

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

**JULY 13, 2015 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Kenneth Patterson of Bible Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Ray Detwiler, Mark Kosoglow, Mark Black, Terry Richardson, Christy Ray, William Latchford, and Mayor Fink. Absent: Councilmember Rhoades. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Director of Administration Brandi Miller; Solicitor Daniel Stants; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Interim Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor announced Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Hunter Jackson, Eagle Scout Project – Ferner Field**

Hunter Jackson, Troop #104 of Warriors Mark made a presentation to Borough Council for his Eagle Scout Project. Hunter proposed to build a new score board at Ferner Field. The new board will be placed in right field where it gets less sun. The President of the VFW Teener League was also present and gave the league's permission to do said improvements. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request for the Eagle Scout Project. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**John Conrad – Railroad Bridge Engineer**

Mr. Conrad was present at the meeting to address two issues with Borough Council. The first being the raising of the bridge over 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Glenn O. Hawbaker has been contracted to do the work. The tracks will be shut down for two weeks, which Mr. Conrad stated is a very substantial stoppage of rail traffic. The contractor will be working 24/7 in order to complete the work in the given time frame. Arrangements have

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been made with people who depend on this railway for deliveries, etc. A public meeting will be held in the beginning of August to discuss the repairs, time frame, traffic, etc.

Mr. Conrad also commented on the recent flooding issues in the Lincoln Avenue/Rail property vicinity. Mr. Conrad has been contracted by SEDA-COG to find a solution to the drainage issues. Mr. Conrad corrected a statement that was in the newspaper wherein it stated the drainage issues have been caused by the Railroad, which is not true. Mr. Conrad has reviewed plans from previous construction as well as walking the entire affected area. Mr. Nester of GHD stated the Borough's storm sewer is not functioning in this area. Surveys of the storm sewer system in this area and should be completed later in the week. Mr. Conrad's plans are to reduce the flow of runoff and will make his recommendations to the railroad. The railroad at no time gave an approval for a stone channel that exists in this area. Mr. Conrad will keep the Borough abreast of the developments. Mr. Conrad also advised that absolutely nobody is permitted on railroad property without permission from the railroad.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the April 13 and June 8, 2015 Borough Council meetings be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Richardson, Latchford, Detwiler and Mayor Fink. Councilmember Kosoglow abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending June 30, 2015 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**

**Municipal Waste & Recycling Collection Contract**

The Borough accepted bids for the Borough’s Municipal Waste and Recycling Contract on July 1, 2015. This contract is for a three year period and will run from October 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2018. Two bids were received and are listed below:

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> year</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> year</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> year</u>
Burgmeier’s Hauling	\$ 14.29	\$ 14.29	\$14.29
Pro Disposal	\$ 14.71	\$ 14.96	\$15.28

We recommend award to the low bidder, Burgmeier’s Hauling, at their overall contract cost of \$514.44. It was moved and seconded that Council award the Municipal Waste and Recycling Contract to Burgmeier at their cost of \$14.29/month. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Proposed Streetscape Project – Logan Avenue**

Council was provided with a revised map highlighting areas of Logan Avenue and side streets for a proposed Streetscape Project. With no additional input from Council, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with securing quotes for Engineering Services. It was noted this Streetscape project would not include trees or new lights and all ramps will be ADA compliant. Said project, if approved would take place next year.

**Disposal of Old Police Lockers**

The Police Department has five lockers that need disposed of. The total value is not more than \$1,000. The Borough has no current requirement for advertising. Council could pass a resolution creating procedures for disposing of small value items, thus eliminating the need for a Resolution each time or Council could pass a Resolution authorizing items to be sold each time.

After some discussion by Council it was their consensus to utilize the Borough’s website and the local newspaper to sell such items. The Borough Manager will draft a policy and get back to Council.

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**Termination of Part Time Police Officer**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the termination of part time police officer Adam Bonsell. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink called for public comment; there was none. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**SOLICITOR'S RERORT:** Solicitor Stants presented the following for Borough Council:

**Ordinance No. 1363 – Sale of 1106-1110 Logan Avenue**

*It was moved and seconded that Council approve Proposed Ordinance No. 1363, authorizing the sale of 1106-1110 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, property owned by the Borough. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Richardson, Kosoglow, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Naves: Council member Detwiler. The motion carried.*

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report. The Park Avenue project is progressing. The Peoples Natural Gas (PNG) Company has discovered some gas lines that are very shallow. PNG has agreed to lower the gas lines at no cost to the Borough.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief was also in receipt of a request for a private handicap parking space for Chris Richards at 327 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street. After review of Chief's home visit and some discussion by Borough Council, it was moved and seconded to deny said request due to the requestor having ample off street parking in close proximity to the home. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Ray, Richardson, Kosoglow, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Naves Council member Detwiler.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton advised the diffuser work has been completed and the plant has been busy keeping up with flooding issues.

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

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

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management Director Jay Young was present at the meeting to inquire about AMED services for Tyrone and the fact that an ambulance is not always housed in Tyrone and has to come from Altoona or Bellwood at times. Mr. Young requested that Council look in to this issue as it is important to all Borough residents.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Council member Richardson asked the Borough staff look into the weeds along Washington Avenue.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg  
Borough Manager