

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2018 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. This meeting date was changed due to lack of a quorum on February 12, 2018. Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Warriors Mark Volunteer Fireman, Robert Gensimore. Mr. Gensimore was killed in a recent accident on I-99, while working for PennDOT. Pastor Kenneth Patterson, Bible Baptist 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, Terry Richardson and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council member Michelle Miller and Sarah Jane Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Police Chief John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; Finance Director Shannon Wilson; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Smith, 3761 Halfmoon Valley Road, Warriors Mark

Mr. Smith addressed Council regarding the recent school shooting and what he feels is the lack of security at the Tyrone Schools. Mr. Smith advised while taking his daughter to school recently, he was able to walk the entire way through the elementary school with no questions being asked. Mr. Smith would like to see some teachers armed. Mr. Smith advised the school does have one armed resource officer, however, one armed person is not enough. Mr. Smith would like to see a volunteer group of teachers, parents, officials to meet and discuss the safety of our kids.

Michelle Miller, 214 Peck Hill Road, Tyrone

Mrs. Miller also spoke regarding safety at the Tyrone School and on Clay Avenue. Mrs. Miller is a security guard for the school as well as a traffic guard. Mrs. Miller also stated that, in light of the recent untimely death of Mr. Gensimore, who was killed while placing flares for an accident, attention needs brought to the vehicular traffic on Clay Avenue. Mrs. Miller stated that daily one of the guards has a close call with a vehicle. Mrs. Miller thanked the Tyrone police for their presence in the mornings and late afternoons while

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school traffic is heaviest.

Devon Henninger, 1407 Pennsylvania Avenue, Tyrone

Mr. Henninger, a junior at Tyrone Area School District, also spoke to the safety at Tyrone School. Mr. Henninger advised there were metal detectors at school when he was in the sixth grade. Mr. Henninger also feels there is need for police presence and that teachers should be armed.

Office Hollis was also present in the audience and advised the police have been visiting schools during the day and have doubled up on patrols. Chief Romeo also advised they have been having lunch in school with the students, have participated in 3 active shooter drills and extra patrols around the schools. The Borough police have the ability to wand kids but only at the request of the school.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Council Meetings be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending January 31, 2018 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

Blair County Auto Club – Car Show

Council was in receipt of a request from the Blair County Auto Club to waive the Cruising Ban ordinance on June 15, 2018 for their car show scheduled for downtown Tyrone. A rain date of June 22 has also been scheduled. The club would like the freedom to allow participants to cruise town after the car show. The car show runs from 5pm-9pm. Michelle Miller, representative of the Car Club, was present. Mrs. Miller advised last year the club had 100 cars attend. Mayor Latchford suggested vehicles be permitted to freely cruise through town that evening following the car show. Council member Mills suggested the Fire Police could escort the group through town.

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It was moved and seconded to waive the cruising ordinance for the night of the car show, June 15 and/or the rain date, if needed of June 22nd. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Allocation Increase to Fire Police

The Borough currently allocates \$291.67/month to the Fire Police. Since we have re-established the Fire Police we are recommending an increase of \$208.33. This will bring the allocation total for the Fire Police to \$500/month. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said increase. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request for Exemption of Open Container

Council was in receipt of a request from the Tyrone Events & Promotions Committee for an exemption of the Open Container Ordinance for their annual Hops and Vines event scheduled for June 16, 2018. This area would encompass 10th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Logan Avenue and the City Hotel Park. It was moved and seconded that Council grant this request. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Snyder, Dollar, Mills and Mayor Latchford. Nays: Council member Richardson.

Informational Items from the Manager's Report:

- The Borough will be contracting with a new vendor, Life Solutions, for the Borough's Employee Assistance Program, effective July 1, 2018.
- The Borough will be issuing a quarterly payment to the IRC in the amount of \$13,750 on February 23. As a side note, Borough Manager Ardean Latchford, advised the Borough has recently had some discussions regarding the mandated membership to the IRC. While the Borough is mandated to recycle, the Borough is not mandated to be a member of the IRC. DEP has recently approved a compost site for the Borough. Mr. Latchford advised the Borough can provide additional services to our residents by not being in the IRC. It was the consensus of Council for Solicitor Stants to prepare an Ordinance and any related paper work for the Borough to exit the IRC. This will be presented at the March 12th Council meeting.
- The Borough is in receipt of Hoopsfest requests for July 22, 2018. Hoopsfest will use 10th Street from PA Avenue to Logan Avenue, the Municipal parking lot, Logan Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street and S. Logan Avenue from 10th Street to the 9th Street bridge. The Joshua House will also be holding several races throughout the year; March 17, June, Memorial Day weekend and Halloween.

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- Summer employment has been advertised
- The Borough has established an Emergency Management team consisting of current EMA Director Jay Young, Dave Lynch, Mike Beckwith, Dave Wisner and Brian Stewart. Manager Latchford feels the Borough needs a stronger presence of EMA in this end of the County. The 2018 Budget re-established a line item for EMA in the amount of \$2,000 for training and equipment.
- Albemarle Fish Rodeo is scheduled for April 14 @ 8am.
- Public interviews for the vacant Council seat will be held during the March 12 Council Meeting.
- Borough representatives recently met with Andy Haines of S & A Homes to discuss the former Lincoln School site.

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

Resolution No. 2018-04 – Domino's Pizza Bakery Final Land Development Plan

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2018-04, approving the Final Land Development Plan for the Domino's Pizza Bakery. Council unanimously approved said motion, noting the conditions on the Resolution that must be met.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Mr. Nester reviewed his report with Borough Council. Mr. Nester provided Council with a summary of waste haulers interviewed for the potential digester project. Mr. Nester advised the next step is a work session with Borough Council which is scheduled for February 22, 2018 @ 6pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report. The condition of the sidewalk in front of the Post Office was brought to Mr. Frazell's attention.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised that Rapid Notify, public announcement system the Borough previously used, has been bought by RAVE.

Chief was in receipt of a private handicap parking space request for 705 W. 15th Street. Chief reviewed the request and interviewed the applicant. This address is located within the "no parking zone" of W. 15th Street. Chief also spoke with the property owner at 709 W. 15th Street to advise this handicap space would be located in front of their residence. Council unanimously approve said motion.

Chief Romeo also advised the Lutheran Church had recently donated \$10,000 to the Borough for the purchase of new tasers. A representative of the Church will be in

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attendance at the March 12th meeting.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Mr. Bywater was absent, however, Council was in receipt of his report.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Council will hold a Work Session meeting on February 22nd at 6:00pm to discuss the Digester project.
- Public Interviews for the vacant Council seat will be held during the March 12th Council meeting. It was noted this meeting will start at 6:30pm.
- Bob Dollar, as representative of the Tyrone Historical Society, advised *The Heinz History Center Traveling Road Show* will be in Blair County from May 25 thru July 16, 2019. The theme of the road show will be World War II, with an emphasis on Central Pennsylvania. Mr. Dollar advised the Altoona Curve will be wearing retro uniforms, the Mishler Theatre will be showing World War II movies. Saturday, June 9, 2019 will be Tyrone's participation day. Mr. Dollar would like to have the town decorated, re-enactors, etc. Mr. Dollar would also like to have a 1940's themed car show.
- Mayor Latchford requested Borough staff look into a stop sign at 8th Street and Park Avenue.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford
Borough Manager