

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

January 11, 2010 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on January 11, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Barry Neal gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, Stephen Hanzir, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Pat Stoner and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council member Mark Kosoglow. Also present were Borough Manager Sharon Dannaway; Borough Solicitor Larry Clapper; Consulting Engineer Ray Myers; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton, Water Superintendent Gary Barr; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Chief of Police Joe Beachem; and Executive Secretary Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Fink asked for public comment, however, no comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that Council approve minutes from Council Meetings of December 7 and 21, 2009 and January 4, 2010. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Council members Bryan asked questions regarding Myers Auto Body, PennDOT, Penelec, Verdin Company, police calendar, Bryce Saylor, Kimberling Roofing, and Noll's Forestry. Council member Ray also asked questions regarding electricity at the pool and a payout for the HOME program. It was noted that the Borough has completed 43 housing rehab projects, totaling \$1,303,710.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the financial reports, as presented, for the monthly accounting period ending December 31, 2009, be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report and (2) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Waiver of Vendor Fees - Tyrone Irish Heritage Committee

It was moved and seconded that Council waive the vendor fees for the Tyrone Irish Heritage Celebration. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request for Extension - D'Ottavio

Council was in receipt of a letter from Mr. D'Ottavio, owner of the former pizza shop at 1302 Pennsylvania Avenue, requesting a 60 day extension of time to "gather his thoughts" on whether to reopen the Tyrone restaurant. It was noted that the Borough has been attempting to work with Mr. D'Ottavio since 2006, to no avail. It was moved and seconded that Mr. D'Ottavio's request be denied. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Purchase of New Computers and Licenses for Accounts Payable Dept.

It was moved and seconded that the Borough purchase a new computer for the accounts payable department as well as 2 replacement Microsoft licenses, due to compatibility issues.

Committee Members Needed

Due to the absence of former Council member James Grazier, several committee spots need to be filled by current members of Borough Council. Council member Latchford agreed to serve on the Police Pension Committee, Non Uniform Pension Committee, and Fire Committee. Council member Ray agreed to serve on the UCC Appeals Board Committee. Council member Rhoades agreed to serve on the Inter Municipal Relations Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve all new appointments. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Approval of Design Washington Avenue Improvement Project

Jessica Sheets, of Innovative Consulting Engineers, addressed Borough Council regarding the Washington Avenue Improvement Project. Said project is scheduled to be let in September, 2010. It was noted that this is

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Transportation Enhancement money that is earmarked for certain projects. Two projects were vying for these funds, however, the Borough's was in more of a "move ahead" stage, and thus were offered the funding. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the design of said project, contingent on review of the Solicitor. The cost for engineering is \$137,445. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Reservoir Park Reservations

It was noted that Reservoir Park reservations will be accepted beginning at 8AM on January 15, 2010.

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 1290 - Stop Intersection

It was moved and seconded that Council approve proposed Ordinance No. 1290 setting forth a stop intersection at Lincoln Avenue and 11th Street. Title of said Ordinance is set forth below:

"An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending Ordinance No. 1064 To Establish: Additional Stop Intersections To Be Located On Both The North And South Sides Of Lincoln Avenue Where Said Avenue Intersects With 11th Street; Severability Of Provisions; And An Effective Date."

Council unanimously approved said Ordinance.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: The Consulting Engineer had nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT: Code Enforcement Officer Jim Metzgar reviewed his report with Borough Council. Mr. Metzgar also advised that two demolition projects in the Borough, Peanut Factory and Loner property on 10th Street, are nearing completion. Mr. Metzgar has been in contact with a party expressing interest in the Peanut Factory property.

Council member Bryan inquired as to the status of the YMCA. Mr. Metzgar advised that the Wallace's were give a 7 day extension and he is awaiting a decision from Blair County Court.

Council member Hanzir inquired as to the snow. Mr. Metzgar advised that he is

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addressing complaints as they come in and using door hangers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Request - Private Handicap Parking

Council was in receipt of a request for a private handicap parking space located at 427 W. 16th Street. This request was made by the tenant, Mary Margerum and has been reviewed by Officer Walk and was found to meet the Borough's qualifications. It was the recommendation of Chief Beachem that the request be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

HIGHWAY, WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS:

The Department Heads had nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mrs. Dannaway was seeking Council's permission to apply for a matching grant to continue with other phases of improvements at Reservoir Park. It was the consensus of Council for the Borough Manager to move ahead in seeking an additional matching grant.
- SCCBA Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st at LaScalia's Restaurant in Pinecroft. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Kim.
- Mayor Fink requested that Council revisit their previous decision on meeting dates and the manner in which Council receives their books. After some discussion and due the lack of information that would be available for the first Monday of the month, it was moved and seconded that Council's meetings be scheduled for the second Monday at 7PM. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Ray, Hanzir, Latchford, Stoner, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council member Jen Bryan. The motion carried. Council also decided to revert back to having the books prepared and delivered by the Police Department.
- Mayor Fink also advised that there will be several Penn State students throughout the community looking and studying different architecture. Mayor Fink feels that the Borough should build on Penn State's interest in the Borough.
- Council member Jen Bryan requested that they are kept more up to date, perhaps via emails. i.e. guide rail near Pizza Hut, old and new flag pole and insurances.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Dannaway/kdg
Borough Manager