

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

**AUGUST 13, 2012 @ 6:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on August 13, 2012 @ 6:00PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ardean Latchford gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Mark Black, Raymond Detwiler, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Courtney Rhoades, Terry Richardson and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Member Christy Ray. Also present were Borough Interim Borough Manager/Finance Director Phyllis Garhart; Solicitor Larry Clapper; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Fink recessed the Council meeting and called the public hearing to order. Mayor Fink then turned the hearing over to Attorney Dan Stants of Goldstein, Heslop, Steele, Clapper and Oswald.

A transcript of the hearing will be attached to these minutes and incorporated herewith.

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:15PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Larrie Derman, Business Owner, Lincoln Avenue**

Mr. Larrie Derman presented a petition, to Borough Council, of residents wishing to have the former "Doodles Barber Shop" taken completely down. The owner demolished the building however, has left several rows of block wall standing. Mr. Derman stated that this business has not been in operation since December 31, 1981.

**Cody Eckels, Eagle Scout Project**

Mr. Eckels presented his Eagle Scout Project to Borough Council. Mr. Eckels project will be a new flag display at Soldier's Park. Pictures of the proposed project were distributed to Council and staff. Mr. Eckels has requested that one tree be removed. Council member Rhoades inquired as to the upkeep after project was completed. Mr.

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Eckels advised that any funds left over would be given to the Borough towards future maintenance. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Eagle Scout project as presented, contingent upon review of the Borough Highway Superintendent. Council unanimously approved said motion. Mr. Eckels was advised to be in contact with Highway Superintendent, Jim Bywater.

**Caleb Hammond - Handicap Ramp Episcopal Church**

Mr. Hammond presented his Eagle Scout Project to Borough Council. Mr. Hammond will build a handicap ramp at the Tyrone Episcopal Church. It was noted that this is on private property and the Borough could not approve this project. It was also noted that zoning will have to be verified and permits obtained when they are prepared to move forward.

**John Crider, Deputy Commander of Veterans of Civil War**

Mr. Crider was present to advise that their organization would like to place a bench in Soldier's Park in memory of Mr. Robert Hileman, who was former president of the Colonel Crowther Foundation and passed away earlier this year. Mr. Crider would work with the Borough on placement of the same and formally requested help from the Borough Highway Department for a concrete pad to place bench on. Mr. Crider was advised to submit plans to the Borough for review.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 11 and July 9, 2012 Borough Council meetings be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Rhoades, Black, Richardson, Latchford, Detwiler and Mayor Fink. Council member Kosoglow abstained as he was not present for the meetings. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending July 31, 2012 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**INTERIM BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**Tyrone Borough Depository**

Council was previously informed that the interest bearing accounts held at Citizens Bank would not be interest bearing accounts after December 31, 2012. It was moved and seconded that Council approve First National Bank as the Borough's new depository for all accounts. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Tyrone Borough Investments**

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize Mrs. Garhart to set up additional investment accounts with Reliance Bank as their current investment rates are higher than the current rates with PLGIT and PA Invest Programs. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Emergency Notification System**

Council was provided with a letter from Blair County EMA Director Dan Boyles regarding the County Emergency Notification System. By joining the County notification system the Borough will realize a cost savings of nearly 50%. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. Council unanimously approved the switch in providers.

**Municipal Waste & Recycling Contract**

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, the Borough accepted bids for the 3 year Municipal Waste & Recycling Contract. Burgmeier Hauling was the low bidder at a monthly cost to Borough residents of \$14.99/month. Cardboard has been added as part of the recycling week. A bid tabulation sheet is attached hereto and incorporated herewith.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Burgmeier Hauling for the contract term of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2015, Option A, with no recycling revenue at their bid price of \$14.99/month for the three year contract. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Mr. Frederick was also present at the meeting and advised that Tyrone has the best price in Blair County for refuse and recycling.

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**Police Department – Computer Equipment**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of a laptop and docking station for the Chief of Police. Total cost is \$1,510.79. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Telephone System Replacement - Municipal Building**

Replacement of the phone system was included in the 2012 budget. A quote has been secured from PC Works. The total cost of replacement is \$14,555.23. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the replacement of the current phone system. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Internet/Phone Providers**

During evaluation of the phone system, it was also suggested to upgrade internet and phone providers. Comcast was the lowest quote received at a cost of \$566.80. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said upgrade. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**First Amendment – AFSCME Contract**

The Borough has been working closely with Tammy Dattris of JJAN Financial Group to secure new health insurance for full time Borough employees. Several meetings were held with the Healthcare Committee, Solicitor, and Borough staff. It was the recommendation of all parties involved to change healthcare coverage to UPMC. The Borough will see an annual savings of \$133,796.40.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the first Amendment to the AFSCME Contract changing the healthcare coverage to UPMC. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Interim Manager Phyllis Garhart distributed a thank you note from Union President Karl Gurekovich, on behalf of the Union, showing their appreciation for having been included in the healthcare negotiations.

**Ratification of Approval for Seeds of Hope Garden**

Deacon Jack Hoffer, Tyrone Episcopal Church, was present to thank the Borough for the use of the vacant lot for the “Seeds of Hope Garden”. Mr. Hoffer advised that they will be applying for a grant for 2013 and hope to have more gardens throughout the

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Borough as well as a flower garden.

Council was previously advised of a request received by the Borough to plant a Community Garden on a vacant lot owned by the Borough, located next to Ace Hardware. It was moved and seconded that Council ratify their previous action. Council unanimously approved said motion. The items raised will be donated to the Tyrone Food Bank.

**Community Yard Sale**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the use of Railroad Park for the Community Yard Sale, scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012, as well as \$125 for Community Yard Sale signs to be purchased locally. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council Members Black, Richardson, Latchford, Kosoglow and Detwiler and Mayor Fink. Council member Courtney Rhoads abstained as she is a member of the Committee. Motion carried.

**Closure/Acceptance of Washington Avenue Streetscape Project**

It was moved and seconded that the Borough accept the Washington Avenue Streetscape project, contingent upon a punch list of items to be addressed. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Renovations to Police Department**

It was moved and seconded that Council accept a bid proposal from Maines Engineering for renovations to the police department holding cell area in the amount of \$16,550. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Informational Items**

- The Borough has been notified by MRM Trust, the Borough's Worker's Compensation Company, that effective October 1, 2012, they will no longer cover volunteer fire departments. The Borough is currently in the process of transferring the fire departments to the State Fund (SWIF).
- Notice to Proceed was issued to M & B Services for the Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscape. Work is to begin the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SOLICITOR’S RERORT:**

**Resolution No. 2012-12 – GASB Number 54 Poilcy**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2012-12, authorizing the Finance Director to assign fund balances in compliance with the governmental accounting standards board statement number 54. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Ordinance No. 1329 – Amendment to Junk Car Ordinance**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Proposed Ordinance No. 1329, amending the *Junk Car Ordinance* to permit the Parking Enforcement Officer to also enforce said ordinance. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Richardson, Kosoglow, Latchford, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Councilmember Detwiler. The motion carried.

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of the Engineer’s report.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT:** A permit report was provided for Council.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo’s report. Chief requested the purchase of Incident & Property Tracking System Software. Council was provided with a quote of \$3,500 with maintenance fee of \$1,500 August of each year. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said purchase. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Chief also advised the new police car has been delivered and is getting painted and the lights and cage installed. The Durango will be stripped of equipment and markings.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton’s report. Mr. Bill Anderson was presented and requested information on the Chesapeake Bay Budget. Mr. Anderson also complimented Mr. Nulton and the Wastewater Treatment Plant on their effluent that is going into the Little Juniata River.

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

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

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**EMA DIRECTOR**

The Borough's EMA Director, Mr. Jay Young, requested the appointment of Robert Dollar as an Assistant in the Emergency Management Office. Mr. Dollar's profession is in the medical field. It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Mr. Dollar to the position of Assistant EMA Director. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Mr. Young also provided a copy of a map outlining the work to be done during the replacement of the Paper Mill Bridge. The bridge will be completely removed and a detour will be in place.

Mr. Young also is seeking volunteers to man an Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Young will provide any necessary training. Interested persons are to see Mr. Young.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Report of high weeds and grass at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue and near the railroad bridge.
- Caterpillar Daycare is requesting a dumpster to be placed in the municipal lot, such as the ones that already exist. Council's consensus was to allow this until the future of this parking lot is determined.
- Council member Rhoades voiced her concern over the condition of the streets from the Gas Company line replacement. Mrs. Garhart advised that the contractors are moving faster than the restoration crew. Ms. Rhoades requested that the Borough stay on top of them to insure complete restoration.
- Mayor Fink advised the work being done in the river near the Paper Mill has been permitted by DEP. They are lowering the dam.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg  
Interim Borough Manager