

**TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

NOVEMBER 18, 2014 @ 6:00PM

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A Special Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 @ 6:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Mark Black, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Terry Richardson and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council members Raymond Detwiler and Mark Kosoglow. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Director of Administration Brandi Miller; Solicitor Daniel Stants; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Superintendent Ardean Latchford; Chief of Police John Romeo; Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Rabits; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Fink announced there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel.

2015 PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart began her 2015 Budget review advising the Borough has a \$99,500 operating deficit. Discussion began with the Community Swimming Pool. It was noted the pool was over budget by \$22,000, this due to too many work hours scheduled. There was discussion amongst Council and staff about the hours, the unseasonably cold summer, the concession stand and a restructuring of the pool to include all aspects. It was the consensus of Council to give the decision making of the pool operation to Water Superintendent, Ardean Latchford, to include opening and closing during inclement weather. Some of the restructuring suggestions were to require the Pool Manager to also be a Lifeguard and to close the pool if the outside temperature is below a certain level. It was also suggested the Pool Manager should assist with taking tickets as well. Mr. Latchford advised the number of required lifeguards depends on the size of the pool and has nothing to do with pool attendance. Our size of pool requires 4 lifeguards. While Mr. Latchford advised running the filter system does not add to the cost of the pool operation for pool parties, Mrs. Garhart added that the lights do. With this being said the fee for pool parties will be raised from \$125 to \$150.

Council also discussed the cost of the police department construction, steel frame

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building at the Highway garage, improvements to parks, council memberships, capital construction and building maintenance. Council also discussed possibly changing shifts within the police department vs. adding an additional shift. The Borough Manager and Chief of Police will look at this option. Several concessions were made by Department Heads, including both capital and operating items. Council complimented the Department Heads on the operation of their departments and their budgeting.

Council also discussed an increase to third party permit fees. These fees will be increased by 5%.

Council was presented with proposed increase to pool passes; Council was not in agreement to do this with the exception of the increase to pool parties. It was also noted that a family pool pass should include 2 adults and any child under the age of 17 living in the same household.

Council also requested clarification on the use of public facilities for profit. Solicitor Stants will speak with Solicitor Clapper about this.

It was moved and seconded that Council balance the 2015 Budget with said changes and using Cash Reserves. Council Member Latchford stated that it is not a good practice to use cash reserves to balance the budget. With no further comments, Council unanimously approved said motion. The Budget will now be advertised for a 10 day public review period.

MISCELLANEOUS: None

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart

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Borough Manager