

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

February 14, 2011 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on February 14, 2011 at 7:10PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Roy Garthwaite, of Grace Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Patricia Stoner and Mayor Fink. Absent were: Council members Hanzir and 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; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Phyllis Garhart and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fink advised that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Aquadro – Tyrone Hockey

Phil Aquadro was present at the Council meeting to thank the Borough for their support for the recent recreation grant that was awarded for resurfacing the hockey rink. Mr. Aquadro advised that the previous bid he received was for \$8,000-\$8,500. Mr. Aquadro was advised to obtain an official bid and report back to the Borough. Council member Ray thanked Mr. Aquadro for their efforts in raising funds toward this improvement project.

Mr. Kevin Kolak, President Northern Blair County Property Owners Association

Mr. Kolak, President of the Northern Blair County Property Owners Association, gave Council a background on his organization. Mr. Kolak proceeded with a presentation regarding Marcellus Shale. Mr. Kolak advised that he works for the PLCB during the day and has no personal gains from this, however wanted to encourage Borough Council to consider the possibility of getting millions of dollars in revenue. Council

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expressed their top priority is the protection of the Borough's water supply. Mr. Kolak requested a formal sit down meeting with Borough officials.

Carolyn Patton, W. 15th Street – Fracturing Water

Ms. Patton explained the process for fracturing water, as she understands it, and the fact that chemicals are used in this process. Ms. Patton advised that in the 1960's, Tyrone Borough lost 6 children within a 10 block radius of the Paper Mill. Ms. Patton stated that the Paper Mill used formaldehyde and that it is the same chemical they are using when fracturing water today.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the January 10, 2011 Borough 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 periods ending December 31, 2010 January 31, 2011 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Several questions were asked regarding purchase of Snyder Township tax maps, Civil Service Training and Building Code Official training. Mr. Cornell addressed these questions and Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Senior Stroll in the Park

Council was in receipt of a request from Mr. Lee Wertz for use of Pavilion No. 1 on June 9, 2011 for their annual Senior Stroll in the Park. It was moved and seconded that Council approved said motion. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request for Land to be Donated to the Borough

Council was in receipt of a letter from Mr. David Patt to donate three parcels of land to the Borough. The parcels are located at 105-113 E. 10th Street. The parcel is currently

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vacant and was previously used as a parking lot for the former Villa Restaurant. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Solicitor moving forward with the legal paperwork to secure the donated land. Council unanimously approved this action.

Requests for Irish Heritage Days – March 12 the March 20

Council was in receipt of several requests from the Irish Heritage Committee: waiver of vendor fees, use of City Hotel Park, and street closings for the parade and festival. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said requests. Council unanimously approved said motion. Council member Rhoades suggested that Council revisit the fees for said events.

Request for Use of Reservoir Park – Colonel Crowther Days

Council was in receipt of a request from Mr. Robert Hileman, President of the Colonel Crowther Foundation. Mr. Hileman's requests are for the use of the upper end of Reservoir Park and the Amphitheatre on August 6 and 7 for Colonel Crowther Days. It was moved and seconded that Council approve these requests. Council unanimously approved said motion. The weekend is free to anyone wishing to attend.

Request for Donation – VFW Teener League

Council was in receipt of a request from the VFW Teener League for their annual donation of \$300. Council felt that since the Borough made such a large contribution in 2010, they did not want to give at this time. No motion was made. Council member Rhoades said that she would like to see the Borough get away from monetary donations.

Award of Bids – Washington Avenue Manhole Project

The Borough held bid openings on February 10, 2011 for the Washington Avenue Manhole Project. Four bids were received and are as follows:

BCS Construction	\$ 120,691.00
Ameron Construction	\$ 105,852.00
Diehl Contracting	\$ 64,735.00
DC Ventre & Sons, Inc.	\$ 56,485.50

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The bids have been reviewed by Borough staff and Engineer. We recommend award to the low bidder, DC Ventre & Sons at their bid price of \$56,485.50. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Award of Bids – Adams Avenue Water Main Project

The Borough held bid openings on February 10, 2011 for the Adams Avenue Water Main Project. Six bids were received and are as follows:

Ameron Construction	\$ 112,595.00
VW Site Constructors	\$ 96,582.00
Claycomb Excavating	\$ 75,868.62
DC Ventre & Sons, Inc.	\$ 57,451.50
Laurel Management	\$ 73,632.00
H & R Excavating	\$ 73,260.00

The bids have been reviewed by Borough staff and Engineer and we recommend award to the low bidder, DC Ventre & Sons, Inc., at their bid price of \$57,451.50. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Appointment of Volunteer Positions

Council previously discussed advertising for volunteer Borough Board positions when they come available. It was the consensus of Borough Council to develop a policy for said vacant positions. It was suggested that the positions be advertised. Council would then review letters of interest and then interview for said positions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Blair County Park and Recreation Grants have been approved for both resurfacing the hockey rink and rebuilding the back stop at the VFW Teener Field.
- Meetings were held on January 26th to update Washington Avenue property owners as to the status of the Streetscape Project.
- Council was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Byron Kost as Parking Meter Attendant.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Solicitor had nothing to report.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester reviewed the report with Borough Council.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Council was provided with a building permit report for January. Permits have also been secured to raze the YMCA.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of the monthly Police report. Chief Romeo advised of a \$5,000 grant that the Police Department received through Operation Our Town.

Chief Romeo presented Council with a 300 page report on Tasers that will be available in Kim's office for anyone to review. Chief advised that tasers have been at the forefront for officers as another tool for the last 8 years. Injuries to officers have dropped 60-70% since the use of tasers began. The mere presence of a taser encourages a suspect to surrender. Chief feels it is a great investment for the Police Department as a whole. Council member Rhoades inquired as to whether Officer Lutz would need a taser since he has the K9. Chief Romeo advised that having three tasers would allow each full time officer to carry one while on duty and leave two for the part timers. Only officers trained in the tasers would be authorized to sign them out. Part time office Adam Bonsell is a certified trainer for tasers and is willing to do the training, however the Borough would have to purchase the training videos.

Chief Romeo requested authorization to move forward with the purchase of a Ford Expedition for the police department. This vehicle purchase is in the 2011 budget. Tri-Star has the vehicle available and is on the State Contract. The vehicle price is \$35,632 and would take approximately 30-45.

The Borough was in receipt of a request for a private handicap parking space for Amanda Bartlebaugh, at 566 Washington Avenue. This request was reviewed by the Police Department and Chief recommends approval of said request. It was moved and seconded to grant Ms. Bartlebaugh's request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Chief advised that the Borough has recently purchased signs for placement with stop signs that warn motorists of rolling through stop signs. These signs will be placed at

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several high traffic areas throughout the Borough.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton requested permission to purchase a pipe locator for the department. This is available through the state contract and will match the Borough's camera equipment. The cost is \$3,878.25. This is included as a capital item in the 2011 Budget. Council unanimously approved said request.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Lynch's monthly report. Mr. Lynch reported that he is working on obtaining information regarding rebuilding of the filter cells at the plant.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Mr. Bywater was requesting permission to move forward with purchasing a new truck from the state contract, at a cost of \$57,080.49. This purchase is included in the 2011 budget. Council unanimously approved said request.

Mr. Bywater advised that the Borough recently held the annual Christmas tree pick up. They have also received calls for up to 2 weeks after the advertised dates for the pickup. Council feels that the Borough should not pick up trees after the advertised dates since it is our manpower and additional hours to dispose of them.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mayor Fink advised that he has received calls from people regarding snow removal from the downtown area and people not being able to get from the street to the sidewalks. Council member Stoner felt that the business people must bear some responsibility to open a space for their patrons.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John V. Cornell/kdg
Borough Manager