

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

JANUARY 14, 2013 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2013 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ardean Latchford gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Mark Black, Raymond Detwiler, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Terry Richardson, and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council member Courtney Rhoades and Mark Kosoglow. Also present were Interim Borough Manager/Finance Director Phyllis Garhart; Solicitor Larry Clapper; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Daniels. Washington Avenue

Mrs. Daniels was in attendance to inquire as to the status of the Borough Manager's position. Mayor Fink advised that they will be discussing this during Executive Session following the meeting tonight. Council member Ray advised that the Borough had not received a great response because the candidate is required to live in the Borough. Council member Mrs. Ray acknowledged that the housing market in the Borough is tough, thus making it more difficult to fill the position.

Joe Eckels, Soldier's Park Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Eckels, father of Cody Eckels, was present to update Council on the Eagle Scout project underway at Soldiers Park. The deadline for brick orders is February 27, 2013. The bases for flag poles have been set, bricks have been ordered, engraving has begun, flag poles are in and awaiting delivery notice from the scout group. Mr. Eckels advised that the only problem that he is aware of is the Treasurer holding checks. Some have been held for up to two months. Mr. Eckels feels that with the response they have received the Borough could possibly open this up annually. They are hoping for a Memorial Day dedication.

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Police Services in Snyder Township

Mr. Steven Gildea, Tyrone Hospital CEO, was present at the meeting and advised that they are trying to work out police coverage for the hospital and the Tyrone school campus. Mayor Fink advised that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

There was no further public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fink announced that an Executive Session will be held immediately following the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 10, 2012 Borough Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Due to end of the year balancing, financials for December, 2012 will be presented at the February, 2013 meeting.

INTERIM BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Central PA Humane Society Agreement

It was moved and seconded that Council approve a new annual Agreement with the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society for animal control. The rates for 2013 remain the same and are \$65/animal/incident and \$85/animal/incident after hours. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request from TACO – Radio Auction

The Borough is in receipt of a request from TACO for their annual radio auction. The auction is scheduled for February 9 and 10. The Borough has, in years past, donated a family swim pass. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the donation of a family swim pass. The maximum value of the donation is \$100. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Ratification of Snyder Township Police Services to Hospital and School

In light of the recent discussions regarding police services in Snyder Township, Attorney Clapper reviewed several statutes that cover Municipal Police Officers in other jurisdictions, a few of which are if ordered by a Judge, in hot pursuit, if officer is requested by State police, if officer feels he is in need of assistance, prior consent, or on official business. The Borough has been advised that if officers are in Snyder Township without consent, the insurance company will not cover them.

Snyder Township has to give the Borough jurisdiction to operate in the Township. It was noted that the Tyrone Borough Police Department is not obligated to respond to the Township. Council member Latchford asked if the only this preventing us from an Agreement is money, could it be a free service offered by the Borough to the Hospital and School campuses. Council member Ray does not feel that the Borough should subsidize services for neighboring municipalities.

After a brief discussion by Borough Council, it was moved and seconded that Council allow Tyrone Borough Police Department to be first responder to the Tyrone Hospital and Tyrone School campuses until this is worked out with Snyder Township.

This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink called for public comment and there was none. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Reconstruction of BBQ Pit – Reservoir Park - Tyrone Rotary

The Borough is in receipt of a request from the Tyrone Rotary to reconstruct the current BBQ pit located at Pavilion No. 1. The request is for the BBQ pit to be 38" longer than the current one and will resemble the ones at DelGrosso's Park. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request. Council approved said motion.

Parking Restriction – Downtown

Currently, in the downtown area, a 15 minute parking zone exists on the south side of 10th Street from Logan Avenue to Berlin Street. This was initially put in place due to a coffee shop being located at 25 W. 10th Street. After review of Borough staff, it is suggested that the 15 minute parking zone be moved across the Street in order to accommodate Caterpillar Daycare. It was the consensus of Borough Council to proceed with this change. Solicitor Clapper will have a new ordinance for the February meeting.

Newly Appointed Chief – Blazing Arrow Hook & Ladder Fire Company

The Borough was advised that the Blazing Arrow Hook & Ladder Fire Company has recently appointed a new Fire Chief. Mr. Dave Wisner has been sworn in by Mayor Fink and will take his post as Chief effective January 15, 2013. Council member Ray asked if the Borough had any qualifications for this position. Solicitor Clapper advised that we could if Council would so choose.

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Clapper had nothing for Council.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester advised that the HVAC system should be out for bid by the end of January, bid opening in March and work started in April.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief also reported the new radios have been installed and the entire County should be digital by the end of the week.

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Several questions have been raised regarding the brightness of the new lights in the newest phase of the PA Avenue Streetscape project. Borough staff has checked with PennDOT and these lights are what is contained in their specifications. They asked that we keep in mind they are new and once the trees begin to grow this will also lessen the impact of the brightness.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Interim Borough Manager