

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

**February 13, 2012 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on February 13, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Father Jozef of St. Matthew's Parish, gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Mark Black, Raymond Detwiler, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Terry Richardson and Mayor Fink. Also present were Borough Manager John Cornell; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Department Supervisor, 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:**

**Boy Scout Troop #300**

Mayor Fink welcomed Boy Scout Troop #300 to the Council meeting. Scout Leader Kim Patterson introduced himself and his scouts and advised that they are working on the Merit Badge and part of the badge requirement is to attend a Municipal Meeting.

**Gamesa – Josh Framel**

Mr. Framel introduced himself to the new Council members and provided a brief project review. The Tyrone wind farm is mechanically complete. Gamesa is in the process of the commissioning phase and are hoping to power them up by the end of March. Mr. Gamesa noted that some windmills have been running as part of the testing process.

**Joe Eckels , 309 Waring Street**

Mr. Eckels was previously at a Council meeting to discuss a water runoff problem he

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was experiencing from properties in Snyder Township. The problem has been solved and he wanted to thank the Borough.

**Karen Owens, 763 Washington Avenue**

Ms. Owens, owner of 763 Washington Avenue was in attendance at the meeting to address the Borough regarding one of the new street lights that is only inches from her rain spouting. Mr. Cornell advised that the Borough was in receipt of a letter from Ms. Owens regarding the same and that the staff was addressing this with the design engineer.

**Boy Scout, 204 Shippen Street**

One of the boy scouts that was in attendance at the meeting asked that Borough staff look at the condition of the sidewalk near the flood control on Washington Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Shippen Street.

**Anna Riggleman, 610 Washington Avenue**

Ms. Riggleman was in attendance to address Council about several issues. The new street lights on Washington are bright and one is very close to her house. She advised that she had spoken with the contractor and they advised her to contact the Borough.

Ms. Riggleman also asked Borough staff to consider making 6<sup>th</sup> Street a one way Street. She further stated that it is an unsafe bus stop for the kids.

Ms. Riggleman also discussed a property located at 1460 Logan Avenue. This property was previously owned by her father Mr. Supenia, she stated she was not happy about the water taps that was required of her father at the time.

Council member Ray advised that she could have appealed this decision to the UCC Appeals Board. Mayor Fink asked if she was the current owner of the property to which she stated she was not.

There was no further public comment.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 12, 2011 and January 3, 2012 Borough Council meetings be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Rhoades, Richardson, Latchford, Ray and Mayor Fink. Council member Kosoglow abstained. Council member Detwiler abstained from voting on the December 12, 2011 minutes and voted in favor of the January 3, 2012 minutes. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting periods ending December 31, 2011 January 31, 2012 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Rhoades, Kosoglow, Latchford, Ray and Mayor Fink. Council member Richardson abstained. Council member Detwiler abstained from voting on the December 12, 2011 minutes and voted in favor of the January 3, 2012 minutes

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**Emergency Operations Plan Approval**

Council was in receipt of and updated Emergency Operation Plan. This update was completed by the Borough's EMA Coordinator, Jay Young. This plan needs to be approved by Resolution. This plan is to be updated every 2 years. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said plan. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Request for Approval of 2012 Events**

The Borough recently contacted all area merchants, clubs, associations, etc. to submit their requests for contributions, services, facilities, etc for the year 2012. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the list without the requests for monetary donations. Council member Rhoades would like to get away from monetary donations and would like to see the Borough give swim passes, or services. Council member Richardson voiced opposition and stated that years ago the Borough had allotted funds for youth organizations. Council member Kosoglow was also in agreement to give financial contributions. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2012 events list, minus monetary donations for the VFW Teener League, Tyrone Day @ Delgrosso's

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Park and the Borough's Labor Day Picnic. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council members Richardson, Kosoglow, Latchford, and Detwiler. The motion did not carry.

It was then moved and seconded that the 2012 Events List be approved, without the monetary contributions, thus to be discussed at a later meeting. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Request for Removal of Parking Meters**

The Borough was in receipt of a letter requesting removal of parking meters from outside the former Dog House restaurant. After some discussion by Council, it was noted that the Borough had been in receipt of similar requests and those have been denied. It was moved and seconded that Council deny this request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Appointments to Borough Boards & Commissions**

Council was presented with a list of Commission and Board seats that are open and names of those wishing to fill such positions. Recommendations were made to appoint Aaron Craig and Judy Duey to 5 year terms on the Zoning Hearing Board, Jay Young to a 5 year term on the Tyrone Borough Authority and Sue Griep to a 6 year term on the Civil Service Commission. It was moved and seconded to approve recommended appointments. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Appointment of Terry Lingenfelter-Police Background/Investigations**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Terry Lingenfelter to do background checks and investigations for the police department. This will be for a one year period and used as needed. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Request to Terminate Verizon Lease**

The Borough was in receipt of a letter from CBRE regarding a request to terminate the lease between the Borough of Tyrone and Verizon, for property on Ice Mountain. Verizon has agreed to pay the remainder of the lease, which is \$2,940. Several council members would like to know why they want to terminate the lease. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Kosoglow, Latchford, Detwiler, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council members Ray and Richardson.

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Borough staff will inquire about the reasoning for the request to terminate.

**Request for Funding-Fire Department Radios**

Council was in receipt of information regarding a request for matching funds to upgrade fire personnel radios once the County upgrades. Chief JR Watson and Alan Walls were at the meeting. Many Blair County EMS and Fire Departments have gone together and jointly applied for a grant, however, each municipality has to come up with a 20% match. The fire companies do not have a definitive figure yet; however, Mr. Watson did advise that every riding seat needs a portable radio. This is about 30 for Hookies and 15 for Neptune's. Mrs. Garhart supplied information for Council stating that this should have been included as a budget request for 2012. If Council is to approve this request now, it will have to do so by Ordinance. Mr. Watson advised that he had previously made a request to the Borough to be included in the 2012 budget. Council asked Mr. Watson & Mr. Walls to keep Council abreast of the status of the grant process.

**Civil Service Commission**

Borough Council was presented with the annual report from the Civil Service Commission for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, which is required under the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Ratification - First National Bank Documents**

Council was advised that earlier in the month the Borough had to transfer money so that it remained in an interest bearing account, until a Request for Proposal was obtained. It was moved and seconded to ratify this action. Council unanimously approved said ratification.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** The Solicitor had the following to report.

**Ordinance No. 1322 – Chief of Police Additional Vacation Time**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1322, authorizing the Chief of Police an additional week's vacation. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**Ordinance No. 1323 – Borough Manager Additional Vacation Time**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1323, authorizing the Borough Manager an additional week's vacation. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Ordinance No. 1324 – Amendment to Non Uniform Pension Plan – IRS Code**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1324, amending the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2012-01 – Sale of Two Sniper Rifles**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the sale of 2 sniper rifles to the highest bidder, Eugene Jenkins, (PSP) at a price of \$900 for both rifles. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Richardson, Kosoglow, Latchford, Detwiler and Mayor Fink. Council member Rhoades abstained.

**Resolution No. 2012-02 - Disposal of Equipment – Highway Department**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the disposal of 3 Fisher Salt Spreaders and 1 General Electric Mobile Radio Console. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2012-03 – Disposal of Equipment – Water Department**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the disposal of a Hach chlorine analyzer, storage cabinet, workbench, John Deere weed eater, and a John Deere chain saw. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Resolution No. 2012-04 – Donation of Machine Gun to Boalsburg Museum**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the donation of a machine gun to the Boalsburg Museum. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester reviewed the report with Borough Council and asked for approval to move forward with the filter rehabilitation project for the water department. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT:** The Code Enforcement Report was received by Council.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** The Police report was received by Council. Chief Romeo gave kudos to Officer Lutz for his high call volume and his activities with Vilo. Council member Detwiler asked if the Borough was reimbursed when the dog was taken out of the Borough, since there are no schools in the Borough. Council member Kosoglow advised that Officer Lutz participating in searches at other schools, etc. was part of the Borough's agreement with Operation Our Town. Council member Detwiler also inquired as to whether we could schedule more social events. Chief advised that when Officer Lutz and Vilo do most social events, he is doing this on his own time. Chief stated that Vilo is currently the only K9 in Blair County. Mr. Detwiler feels that the schools should reimburse the Borough when they request our K9 unit.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's report. Mr. Nulton advised that the EPA report was submitted; he would also like to present three certificates to industries for compliance to Tyrone industries.

Council member Ray inquired as to the permit to sell credits. Mr. Nulton advised that the permit was approved however, no credits have been sold.

Council member Richardson advised that he had toured the sewer plant and was very impressed. He encouraged others to do the same.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Lynch's monthly report. Council was also in receipt of a memo requesting approval to move forward with purchasing a truck from the State contract. It was moved and seconded that Council approve moving forward with purchasing a new water truck from the state contract. This expenditure was included in the 2012 budget. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

Council member Ray inquired as to the status of sidewalks on Park Avenue due to the gas line replacement project being done by the gas company. Mr. Cornell advised that they have to do complete restoration.

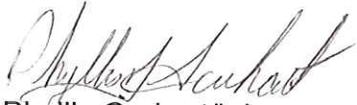
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**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- SCCBA dinner is February 16, 2012, if anyone is interested please contact Kim
- Mayor Fink read a poem from the winner of *The Daily Herald's*, Why I Love My Community Contest. The winner was Borough Employee, Rita Dick.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Phyllis Garhart/kdg  
Interim Borough Manager