. Nulton and Borough Staff for their cooperation and appreciates the working relationship they have with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Ray, President Neptune Volunteer Fire Company

Mr. Ray was present at the meeting as an officer of the Fire Company regarding the proposed Skate Park for the property beside Neptune Volunteer Fire Company. Their concerns are public restrooms, supervision and parking.

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David Garhart, 314 W. 18th Street

Mr. Garhart inquired to the hours of operation of the proposed skate park, who would police it and enforce the age limits.

Ms. Brenda McNelis, 323 W. 17th Street

Ms. McNelis voiced concern over the added traffic and a concern that some parks become drug exchanges if left unsupervised.

Stan Chilson, GHD – Anaerobic Digester

Stan Chilson of the GHD, Doylestown Office, made a presentation concerning the possibly of installing an Anaerobic Digester at the Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Chilson went over some the benefits the Borough could see, such as: cogeneration, pressurized gas generation, 40-50% sludge reduction, tipping fees, and possibly the elimination of expensive nutrient chemicals. Mr. Chilson feels we could generate a minimum of \$365,000/year in tipping fees, and see a possible savings in electricity of \$120,000/year and also a possible savings of \$60,000-\$80,000 in supplemental nutrient costs. If we would reduce our sludge production by 50% we could see a savings of approximately \$180,000/year in sludge disposal cost. Stan would like to do a study for about \$8,000-\$10,000 to see if the market is out there for this type of project, and to see if it would be beneficial for the Borough. The Council needs to decide if they are willing to spend the \$8,000-\$10,000 to keep this project moving forward.

Mr. Nulton noted there is another option, the Borough could partner with one of these digester companies in a public/private partnership where they would front most of the capital costs, but they would also receive most of the profit from this project.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Borough Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on March 24, 2015 were also outlined by Borough Manager Garhart, no vote was taken on these.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending March 31, 2015 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

Water Meter Replacement Project

Council was in receipt of a Change Order in the amount of \$22,649.80, Payment Application No. 8 in the amount of \$6,338.16 and the final payment application in the amount of \$17,682.94. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said payments. It was noted this will close out this project. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Water Treatment Plant Valve Placement

The Borough accepted bids on April 8, 2015 for the Tyrone Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Project. Four bids were received and are as follows:

Montgomery Brothers	\$ 84,600
Hickes Associates	\$ 58,800
BCS Construction, Inc.	\$ 61,075
Ventura Construction Service	\$ 72,000

Three Alternatives were also requested and Hickes quotes are as follows:

- Prepare and paint the 6” Filter to Waste Piping \$ 3,600
- Prepare and paint the 4” Air Scour Piping \$ 4,200
- Delete two 6” pinch valves and add two 6” plug valves (\$1,100)

Bids and Alternative have been reviewed by GHD and we recommend award to Hickes & Associates in the amount of \$65,500. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Park Avenue Drainage Improvement Project

The Borough accepted bids on April 8, 2015 for Park Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Seven bids were received and are as follows:

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D & M Contracting	\$ 251,915
Gordon Delozier Inc.	\$ 202,816.05
Greenland Construction, Inc.	\$ 255,100
Stickler Construction, LLC	\$ 284,654
Ventura Construction Services	\$ 184,512
New Enterprise	\$ 220,382

The bids have been reviewed by GHD and we recommend award to Ventura Construction Services at their low bid of \$184,512. This project is being funded partially with Liquid Fuels funds in the amount of \$139,887 and \$44,625 from the Borough's General Fund. It was moved and seconded that Council award this project to the low bidder, Ventura Construction Services. Council unanimously approved said motion.

County of Blair Elections Request

The Borough is in receipt of a request from the Blair County Board of Elections to house an additional precinct for the May and November elections. The additional precinct will use the Council Chambers. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Team Adam Request for Donation

The Borough is in receipt of a request for donation of a Family Pool Pass for Team Adam Day being held on May 16, 2015. Council has donated this the last few years. This will be included as an auction item. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Police Department Firearms Policy

Council was provided a separate Memo dated April 8th, with a Firearms, Ammunition & Training Policy for review and discussion. Council had no changes. The policy will now be forwarded to the Teamsters.

Proposed Skate Park Locations

An additional location for the skate park was discussed. The area behind the former Loner lot on 10th Street. Council asked Chief from a safety standpoint which location would be preferred. Chief advised the lot at Neptune would be safer from a traffic standpoint. Council member Ray inquired as to the type of barrier if the 10th Street lot was used. After additional discussion was held, several council members requested additional information before moving forward.

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Reservoir Park Walking Path

The Borough is in receipt of information regarding Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. The grant provides up to \$250,000 with a required local match of 15%. The local match would be \$15,000. Council's consensus was to move forward.

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

Resolution No. 2015-04 – Donation of Bicycles to Helping Hands

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the donation of unclaimed bicycles to Helping Hands. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2015-05 – Disposal of Records (police, finance, sewer & payroll)

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Destruction of the Records as attached to Resolution No. 2015-05. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Attorney Stants advised Council that the four year litigation with the Tyrone Fire Police Appeal is now over.

Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Rabits' report. Mr. Rabits advised Council the Borough is in receipt of a request for from the Bald Eagle Land Company – Team Ten, LLC, for a reduction in their Letter of Credit currently being held by the Borough. GHD had confirmed that improvement have been completed according to the plans and they recommend release of a prorated portion of the LOC. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said release. Council unanimously approved said motion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief reminded Council of the Chris Amerine Memorial Basketball Game, scheduled for April 16, 2015 at the Altoona Fieldhouse.

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

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WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Latchford's monthly report.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Young advised there are now disability forms available at the Borough for individuals who have a disability. These forms will be confidential and will be on file with 911 to assist emergency personnel.

Mr. Young also advised that Council Members need to obtain NIMS training.

Mr. Young advised the Paper Mill bridge project is now delayed until June. Provisions will be made for fire apparatus during the bridge replacement.

MISCELLANEOUS:

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the sale of 11106-1110 Logan Avenue. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink called for public comment and there was none. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Rhoades, Black, Ray, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council member Detwiler.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Borough Manager