

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

January 10, 2011 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on January 10, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Borough Manager John Cornell gave the Invocation. Mayor Fink also requested a moment of silence for the victims of the Arizona shootings.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, Steve Hanzir, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Patricia Stoner and Mayor Fink. Also present were Borough Manager John Cornell; Solicitor Larry Clapper; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Department Employee Dave Lynch; Interim Police Chief Jessica Walk; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Phyllis Garhart and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Shirley Dawson, Park Avenue

Ms. Dawson had previously submitted a petition to the Borough to place stop signs at the intersection of alley at 5th Street and Lund Avenue and the corners of Park Avenue and Fifth Street. Ms. Dawson also advised Council that when there is an accident on Washington Avenue, traffic is diverted to Park Avenue, thus increasing the traffic.

Council members Ray and Stoner are in agreement with Ms. Dawson.

Misty Rhoades, Logan Avenue

Mrs. Rhoades was present to request that Borough staff look into snow piles between I-99 Antiques and Community Pharmacy. Mrs. Rhoades advised that when they plow their lot, they often pile it to where it comes out on the sidewalk. Borough staff will look into this.

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Mrs. Rhoades also addressed Council regarding a railroad safety program for children and inquired as to the Code Enforcement position.

There was no further public comment.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Solicitor Clapper advised those in attendance that Borough Council has for several months been reviewing applications and interviewing applicants for the Chief of Police position. Solicitor Clapper introduced Ordinance No. 1309, appointing John R. Romeo as the Borough's new Chief of Police. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1309. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Bryan, Hanzir, Kosoglow, Latchford, Stoner and Rhoades. Nays: Council members Ray and Mayor Fink. The motion carried with at 6-2 vote. Council welcomed Mr. Romeo as their new Chief of Police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 23 and December 13, 2010 Borough Council meetings be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Bryan, Ray, Hanzir, Latchford, Stoner Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Council member Kosoglow abstained.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The expense and revenue statement was copied incorrectly for the Council books. Council was provided with a corrected copy at the meeting; however, it was moved and seconded that Council table the approval of the expense and revenue report until they had more time to review them. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Request for Stop Signage – Park Avenue, Fifth Street & Lund Avenue

Council was in receipt of a petition for stop signs at Park Avenue and Fifth Street and Lund Avenue. This has been reviewed by Borough staff and all are in agreement that this is needed. It was then moved and seconded that Council authorize the Borough Engineer to perform the necessary traffic study and the Solicitor to prepare the Ordinance amendment.

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TACO – Annual Radio Auction

The Borough was in receipt of a request from TACO for their annual radio auction. The Borough has historically donated a family pool pass, valued up to \$95. It was moved and seconded that Council approve TACO's request. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request for Land - Tyrone Youth Football

The Borough was in receipt of a request from the Tyrone Youth Football League for development of a football/soccer field on Reservoir Drive. If Council is in agreement, Mr. Cornell will move forward gathering information and will report back to Council.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Christmas Tree pick up is scheduled for January 10 and 11
- Reservations for Pavilions at Reservoir Park are scheduled for January 14
- Mr. Cornell updated Council regarding Mrs. Muir's recent complaints of water runoff in the Lincoln Avenue. Borough crews have found a culvert blocked with debris. This will be remedied in the near future.
- Washington Avenue Streetscape Resident Update Meeting, January 26th at 11am and 6pm

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 1308 – 7th Street – One Way

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance ho. 1308, making 7th Street one way from Washington Avenue to Park Avenue. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester advised that the Borough would be going out for bid for the Washington Avenue manhole project and Adams Avenue Water Main replacement. Bids for these will be accepted on February 10, 2011 and presumably awarded at the February meeting. Mr. Nester also advised that they have not been notified yet as to the flood gate project.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Council was provided with building permit reports for November and December.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of the monthly Police report. Mayor, Council and Borough Manager thanked Interim Chief Walk for a job well done during her tenure as Interim Chief of Police.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton advised that in response to a complaint at last month's meeting, his staff was out and ran the camera in the areas of Lincoln Avenue and 20th Street. Some debris was found and cleaned out with the flusher truck. Mr. Nulton advised that they would have to wait until the next rain storm to see if this remedied the situation.

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

Council member Jen Bryan thanked the Highway Department for their help in putting up the Christmas decorations.

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

EMA DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Young advised Borough Council of several seminars and classes he has been taking. Mr. Young is also looking for volunteers for damage assessment training in the event that the Borough would need them. Training for this is scheduled for January 22nd from 8am - 2pm.

Mr. Young also suggested that Borough personnel, when working in the street should all be wearing safety vests.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

- Council member Stoner, Project Coordinator for the Washington Avenue Streetscape Project, advised Council that there was a recent glitch with the lighting design for the project. The Borough was given 3 options and the one chosen, maintaining the light height at 15', which will also give more lights in this area.
- Ms. Stoner also advised that the Borough was in receipt of grant approval to extend the former Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscape Project to the 1300 and 1400 blocks. Ms. Stoner advised that 238 applications were received and one 41 were approved.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John V. Cornell/kdg
Borough Manager