

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

**March 14, 2011 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on March 14, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Bernie Bookhammer, Spruce Creek United Methodist Church, gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, Steve Hanzir, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Patricia Stoner and Mayor Fink. Also present were Borough Manager John Cornell; Solicitor Larry Clapper; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Department Employee Dave Lynch; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Phyllis Garhart and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**John Eirich, Tyrone Fire Police**

Mr. John Eirich, of the Tyrone Fire Police, was present to request additional yearly funding from the Borough. Mr. Eirich provided Council with a financial report for 2010. Mr. Eirich further advised Council that the Fire Police do not have the proper equipment if there is an incident at the chemical plant. Council member Ray asked Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Young to work with the Fire Police and maybe apply for grant monies.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 14, 2011 Borough Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Rhoades, Hanzir, Bryan, Latchford, Stoner and Ray. Council member Kosoglow abstained. The motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting periods ending February 28, 2011 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**

**Revision to Fire Police Ordinance**

The Borough Manager, Mayor, Chief of Police and EMA Director recently held a meeting to discuss rules and regulations of the Fire Police. Some of the revisions include removal of Citizen's Volunteer Fire Company, qualifications, requirement of approved training courses, election of officers, etc. A new Ordinance was created based on these discussions and will be reviewed under the Solicitor's report.

**SOI's – Washington Avenue Streetscape**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the EADS Group as the Borough's Construction Inspector for the Washington Avenue Streetscape Project. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Request for Use of Reservoir Park/Pond – TACO & Albemarle**

Council was in receipt of a request from Albemarle for their annual Fish Rodeo to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Council was also in receipt of a request from TACO for use of Reservoir Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 23 and Reservoir Pond for their annual Fish Rodeo on April 30. It was moved and seconded to approve said requests. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Approval of Police Server**

Council was provided with information regarding the request to purchase a police server. The current server has been running in "virtual mode" and is no longer supported by Microsoft. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of a server through PC Works at a total cost of \$6,928.45. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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**Approval of Financial Disclosure Letter – Washington Avenue Streetscape Project**

PennDOT has requested a Letter of Financial Disclosure from the Borough stating that the Borough can afford the project should the bids come in higher than the Transportation Enhancement award. The potential additional funds could be \$11,000 to \$12,000. The projected cost of the project is \$2,023,375 and the Transportation Enhancement Award was \$2,011,842. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Bryan Hanzir, Kosoglow, Latchford, Stoner, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Nays: Council member Ray.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- The Borough will hold a CDBG hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2011 @ 3:00PM for the purpose of public comment on the Borough's FY2011 CDBG funds.
- A "Kick-Off" meeting was held by PennDOT on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, for the Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscape project. The funding for this project does include the design, construction and inspection for the project.
- A packer truck will be available at the Highway Garage for Borough residents to deposit yard waste. This service will be available beginning April 5<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 7:00AM to 2:30PM and the first and third Saturday, 8:00AM to noon.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** As stated earlier in the Manager's Report, Borough personnel have met and discussed revisions to the Fire Police Ordinance. The Solicitor presented Ordinance No. 1310 for Council's review and approval. Title of said Ordinance reads as follows:

***"An Ordinance of the Borough of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending Article II of Chapter 20 of the Code of the Borough of Tyrone, Said Article Being Entitled "Fire Police", to Delete Said Article and Replace Same, Which Shall Now Provide For: Nominations, Qualifications (Including Requiring Certain Borough Approved Training Courses For All Newly Appointed Fire Police and to Require Such Training For All Current Fire Police Within Six Months of the Adoption of this Ordinance), Election of Officers and Powers of Fire Police; and Penalties for Violating Said Article II; and To Establish An Effective Date."***

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Several questions were asked by current Fire Police members. Members were advised that the Borough will pay for the required training upon proof of completion and passing of said training courses.

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report. Mr. Nester reviewed the report with Borough Council.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Council was provided with a building permit report for February as well as a report Electrical Inspections since January, 2011.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of the monthly Police report. Chief noted that the number of citations has increased, largely due to the new rolling stop signs that have recently been installed. Chief Romeo presented Council with additional information regarding the purchase of tasers. Chief requested purchasing three tasers from Witmer Public Safety without the warranties at a cost of \$3,308.37. Chief suggested purchasing the warranties in 2012. It was moved and seconded that Chief move forward with this purchase. Council member Ray suggested that the Borough seek outside trainers for this. Chief Romeo will obtain some quotes for the same. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Chief also advised that he will be purchasing laptop mounts and having the laptops installed in the police vehicles. Two quotes were provided. This action was previously approved in July, 2010.

The new police vehicle is being striped and equipped with the light bar and sirens. This should be to the Borough within the next few weeks.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton explained the selling of credits for the Chesapeake Bay Nutrients. Mr. Nulton and Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester met earlier this day and feel that the Borough could financially benefit from selling these credits. Mr. Nulton also advised that his personnel have rebuilt the belt press and provided a picture of the same. The original belt press was installed in 1986.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Lynch's monthly report. Mr. Lynch requested permission to move forward with specifications for rebuilding the filter cells at the water plant. It was moved and seconded that Council approve moving

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forward with these specifications. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Mr. Bywater advised that the lights that are in the Municipal Parking lot will be out for a few weeks. Due to the demolition of the former YMCA building, power had to be disconnected. The lights are owned by Penelec and they will be restructuring the power for this parking lot.

Council member Kosoglow has been approached by several residents regarding street cuts that were made by Dominion Peoples Gas Company. Mr. Bywater will check on these and call the appropriate people.

**EMA DIRECTOR**

Mr. Jay Young provided Council with an update from the recent rain storms. Mr. Young thanked Borough personnel for their diligence which helped keep the Borough in good shape. Mr. Young requested purchasing some type of measuring device for precipitation.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Irish Heritage Celebration is scheduled for March 12 -20, 2011.
- Mayor Fink advised that Borough officials recently met with FEMA and PEMA officials. They acknowledge that it would help to have some of the vegetation removed from the creek. FEMA officials also advised that the sediment is killing off crayfish and the Borough may be able to act on that premise to get the river dredged.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John V. Cornell/kdg  
Borough Manager