

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

**JULY 14, 2014 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, July 14, 2014 @ 7:10PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Deacon Jack Hoffer, Trinity Episcopal Church, gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Fink announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, real estate and possible litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jesson Crowell, Lincoln Avenue**

Mrs. Crowell, 1254 Lincoln Avenue, was present regarding a Non Compliance Letter she received about her above ground swimming pool. Mrs. Crowell advised this pool was a temporary fixture that is taken down every summer. MDIA Inspector called them and advised this would need separate electrical. Mrs. Crowell advised they would have as much or more in the electrical as they do in the pool. Mrs. Crowell asked if the Borough could grant any leniency. Council member Ray advised this is not a Borough regulation, this is the State. Mrs. Crowell was previously advised she could appeal the regulations to the County Board of Appeals; however that costs more money and is a drawn out process. Council member Ray advised if they chose to do so, she would help them out with anything they need. Solicitor Clapper advised this issue was raised as there was a complaint about her pool and she should talk to her legislatures and request waiver of the same. Council granted 30 days to have the pool taken down.

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**Steve Hanczar, TACO**

Mr. Hanczar was present to inquire as to any progress on clearing the pond at Reservoir Park. It was noted in the Highway Department Report they had gone out in the middle of the pond to check the depth, to which Mr. Bywater advised is about 8' with about 1 foot of debris on the bottom. Council felt this would be an extremely costly venture. After some discussion, Council requested GHD to obtain a rough estimate of the cost of such a project in the event Council may consider this in the future. Mr. Hanczar acknowledged the cost of this but did state TACO would step up to raise funds and seek contributors to help fund the project.

**Jay Hoff, Eagle Scout Project Revision**

Mr. Hoff was present requesting a revision to his son's previous Eagle Scout Project request. The cost for renovating Pavilion #2 as previously presented to Council has come to be too costly. Mr. Hoff's revised proposal is to paint 27 benches throughout the park, paint the building near the pond and the playground equipment in the large playground area between Pavilion #1 and the pond. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the revision. Council unanimously approved said motion.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Borough Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending June 30, 2014 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**

**Scott Vinglass, Young Oakes Brown & Company**

Mr. Vinglass was present to review the Borough's 2013 Audit. Mr. Vinglass thanked Council, Phyllis and her staff for their cooperation and assistance during the audit process. The Borough was again found in good financial standing with the Lack of

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Segregation of Duties as the only finding. No questions were asked. It was moved and seconded that Council approved the Borough's 2013 Audit as presented by Young Oaks Brown & Company. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Emergency Action Plan/Sink Run Reservoir No. 2 Dam**

Council was previously provided information on the Emergency Action Plan for Sink Run Reservoir No. 2 Dam. This document has been reviewed by Blair County EMA, Dan Boyles. Mr. Boyles has signed the promulgation and Council needs to do the same. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Emergency Action Plan as submitted. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Procurement of Electric Rates**

In order to secure electric rates for the water and sewer facilities it is necessary the Borough act on the rates quickly as the market is so volatile. Mrs. Garhart is requesting permission to procure said rates and report it at the following Council meeting. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Borough Manager to take this action. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Water Main Replacement & Stream Crossings**

It was moved and seconded Council approve Change Order No. 1 for the water main relocation and stream crossings in the amount of \$3,439.65 and the final payment in the amount of \$20,144.89 to Harger Utility Contractors, Inc., for the same. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Information Items:**

- The Highway Department is in receipt of their 2015 For Super Duty F-250 pickup truck. This vehicle will replace the 1997 Ford Pickup and will be advertised for bid.
- The Corps of Engineers has completed 60% of the field work for the Borough's storm water system mapping. They will return late July/early August to complete the remainder. They are also working on the flood alternative analysis.

**SOLICITOR'S RERORT:** Solicitor Clapper had nothing to report.

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**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report. Mr. Nester noted the Cost of Service Study is in process. GHD hopes to have a first draft in a few weeks.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Rabits' report. Mr. Rabits thanked Council for their support. He also advised he has several violation letters out, as evidenced by his report. He noted the Borough is seeing a lot of compliance.

Council member Ray inquired as the razing a property in town that the owner has continually ignored. Mr. Rabits will check in to this.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief advised of the upcoming Hoopsfest taking place on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Chief noted this will bring a lot of activity to downtown.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton advised he is looking into a new alternative for sludge disposal. He has been speaking with *Transmitting Environmental Solutions*, who uses an anaerobic process to break down sludge and produce gas that can be used as renewable energy.

**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:** None

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg  
Borough Manager