

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

AUGUST 11, 2014 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 @ 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 Sharon Erb, First English Church, gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Raymond Detwiler, Mark Black, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Mark Kosoglow and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Members Terry Richardson and Christy Ray. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Director of Administration Brandi Miller; Solicitor Larry Clapper; 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deacon Jack Hoffer, Trinity Episcopal Church

Deacon Jack Hoffer was present to ask Council to lift the parking restriction that currently exists in front of their Church on Washington Avenue. Deacon Hoffer advised that as their Church grows they have more events going on throughout the week and when parishioners are there they have no place to park. It was noted that if Council approves this, it is no guarantee for Church parking, as it would be open to the public. Deacon Hoffer suggested it be posted "No Overnight Parking". Solicitor Clapper will prepare an Ordinance for the September meeting lifting this parking restriction.

Donald Patton, Lincoln Avenue

Mr. Patton was present at the meeting regarding a denial letter he received from the Borough for his appeal to a Property Maintenance Violation Letter that he received on Saturday, August 9th to paint his house. Mr. Patton advised he does not have the financial or physical means to have this taken care of right now. He stated he will be having shoulder surgery and will be off work, he also has other family issues that do not allow him funds to complete this. Mr. Patton stated he could maybe have this done a year from now.

Mr. Patton then left the meeting.

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Council inquired with Mr. Rabits as to the code requirements. Mayor and Mrs. Garhart advised this is complaint driven, thus the need to pursue under the Property Maintenance Code. Several Council members stated the Borough needs to work with people. Other Council members felt you need to maintain your property. Mayor Fink advised we need to protect neighboring properties as well. Mr. Rabits advised he prefers to work with people to obtain compliance. Solicitor Clapper suggested calling Mr. Patton and advising him of the Borough's HOME Program. Councilmember Rhoades suggested a time extension.

Jim Gehret, 709 W. 16th Street

Mr. Gehret was present (on behalf of his neighbors) to inquire about abandoned vehicles constantly situate on private property located at the corner of Clay Avenue and 16th Street. Mr. Rabits and Chief Romeo advised Council of the current Ordinance in place for abandoned vehicles and advised of the 10 day wait period once notice is given. Solicitor Clapper will discuss this with the Chief and they will review the ordinance.

Alice Ewing, Park Avenue

Ms. Ewing stated that she was helping to take care of an elderly gentleman that lives in town and people do not always have the funds to make necessary repairs to their homes.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Borough Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Kosoglow, Latchford, Detwiler, and Mayor Fink. Council Member Rhoades abstained.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending July 31, 2014 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

Demolition of 1104 Logan Avenue

Council was in receipt of 3 quotes for the demolition of property recently acquired by the Borough and located at 1104 Logan Avenue. The quotes were as follows:

G & R Excavating	\$ 8,750.00
Blair Excavating	\$ 9,500.00
Ben May Excavating	\$ 13,221.50

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the lowest quote from G & R Excavating at a cost of \$8,750. Council unanimously approved said motion. It was noted the seller gave the Borough \$4,000 towards demolition costs.

Park Avenue Stormwater – Amendment to Engineering Agreement

It was moved and seconded that Council approve an Amendment to the Engineering Agreement for the Park Avenue Stormwater Project. This project was originally going to be done by Borough employees, however, upon review of the preliminary design, it was discovered the storm water system from 4th Street to Love Street, also needed to be addressed. This project can be funded with the Borough’s Liquid Fuels funds but will need to be put out to bid. The revised budget for engineering will increase \$10,000 for a total of \$22,000. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said Engineering Agreement Amendment. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Award of Bid – HVAC – Police Department

Council accepted bids for the HVAC in the Police Department on August 6th. Five bids were received and are listed as follows:

Southern Contractors	\$ 98,888
Marc Service, Inc.	\$ 106,500
Allied Mechanical & Electrical	\$ 110,950
McClure Mechanicals	\$ 120,371
PBCI-Allen Mech & Electrical	\$ 122,545

Several Council members voiced their displeasure over the cost, being this is only for the HVAC system. It was noted the downstairs needs this HVAC system to prevent the previous mold/moisture problems.

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It was moved and seconded that Council approve the low bidder, Southern Contractors, at their bid price of \$ 98,888. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Latchford, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council members Kosoglow and Detwiler.

The motion carried.

Award Sale of 1997 Ford Pickup Truck

Bids were taken on August 6, 2014 for the sale of a 1997 Ford Pickup Truck. One bid was received from Dwayne Cole in the amount of \$2,510. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the sale of the truck to Mr. Cole at his bid price of \$2,510. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Amendment to Verizon Lease Agreement

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC had previously requested an early termination of their lease with the Borough for a tower located on Ice Mountain. This request was granted at the time; however, Verizon has been unable to remove the tower before the expiration of the Lease and are now requesting a time extension. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said Lease Amendment, subject to final review of the Solicitor. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Pension Plans – 2015 MMO's

Council was provided with the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) forms for the Police and Non Uniform Pension plans. The estimated cost for 5 participants in the Police Pension Plan is \$93,140, while the cost for 32 participants in the Non Uniform Pension Plan is \$149,362

DCED – Administration of CDBG Grants

The Borough was notified that beginning with the fiscal year 2015, the County of Blair will be administering the Borough's CDBG grant funds. This change will also include the open FY 2012, 2013 and 2014 grants. Mrs. Garhart is recommending the Borough take responsibility for prior grant years as contracts are in place for the administration of the same. Mrs. Garhart will keep Council advised as the changes to this program become more clear.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Clapper had the following Ordinance for Council's consideration:

Proposed Ordinance No. 1353 – Budget Amendment Capital Transfer

An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending Ordinance No.1347 Which Established The Budget For The Borough Of Tyrone For 2014 To Transfer \$100,000.00 From The Capital Construction/Other Line Item To The Capital Construction Rebuild General Government Line Item To Pay For The Cost Of An HVAC System For The Borough Municipal Building And Establish An Effective Date.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1353, amending the 2014 Budget, transferring \$100,000 from the Capital Construction/Other line item to the Capital Construction Rebuild General Government Line Item to cover the cost of an HVAC System for the Municipal Building. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Latchford, Rhoades, Black and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council members Detwiler and Kosoglow. The motion carried.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Rabits' report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. The Borough was in receipt of a request for a private handicap parking space for 1404 Bald Eagle Avenue. Chief Romeo reviewed the application and recommended approval of the same. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS: None

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Borough Manager