

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2012 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 @ 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 Ken Patterson, Bible Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cody Eckels, Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Eckels thanked the Borough for getting the flag pole fixed at the American Legion in time for Veteran's Day. Mr. Eckels also provided Council with an update of the Soldier's Park Eagle Scout Project. Some trees have been planted; bricks have been ordered and are awaiting engraving. Money for bricks is due by February, 2013.

Shawn Eckenrode, 2301 Adams Avenue

Mr. Eckenrode was present regarding a problem with his neighbor and a wood pile on his property. Since receiving certified mail from the Borough, Mr. Eckenrode has moved and neatly stacked his pile of wood. Mr. Eckenrode advised that he heats his home with wood. Once he replaces his heating system, the wood will be gone.

Pastor Kenneth Patterson, Bible Baptist Church

Pastor Patterson asked Council if there were any projects that the Church could do in 2013. Pastor is planning the Church's 2013 calendar and would like to do a Borough project.

There was no further public comment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Executive Sessions were held October 17 and November 13, 2012 to discuss personnel. An Executive Session will also be held immediately following tonight's meeting to discuss personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the October 8, 2012 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 period ending October 31, 2012 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved said motion.

INTERIM BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Bid Award – Sludge Cake Removal –WWTP

Bids were accepted on November 8, 2012 for the Removal of Sludge Cake from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The bids are as follows:

Synagro Central, Baltimore, MD	\$ 51.89/ton
Burgmeier Hauling, Altoona, PA	\$ 43.48/ton
Waste Management, Davidsville, PA	\$ 43.54/ton
Veolia, McClellandtown, PA	\$ 58.48/ton

Bids were reviewed by Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton. It is his recommendation the Borough award to the low bidder, Burgmeier Hauling, at their bid price of \$43.48. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the award for removal of sludge cake to Burgmeier Hauling. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Bid Award - Polyelectrolyte

Bids were also accepted on November 8, 2012 for *Polyelectrolyte*. Three (3) bids were received and are outlined below:

Coyne Chemical, Croydon, PA	\$ 2.237/lb.
Neo Solutions, Beaver, PA	\$ 2.01/lb
Atlantic Coast Polymers, Austin, TX	\$ 1.84/lb

Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton advised that he received a call from the landfill advising that the Borough's sludge was too wet. This was happening because of the polymer trial that was run with Atlantic Coast Polymers. It was Mr. Nulton's recommendation that we award to the next lowest bidder, Neo Solutions, at their bid price of \$2.01/lb. It was moved and seconded that Council award the bid for Polymer to Neo Solutions. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Request for Supplemental Construction Inspection Fees

Council was in receipt of a request for additional funding for manpower hours. The amount of the increase is \$21,000. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said increase. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Traffic Signal Replacement – Maintenance Agreement

It was moved and seconded that Council approve an agreement with PennDOT for replacement of signal lights within the Borough. Said lights are at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and 11th Street and Logan Avenue and 14th Street. The Borough will assume responsibility for these lights after installation. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said Agreement between the Borough and PennDOT for replacement of said traffic lights. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Change of Cellular Phone Service

As noted in the Interim Manager's report, Borough employees have had increasing issues with the current cellular phones (dropped calls, unable to use direct connect, etc). The current carrier had addressed issues however to no avail. Verizon wireless provided quotes for the Borough, which included smart phones for department heads. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the change in cellular service as well as approved smart phones for department heads. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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2013 Proposed Budget

Council was in receipt of the Borough's 2013 Proposed Budget. The Budget was reviewed by Finance Director/Interim Manager Phyllis Garhart. Mrs. Garhart advised that the Borough is in good financial condition. The revenues for the 2012 General Fund, which is supported by tax revenues, charges for services, etc., exceeded the projected revenues. The anticipated 2012 General Fund budget revenues were \$3,990,100 with operating revenues of \$2,119,000 and available cash of \$1,871,000. The anticipated year end estimated revenues \$4,434,000 which reflects operating revenues of \$2,168,000 with available cash of \$2,266,000. A copy of the budget message is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

No questions were asked by Council. While Mayor Fink was in agreement with the proposed budget, he also stated that he was looking for some changes to be made between now and the time of final adoption. If changes were not made he may change his vote. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2013 Budget as presented as their proposed budget and to advertise it for public review. Council unanimously approved said motion.

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Clapper had the following to report:

Resolution No. 2012-15 – Designate Signatories for PennDOT Agreement

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2012-15, authorizing Borough signatories for an Agreement with PennDOT for replacement of street lights. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Second Amendment to AFSCME Contract

It was moved and seconded that Council approve a second amendment to the AFSCME Contract regarding payment for licensing to include pesticide. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Ordinance No. 1334 – Four Way Stop Intersection Hamilton Ave & W. 18th Street

Solicitor Clapper reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 1334 regarding a 4 Way Stop Intersection at W. 18th Street and Hamilton Avenues. Said Ordinance is outlined below:

“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 W. 18th Street Where

Said Street Intersects with Hamilton Avenue; and Additional Stop Intersections on Both the North and South Sides of Hamilton Avenue Where Said Avenue Intersects with W. 18th Street; Reaffirmation of Ordinance No. 1064 as Amended; Severability of Provisions; and an Effective Date.”

Several months ago, several residents from the Hamilton Avenue and W. 18th Street area presented Council with a petition for a four-way stop intersection at Hamilton Avenue and W. 18th Street. Since that time a traffic study has been completed indicated that a four way stop intersection was warranted. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1334. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of the Engineer’s report.

Flap Gate Project

CET is in receipt of the Contractor’s bonds and insurances for this project. Some questions have arisen regarding the insurance. CET has requested input from the Borough Solicitor regarding the same. Once the coverage issue is resolved, the contract can be awarded.

Water Treatment Plant HVAC System Improvements

CET has prepared an updated budget for the HVAC system at the Water Treatment Plant. The design has fallen behind schedule, however, CET is working to get the project back on track. They have also requested a revised schedule for the completion of the design from their sub consultant. Total projected cost at this time is \$100,000.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT: Mayor Fink introduced Patrick Rabits, as the new Code Enforcement Officer, to Council. Council was in receipt of Mr. Rabits’s monthly report.

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

Request to Purchase New Vascar Equipment

Chief advised the reconditioned vascar equipment which was purchased the end of 2011 for \$200 is now not working properly. Chief provided a quote for new equipment in the amount of \$1,125, including installation. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of said equipment. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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Installation of Radios

Compro's will be installing the new digital radios in the police cars later this month. This work is to be completed and on line by December 31st, per FCC requirements.

Car Seat Certification

Officers Walk and Rhoades recently completed a Four Day Child Passenger Safety Course. The Tyrone Police Department, along with Trooper McGarvey from PSP, Hollidaysburg will be hosting a Car Seat Safety Check on November 19th at the Caterpillar Day Care on 10th Street.

Speeding on Clay Avenue

Some concerns were raised regarding speeding cars on Clay Avenue, near the School. It was noted that some of Clay Avenue is in Snyder Township and in State Police jurisdiction. Mayor Fink stated that Snyder Township has previously declined jurisdictional assistance from the Borough.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton's monthly report. Mr. Nulton advised that DEP has approved the sale of 71,000 lbs of nutrients, however the need is currently not there. Mr. Nulton also advised that their participation in the power demand (PJM) program should earn the Borough \$30-\$40,000 this year, as well as \$10-\$20,000 from the Act 29 Flex Program.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

EMA Director Jay Young reported on Hurricane Sandy and how fortunate the Borough was. Mr. Young met early with Department Heads, Fire and Police. Everyone worked together and Mr. Young thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Young also reported on the recent gas leak involving evacuation of several blocks of Washington Avenue. Students that lived in the area were kept at school until parents could pick them up. Fire Departments from Tyrone and surrounding areas, Borough crews, Peoples Gas Company and PennDOT were all on site. Mr. Young thanked residents and work crews for their cooperation.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Earlier in the week Mayor Fink presented a Certificate to Ms. Helen Meredith, a resident at Epworth Manor that was celebrating her 103rd Birthday.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Interim Borough Manager