

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

MAY 9, 2016 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 @ 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 Randy Zitterbart, Hillside Community Church gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Nate Verilla, Bob Dollar, William Latchford, Charlie Mills and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Member Michelle Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Chief of Police John Romeo; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Fink announced that Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Mayor Fink and Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton presented three industries with a *Certificate of Compliance*, whereby Kunzler & Company, Chicago Rivet and Albemarle Corporation were in total compliance of all Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permit Parameters for the year 2015. Mr. Nulton thanked the industries and explained to Council what an achievement this is to accomplish.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Misty Rhoades, Logan Avenue

Mrs. Rhoades was present at the meeting to inquire about permits required for hosting a free meal for Mother's Day, Father's Day and/or Veteran's Day, for those who may not have family or loved ones. Mrs. Rhoades was advise the Borough has no permits for this type of an event.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Council Meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Ray, Verilla, Dollar, Latchford, Mills and Mayor Fink. Council member Rhoades abstained. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending April 30, 2016 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

Sewer Equipment Purchase

Council was in receipt of a request from the Sewer Department for a Smartshore Inflatable Trench Shield. This trench shield would be purchased from Exeter Supply in the amount of \$8,000. This will assist the sewer department in the repair of sewer mains and provide for employee safety. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of the Smartshore Inflatable Trench Shield in the amount of \$8,000. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Blair County Park & Recreation Grant

The Borough applied for a \$3,000 Park and Recreation Grant earlier this year. The grant was awarded and the Borough will be purchasing five new benches to be placed around the pond.

Request for Street Sweeping Services – Bellwood Borough

Council was in receipt of a request from Bellwood Borough for street sweeping services. Bellwood Borough does not currently have a street sweeper and is requesting the services of Tyrone Borough's street sweeper once per year, in the spring. Council was presented with an Agreement for said services at a rate of \$55/hour. This also includes Bellwood Borough supplying water, fuel and a place to dispose of the debris. This will take approximately 2-3 days. It was moved and seconded that Council approved said agreement. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Community Worship Center

Council was in receipt of a request from the Community Worship Center, 1300 Bald Eagle Avenue, to lease a portion of ground owned by the Borough. This request is so the Church can provide additional parking for their parishioners. This parcel is located at 1300-1316 Bald Eagle Avenue and bears the tax map number 2204-06-21. Mrs. Garhart's report indicates the surface should be permeable paving, thus allowing for infiltration of storm water. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said Lease and authorize Solicitor Stants to draw up the Agreement. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Council members Mills, Rhoades, Ray, Dollar, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Council member Verilla abstained.

Water Treatment Plant Permit Modification

Council was in receipt of a Memo regarding a request to change the current corrosion inhibitor from Zinc Orthophosphate Acid to SeaQuest for the Water Distribution System. This would require a permit modification for the Water plant, which has a cost of \$750 through DEP. Engineering costs would also be incurred for this submission. Mr. Latchford feels this will make the quality of the water better. Mrs. Garhart requested letters from two other water plants that have made this switch and they have both indicated there have been no adverse effects on their system. This chemical would not be added until July of this year. Mr. Latchford advised that when they add anything to the system they do a complete flush of the system. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Permit Modification for a corrosion inhibitor with the above noted associated costs. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Amendment to Civil Service Rules & Regulations

Council was in receipt of a separate memo from Mrs. Garhart regarding recent changes to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The Civil Service Commission held a meeting on May 4, 2016 whereby they invalidated the current List of Eligibility for Appointment of full time officers. After a lengthy discussion of the Commission at their May 4 meeting, the Commission also voted to forward the amendments to Borough Council for their approval. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Amendments to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Council unanimously approved said motion.

It was then moved and seconded that Council invalidate the current List of Eligibility for the full time employment of police officers. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Items in Progress:

- Rain Garden – Work is to begin May 11 and be completed by May 13, some plantings will be done in the fall
- Sound System for Council Chambers – Staff is currently working on this and should have a recommendation for Council at the June meeting
- Emergency Sirens – Two companies have been contacted regarding repair/replacement of the emergency sirens. We are currently awaiting quotes.
- Logan Avenue Streetscape – Grants are to be announced May 30th.
- Disorderly House-Chief Romeo has asked for Council to look into adopting and Ordinance with relation to disorderly houses.
- Finance System Updates – This new system should go live in June. Additional training has been scheduled for staff May 11 and 12.
- Storm Water Grants – Borough staff will be meeting with Lehman Engineers on June 9 to discuss Storm Water issues within the Borough.
- 23rd Street and Lincoln Avenue – Borough staff is in the process of scheduling another meeting with the Corps of Engineers and SEDA-COG

SOLICITOR’S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had the following for Borough Council:

Ordinance No. 1373 – Stop Sign-Hamlin Ave & 19th Street

“An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending Chapter 190 Of The Code Of The Borough Of Tyrone Entitled “Vehicles And Traffic” To: 1. Add Stop Signs On: W. 19th Street At Hamlin Avenue; And 2. Establish An Effective Date.”

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1373, Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2016-06-Amend Rules & Regulation for IRC

Council was presented with this Resolution at their April meeting. At that time, it was requested this be tabled until our Council had more information. Mr. Frederick, IRC Representative was at the meeting to address this. Mr. Frederick stated Tyrone Borough has less problems than other members of the IRC as well as 20 other municipalities in Blair County. This Resolution would allow IRC to collect fines with respect to IRC induced enforcement. Mr. Frederick advised they give residents several attempts to make it right before taking steps towards a citation. The citations only happen after egregious attempts to not recycle.

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This is being done to fund their enforcement and improve the recycling programs. The Borough does not and has not paid for IRC services. Mr. Frederick stated he would like to keep it that way for as long as they can.

Council member Ray suggested going after other municipalities. Mr. Frederick advised they have reached out to other municipalities and have had some

cooperative efforts, however, the four mandated municipalities (Tyrone Borough, Logan Township, Hollidaysburg Borough and City of Altoona) are based on population. Mr. Frederick further stated this is not meant to put any additional work on Borough staff. If the Borough is interested, Mr. Frederick is happy to meet with the Borough monthly to discuss recycling issues.

It was moved and seconded that Borough Council approve Resolution No. 2016-06, amending the Rules and Regulations of the IRC. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report. Council Member Ray asked Code to look into a property on Washington Avenue that has had a torn up yard for a few years. Mr. Frazell advised he has been in contact with him.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton thanked Council for the purchase of the shoring equipment and advised this will be put to good use. Council Member Rhoades inquired as to the status of the Digester. Mr. Nulton advised that earlier today they began trying to schedule a meeting with Borough staff.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Latchford's monthly report. Mr. Latchford advised he is anxious to pursue a Forestry Plan with Penn Forest Products. Mr. Haduck feels the Borough has been neglectful of a good resource of revenue.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Mr. Bywater advised Borough Council the Highway Department had dug a ditch in the vicinity of 23rd Street & Lincoln Avenue, which Mr. Bywater felt helped divert some water running from the Church.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

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The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Borough Manager