

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

**DECEMBER 14, 2015 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, December 14, 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 Keith Deal, Community-Worship Church, gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Mark Black, William Latchford, Terry Richardson, Raymond Detwiler and Mayor Fink. Absent: Councilmember and Mark Kosoglow. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Ann Reynolds; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor announced Council held Executive Session Meetings on December 1 and December 14, 2015 to discuss personnel and real estate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Renato Contipelli, Manager of Municipal Development Quasar Energy Group, was present to discuss the Borough pursuing an Anaerobic Digester at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Borough had requested RFP's and received two of them. Both were reviewed by GHD. Mr. Contipelli explained the reason for a Digester is to turn waste into energy, which can be used for the Borough. Mr. Contipelli stated the Borough would see an immediate impact of revenue. Digesters are currently located in New York, Ohio, Massachusetts and Maine. Landfills are starting to fill and close. Mr. Nulton has been advising Council of this possibility for some time now. It was noted this project is considered a "green project". Grants will be sought for this project and will also qualify for green energy credits. This is to be of no net cost to Borough residents. The cost to the Borough at this time for Quasar to do their study is \$25,000. Sewer Superintendent Mr. Nulton feels the Borough really needs to do this, it is a proven process, however, we need to make sure we can get the customers. Mr. Contipelli's goal is to produce enough electricity to take the Wastewater Treatment Plant off the grid. The Wastewater Treatment plant currently pays an estimated \$400,000/year in electric bill. Quasar also looks at any competition in the area and will provide a

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spreadsheet showing profit that should be made.

**Anaerobic Digester**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve moving forward with the Anaerobic Digester study at a cost of \$25,000. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Richardson, Latchford, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council member Detwiler.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the November 9 and December 1, 2015 Council Meetings be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Latchford, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Council members Detwiler and Richardson abstained. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending November 30, 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 Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Project**

Council was in receipt of Final Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$3,382.96 for the Valve Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant. Approval of this Payment would close out this project. All has been reviewed by the Borough's Engineer. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said payment. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Park Avenue Drainage Improvements-Change Order No. 3**

Council was in receipt of Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$2,070.00 along with Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$111,630.20. This project and funding has been reviewed by Borough Engineers and PennDOT representative. It was moved and seconded that Council authorize said payments. Council unanimously approved

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said motion.

**2016 Final Budget**

Council was previously provided a copy of the proposed 2016 Budget. Said Budget was properly advertised for public review and was presented to Borough Council for approval. The budget reflected a deficit of \$88,000.00. It was moved and seconded to increase tax millage 3.71 mills. Ms. Garhart advised the increase would cost Borough residents \$3.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value of their property. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council Members Rhoades, Black, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council Members Ray, Richardson and Detwiler. Motion carried by a 4-3 vote.

**Discussion Items:**

- The issues as outlined in the Borough Manager's report with respect to wet interior plaster in the Manager's office and elevator will be addressed in the Spring
- The Scoreboard Eagle Scout project at Ferner Field has been completed. A picture of the scoreboard was furnished for Borough Council.

**AFSCME Contract**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the new 3 year AFSCME Union Contract with 2 options: Option No. 1 – 0% increase in wage in the first year; 1% increase the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years and no changes to healthcare; Option No. 2 – 0% increase in wage in the first year, 2% wage increase the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years with new hires only carrying employee healthcare coverage. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink requested public comment. There being none, Council unanimously approved said motion.

**SOLICITOR'S RERORT:** Solicitor Clapper had the following for Borough Council:

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1366 – 2016 Compensation**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve *Ordinance No. 1366*, adopting the 2016 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 2016; And Establishing An Effective Date."***

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Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1367 – 2016 Taxes, Fines, Fees, Etc.**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve *Ordinance No. 1367*, adopting taxes, fines and fees for 2016. 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 2016; And Establishing An Effective Date.”***

Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 1368 – 2016 Budget**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve *Ordinance No. 1368*, adopting the Budget for 2016. The Ordinance is outlined below:

***“An Ordinance of the Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Adopting The 2016 Final Budget Appropriating Specific Sums Estimated To Be Required For the Specific Purposes of the Municipal Government Hereinafter Set Forth During The Year 2015, and Establishing an Effective Date.”***

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1368, approve the 2016 Budget. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Richardson, Latchford, Rhoads and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council Member Detwiler. The motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 1369 – Stop Sign @ Park & Lund Avenues**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1369 for additional stop signs at Park and Lund Avenues and at S. Lincoln Avenue. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2015-12 – Appointment of Gary Barr to Tyrone Borough Authority**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2015-12, appointing Gary Barr to the Tyrone Borough Authority. Mr. Barr's term will run from January 1,

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2016 through December 31, 2020. Mr. Barr will replace Mr. Kosoglow, whose term expired December 31, 2015. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief advised his department has been working with local pharmacies for the "Cops in Shops" program. This is funded by Operation Our Town. Chief also advised they have stepped up speed enforcement on Washington.

Council Member Rhoades inquired as to the status of dirt bikes and four wheelers on roadways. Council and staff had previously discussed increasing the amount of fines in hopes this would be a deterrent for repeat offenders.

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

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Latchford's monthly report. Mr. Latchford advised that on November 5<sup>th</sup> a dam inspection was done and all was found to be in proper working order. Mr. Latchford also thanked the outgoing Council members.

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

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**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Mayor Fink advised the Borough is still working on removing people from the flood plain. The Army Corps of Engineers have advised the Borough needs to do something with the river and the sandbar.
- The Borough will hold their Organizational meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Mayor Fink thanked the outgoing Council for their dedication to Community

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg  
Borough Manager