

TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 8, 2011 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on August 8, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Jeff Miley gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, William Latchford, Steve Hanzir, Courtney Rhoades Christy Ray, Patricia Stoner and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Member Mark Kosoglow. 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; Codes/Parking Enforcement Officer Tom Ozechoski; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Phyllis Garhart and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

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

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mayor Fink presented a Proclamation to the Tyrone *Class of 1964* in remembrance of Machinist's Mate Fireman *Robert Westley Watson*. Mr. Watson made the ultimate sacrifice over 43 years ago when the Submarine USS Scorpion to which he was assigned perished in the cold icy depths of the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the Azore. Members of the Class of 1964 were at the meeting to accept the Proclamation.

PRESENTATION OF RECYCLING AWARD

The Intermunicipal Recycling Committee recently held a contest for the perfect recycling bin. Mr. John Frederick and Council member Courtney Rhoades presented the award to Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Romano of Adams Avenue for the perfect bin.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Hileman, President of Colonel Crowther Foundation

Mr. Robert Hileman, President of the Colonel Crowther Foundation, was in attendance to thank Borough Council and their staff for their cooperation during the recent Colonel Crowther Weekend held at Reservoir Park.

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Jason Wert, Mercuria Energy America

Mr. Wert was at the meeting to introduce himself to Council. Mr. Wert has been working with Tim Nulton, WWTP Superintendent, regarding the sale of nutrients. Mr. Wert stated that the Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant is the best performing plant for the sale of Nutrients.

Solicitor Clapper is currently reviewing the contract with Mercuria Energy and the Borough hopes to have a signed agreement within the next few weeks. Mr. Nulton stated in his report that this contract could generate over \$100,000 for the Sewer Department.

Council member Stoner complimented Mr. Nulton on a job well done at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. John Frederick, Blair County Chamber Legislative Committee

Mr. Frederick was also in attendance as a Representative of the Blair County Chamber Legislative Committee to update Council on the Committee. Mayor Fink feels that it is important to keep moving toward intergovernmental cooperation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the July 11, 2011 Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending July 31, 2011 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Council was also presented with a Memo from the Finance Director regarding the taxing of non residents working in the Borough (Earned Income Tax). It was recommended that Council consider imposing the same tax on non-residents working in the Borough, as is imposed on residents. Many other surrounding municipalities impose the EIT on non-residents. After some discussion by Borough Council, it was moved and seconded for Borough staff to move forward with implementing the taxing of non-residents that work in the in Borough. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORT

Rotary Farm/City Day Requests

Council was in receipt of requests from the Rotary for Farm/City Day, scheduled for October 1st. The request includes closure of Pennsylvania Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street, the waiver of vendor fees and the use of BBQ pits and chicken racks at Reservoir Park. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said requests. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Tyrone Farmer’s Market

Mr. Cornell advised Council that the Borough would be bringing back the Farmer’s Market. It will be held on Thursday’s from 2-7PM at the Borough’s newly acquired lot, next to the VFW parking lot and will begin on August 11th. This Market will be sponsored by the Borough.

Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or Treat Night, in the Borough, will be held on Thursday, October 27th from 6-8PM.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Clapper presented Resolution No. 2011-01 for approval by Council. Said Resolution is for the Disposal of Old and Valueless Electronics, Uniforms and Computer Equipment of the Tyrone Police Department. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. Chief Romeo advised that Reclamere will take the electronics and the other items will be taken to an incinerator. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester reviewed his report with Borough Council. Mr. Nester also had a Change Order to present to Council however the figures were incorrect. Mr. Nester will make the changes and return it for approval next month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Request for Private Handicap Parking Space

Council was in receipt of a request for a private handicap parking space for 102 E. 14th Street. Chief Romeo interviewed the resident at this location and verified information that was provided on the application. Chief Romeo recommends that Borough approve

this request. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request. Council
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unanimously approved said request.

Mayor Fink applauded Chief Romeo and his Department for their efforts during the recent abduction and recovery of a young child from the Borough.

CODE/PARKING ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of the Code/Parking Enforcement Report for July.

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

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

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

Councilmember Steve Hanzir inquired as to a mirror that was formerly located at the corner of S. Lincoln Avenue and Shippen Street to aid with site visibility. Solicitor Clapper advised that this is a liability on the Borough's part if we install these.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mayor Fink advised that he received a complimentary call from the CEO of the Tyrone Hospital thanking him for the work of the Borough's EMA Department, during the recent power outages due to the extreme heat.
- Council member Bryan inquired as to the makeup of the new light poles for the Washington Avenue Streetscape project. After some discussion, there was no definitive answer as to whether the poles have flag brackets for banners or not. It was suggested that Ms. Bryan wait to see the poles.
- Mayor Fink announced that the Borough was in receipt of a donation to the Park Avenue Playground, from the "Loose Change Fund" of the First English Lutheran Church.
- Mayor Fink advised that he was made aware of a Borough resident, Mrs. Virginia Hollen, who walks around town every night picking up garbage. Mr. Fink sent Mrs. Hollen a thank you note on behalf of the Borough.
- Chief Romeo introduced part time officer Chad Weaver to the Council.

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The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John V. Cornell/kdg
Borough Manager