

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

MARCH 10, 2014 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, March 10, 2014 @ 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 Roy Garthwaite, Grace Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Courtney Rhoades, Mark Black, Terry Richardson, Christy Ray, William Latchford, and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council member Mark Kosoglow. 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 and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Mayor Fink and Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton presented three industries with a *Certificate of Compliance*, whereby Kunzler & Company, American Eagle Paper Mill and Albemarle Corporation were in total compliance of all Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permit Parameters for the year 2013. Mr. Rodney Shultz of Kunzler, thanked Mr. Nulton and Mr. Gurekovich for their cooperation and appreciates the working relationship they have with them.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – IRISH HERITAGE DAYS

Mayor Fink presented a Proclamation to Sue Griep, President of the Events & Promotions Committee, acknowledging the *Irish Heritage Celebration*, being held March 13-16, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Baughman-Eternal Flame Project

Mr. Baughman, Representative of the Eternal Flame Project was present looking for Council's approval to move forward with their 5 year plan for Soldier's Park. The Borough Manager and Mayor had previously met with the Eternal Flame Committee; a drawing was then furnished to Council for their review. Mr. Baughman advised Council there is one tree that may need be removed; however, it appears to be an unhealthy tree. Mr. Baughman also advised he is aware there are state organizations that will

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make funds available for these type projects. Future plans are to continue selling brick pavers, parking, lighting, additional monuments and plantings. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2014 plans as presented to Borough Council.

Mr. John Crider, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), addressed the audience and advised there is no plaque or monument in Tyrone recognizing the 100 men that fought in the Civil War and that Tyrone is the only town in a 6 county area that does not memorialize this in some way. Councilmember Ray advised the funds for the improvement to Soldier's park were raised by an Eagle Scout. The Eternal Flame Committee is starting with the Vietnam Memorial because a private citizen donated money specifically for that. Mr. John Dillon also addressed Council for the lack of a Civil War Monument in Tyrone.

After much discussion, Council unanimously approved said motion.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Borough Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Ray, Rhoades, Black, Richardson, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Council member Detwiler abstained. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending February 28, 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

Request to Purchase Equipment/Vehicle

Council was provided with information regarding the purchase of a 2015 Ford Super Duty F-250, ProPlus Plow Pack, and a John Deere Mower for the Highway Department. All items are available on the State Contract and were included in the 2014 Budget and totals \$37,741.72. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of the truck, plow and mower. Council unanimously approved the motion.

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Police Department – Request for Equipment

Council was in receipt of a request for a car camera system for the Expedition, along with microphone and chargers being mounted at the station. The microphones and chargers will help to enhance the operation of the police department, as now the microphones are only charged when the police vehicles are operating. These items were included in the 2014 Budget. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of the camera system, microphones and charges at a cost of \$3,890. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Parking Request – Logan Avenue

The Borough is in receipt of a letter from Doctors Barton, Sloss and McClain requesting 3 parking spaces or a handicap parking space to better accommodate their patients. The Police Department is also in receipt of a request to remove a handicap parking spot from in front of Caterpillar Daycare. After discussion and review with staff, the recommendation is to remove the handicap parking space from in front of Caterpillar Daycare and add two handicap spaces at the North side of 10th Street & Hunter Avenue and the East side of Logan Avenue and Herald Street. It was the consensus of Borough Council to deny the request as submitted by the doctors and approve the change in parking spaces as recommended by Borough Staff. Solicitor Clapper will prepare the proper ordinance for the April meeting.

Additional Stop Signs

Borough staff is suggesting placement of additional stop signs at three intersections in the Borough. The locations are an unnamed alley between 9th and 10th Street from Cameron Avenue to S. Lincoln Avenue, Wertz Street, Eastbound & Westbound intersections at Hamilton Avenue. Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater worked with PennDOT officials in completing the required documents for these stop signs.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with these additional stop signs. Solicitor Clapper will prepare an Ordinance for the same for the April meeting.

Tyrone VFW Teener League Request

The Borough was in receipt of a request from the VFW Teener League to allow Tyrone Area Softball League to use the field after Teener League's Season is over. VFW Teener League President Ernie Dick was present and advised it was expressed to Tyrone Softball the importance of maintaining the field during their program, they will be required to provide proof of insurance and absolutely no alcohol will be permitted.

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The request is to use the field on Sundays. The Tyrone Softball League would also pay a portion of the cost for the electric bill since they will be using lights at the field. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said request, pending insurance verification. Council unanimously approved said motion.

INFORMATIONAL:

- The Liquid Fuels Audit was completed in December for 2011 and 2013, no findings or comments were present.
- Borough representative recently met with the Army Corps of Engineers. A Floodprone Building Inventory report was generated which resulted in several Borough properties being eligible for the FEMA LOMA. Borough residents will be contacted in the future regarding a meeting to discuss the same.
- Borough representatives recently met with Lehman Engineers, the Borough Forester and the State Forester and did a walk thru of Reservoir Park to determine the impact the walking path will have on nearby trees.

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

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester's report also included a proposal in the amount of \$12,250 for the preparation of bidding documents, assisting with the bidding and award and construction administration services for the Borough. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink called for public comment and no comments were made. It was then moved and seconded that Council approve GHD's proposal for the replacement of water meters. Council unanimously approved said motion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief Romeo advised Council of an arrest earlier today in the downtown area for sexual assault of minors. There is also a Charity Basketball game scheduled for April 3, 2014 at the Altoona Field house, in memory of Borough Police officer Christopher Amerine. Several Borough officers will be playing.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton thanked the Industries previously given an award for their compliance.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Councilmember Richardson advised he had heard many thanks for the Borough

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Highway Department removing snow from downtown. Councilmember Detwiler inquired as to why the snow was not removed from in front of M & T Bank on 10th Street. Mr. Bywater advised this area does not get sunlight and was harder to remove.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Borough Manager