

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

**DECEMBER 11, 2017 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2017 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Randy Zitterbart, Hillside Church, offered the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Robert Dollar, Charlie Mills, David Snyder, Nate Verilla, Terry Richardson and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council members Michelle Miller and Courtney Rhoades. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Police Chief John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell, Finance Director Shannon Wilson; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Pastor Ken Patterson, Bible Baptist Church**

Pastor Ken Patterson, of Bible Baptist Church in Tyrone, was present as a resident and Pastor. Pastor Patterson read a prepared statement regarding the negative aspects of allowing a casino in our community. Pastor stated this would affect present and future generations of families, social ills will surely follow, crime will rise and when people have gambled away their last dollar, it is the Pastors and Churches that will get the call to help pay bills and buy groceries. Pastor further stated this will cost Tyrone more in the long run than any gain.

**Dan Stonebraker, 760 Baughman Hollow Road**

Mr. Stonebraker stated past Council's have allowed wind mills and low income housing against the Borough resident wishes and urged this sitting Council to do good by the people they represent and do not allow casinos in Tyrone.

**Bonnie Richardson,**

Ms. Richardson thanked Council member Snyder for his informative live feeds. Ms. Richardson stated her opposition to the potential of casinos coming to Tyrone. Ms. Richardson stated she grew up here and moved away but moved back to raise her

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family and live in a small town culture.

**William Kline, Tyrone Resident**

Mr. Kline addressed Council in opposition to allowing casinos in to Tyrone. Mr. Kline shared his previous life struggles and decided to settle in Tyrone, as it has served as a refuge for him.

**Pastor Roy Garthwaite, Grace Baptist Church**

Pastor Roy Garthwaite of Grace Baptist Church, commended Tyrone for making wonderful progress and making positive strides to make Tyrone a great place to live and raise a family and encouraged Council to choose a good name rather than great riches.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the November 11, 2017 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 periods ending October 31 and November 30, 2017 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**

**PA Gaming Control Board**

Council was again provided with information regarding Governor Wolf's recent House Bill 271, amending the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. If Council wishes to prohibit this activity, they must do so by approved a Resolution. Council was provided a draft resolution for review.

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**2018 Final Budget**

The 2018 Proposed Budget has been properly advertised for public inspection. If Council has no further comments, the appropriate Ordinances will be addressed by the Borough Solicitor. There were no further questions or comments.

**SOLICITOR'S RERORT:** Solicitor Dan Stants presented the following for Council's approval:

**Ordinance No. 1408-2018 Compensation**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1428, adopting the 2018 Compensation budget. The Ordinance is outlined below:

***“An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Establishing The Compensation Of Borough Officials And Employees For 2018; And Establishing An Effective Date”***

Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Ordinance No. 1409 – 2018 Taxes, Fines, Fees, Etc.**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1409, adopting taxes, fines and fees for 2018. The Ordinance is outlined below:

***“An Ordinance of the Borough of Tyrone, a Home Rule Municipality, Establishing and/or Setting Rates for Various Taxes, Fines Fees, Permits, Licenses and/or Other Charges Imposed By The Borough of Tyrone for 2018; And Establishing An Effective Date.”***

Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Ordinance No. 1410 – 2018 Budget**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1410, adopting the Budget for 2018. The Ordinance is outlined below:

***“An Ordinance of the Borough of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality Adopting the 2018 Final Budget Appropriating Specific Sums Estimated To Be Required For the Specific Purposes of the Municipal Government Hereinafter Set Forth During the Year 2018.”***

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It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1410, 2018 Budget. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2017-10 – Prohibit Category 4 Casinos**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2017-10, Prohibiting Category 4 Casinos. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Dollar, Verilla, Mills, Richardson and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Councilmember Snyder.

After the vote Councilmember Snyder asked to make a comment at stated he vote no because he knew the remaining body of Council would vote to prohibit this, however he wanted to be sure that people know Council is open to other ideas.

**Resolution No. 2017-11 – Competitive CDBG Funding - FY2017**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2017-11, authorizing the designation, application and projects for the Borough's 2017 Competitive CDBG Funding. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2017-12 – Reappoint Sue Griep to Civil Service Commission**

It was moved and seconded that Council reappoint Sue Griep to the Civil Service Commission for a term of six years. Council unanimously approve said motion.

**Resolution No. 2017-13 – Reappoint Don Boytim to Tyrone Borough Authority**

It was moved and seconded that Council reappoint Don Boytim to the Tyrone Borough Authority for a term of five years. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2017-14 – Reappoint Judy Duey to Zoning Hearing Board**

It was moved and seconded that Council reappoint Judy Duey to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three years. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Mr. Nester reviewed his report with Borough Council. Mr. Nester advised the Borough continues to explore the feasibility of implementing an Anaerobic Digester Project at the Tyrone Wastewater Treatment plant. Several meetings have been held with staff, engineers, solicitor, bond counsel and PennVEST. Mr. Nester further stated a key issue for the Borough is to see if contracts/assurances can be obtained from haulers to provide additional digestable material. Mr. Nester will

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schedule meeting with haulers in January. This project is potentially fundable with grant monies and small interest loan(s). This project would also be eligible for Clean Energy Grants.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised the mobile computer project should be completed by the end of the year. This is a mobile CAD system and will link directly to the County 911 system. Phase 2 of this project will allow for automatic e-citations that would go directly to the Magistrate's office.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton reported he has sold Nutrient Credits in the amount of \$140,625.

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Councilmember Dollar advised, per Council's consensus, he discussed fundraising for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge with the Historical Society Board. They were in favor of this activity and are looking to raise \$300,000. The Historical Society will be mailing 130 letters. Mr. Dollar stated that once the bridge is proven to be stable, the Borough could take it over at that time and apply for grants to finish the rehabilitation project.

Councilmember Richardson inquired about a stop sign near his residence.

Pastor Roy Garthwaite asked to make an additional comment and stated he was very proud of the Tyrone Community and the Tyrone Police Department and how fortunate Tyrone is to have their own police force. Pastor Garthwaite asked people to encourage the positive in our Community.

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Pastor Patterson asked Borough staff to check into a one way alley on North Avenue. Borough staff will look into this.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford  
Borough Manager