

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

May 9, 2011 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on May 9, 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 Carl Schmidt, Sr. gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Patricia Stoner and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Member Hanzir. 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:

Jim Kilmartin, Joshua House

Mr. Kilmartin was present to make several requests from the Borough for the upcoming 2011 Joshua House Hoopsfest. The requests are for the closing of W. 10th Street, from Logan Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, South Logan Avenue from 10th Street to Berlin Avenue. Mr. Kilmartin advised that last year had 132 teams, 1200 fans and players and 16 local vendors.

Mr. Searer, owner of Searer Funeral Home, was present to voice his opposition to a previous request to close W. 10th Street, in front of his building. Mr. Searer advised that if that was granted, it would completely close down his business with no place to access his building. The nature of Mr. Searer's business operates 24/7. Mr. Searer suggested moving Hoopsfest to another location.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the requests for street closures, waiver of vendor fees and use of the Municipal Parking Lot for the Hoopsfest scheduled for July 16, 2011. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Bryan, Ray, Latchford, Stoner, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Council member Kosoglow abstained due to being on the Board for Hoopsfest.

There was no further public comment.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 11, 2011 Borough Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting periods ending April 30, 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

Eagle Scout Project – Ryan W. Cox

Mr. Ryan W. Cox, member of Troop #20 was present to request permission from Borough Council for an Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Cox would like to refurbish the N5B Caboose at the railroad park. Mr. Cox provided Council with packets of information regarding the project. Mr. Cox advised that the project should be completed by fall of 2012. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the request for refurbishing of the caboose. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Approval of Fire Police Candidates

Council was in receipt of two requests for Fire Police members. The names are Charles Gibbons and James Stonebraker. It was moved and seconded that these individuals be sworn in as fire police contingent upon their background checks. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Approval of Doggie Day Requests – August 13, 2011

Council was in receipt of a request from Tyrone Events and Promotions Committee (formerly Tyrone Merchants Association) for their second annual Doggie Day. This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2011 and they are requesting closure of W. 10th Street from PA Avenue to Logan Avenue and the use of the grassy area at Railroad Park. It was moved and seconded that Council request the street closure from PennDOT and allow the use of Railroad Park for registration. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Healthcare Renewal

Council was in receipt of information regarding the renewal of the Borough's health insurance. Because of pending renewal date of June 1, 2011, Mr. Cornell requested Council authorize the Manager to accept the Highmark Medical Insurance renewal rate of 5.4% increase, subject to review of other competitive rates.

This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink called for public comment, there being none, it was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Gamesa Update

Mr. Framel, Gamesa, was present to provide Council with an update to the Windmill Project. Blades will soon be delivered for both projects in Snyder Township and Tyrone Borough. Gamesa is still working out final details with the FAA. No firm date for delivery has been set. Mr. Framel is hopeful that the project will be completed by the end of 2011. Mr. Framel also requested approval of a site plan. This plan includes a request for installing an additional tower which would be smaller and would be used for wind forecasting. Council requested additional time to review this request.

Washington Avenue Streetscape Project

Mr. Cornell advised that a preconstruction meeting was held on April 28th to finalize paperwork. The project is to begin according to schedule.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Ordinance No. 1311 - Additional Stop Intersections

The Solicitor presented Ordinance No. 1311 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 Ordinance No. 1064 To Establish: Additional Stop Intersections To Be Located On Both The West And East Sides Of Park Avenue Where Said Avenue Intersects With 5th Street; And Additional Stop Intersections On Both The North And South Sides Of 5th Street Where Said Street

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***Intersects With Park Avenue; Reaffirmation Of Ordinance No. 1064;
Severability Of Provisions; And An Effective Date.”***

Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester reviewed his report with Borough Council. Mr. Nester advised that the manhole project is currently being held up by the gas company. This project should move forward in the near future.

Mr. Nester also provided Council, at the Borough's request, a proposal for rebuilding filters at the Water plant. The current system was constructed in the early 1990's and typically should be replaced every 10 years. This is taking a toll on water production at the plant. The estimated cost for CET to design this rebuild is \$12,000. This item was not on the Agenda. Mayor Fink called for public comment. There being no comments, it was moved and seconded that Council approve this expenditure. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Chief Romeo advised Council that Tom Ozechoski, Codes/Parking Enforcement Officer was hired on April 18th. A report and list of permits was furnished for Council's review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of the monthly Police report. Chief stated that April calls are down this month, however, arrests are up. Chief advised that some very serious crimes are being committed within the Borough. Chief also advised that his department is going through a lot of training as well.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton reported that they held a meeting earlier this day regarding the Cost of Service. Mr. Nulton also advised that his department installed 369 bubble sleeves in aeration tank #1 and also reconstructed a new stainless steel support system for the diffusers.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Lynch's monthly report. Mr. Lynch also advised that the Department has been flushing hydrants, leak detection, getting ready to start up the pool and working on the main separations on Washington Avenue. There is also one remaining hydrant, owned by the City of Altoona, to be removed.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Mr. Bywater reported that vandal spray painting is still going on all around town. Mr. Bywater counted 26 different locations. Council member Ray suggested offering a reward leading to the arrest of these vandals. Chief Romeo advised that he could make a request through Crime Solvers. Mayor Fink suggested the Borough looking into some portable camera equipment.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John V. Cornell/kdg
Borough Manager