

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

OCTOBER 13, 2014 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, October 13, 2014 @ 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 Baney, Rock of Ages Church, gave the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Mark Black, William Latchford, Courtney Rhoades, Mark Kosoglow, Terry Richardson and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council members Raymond Detwiler and Christy Ray. 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; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Rabits; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Steve Jolley, Logan Avenue

Mr. Jolley addressed Borough Council and thanked the Mayor for assisting in getting 40+ homes removed from the floodplain from FEMA's last updated map.

Mr. Jolley also addressed Council regarding the new "smart meters" the Borough is putting in to all Borough water customers. Mr. Jolley stated he had done research on these meters and has found they emit waves that have proven to make people ill. Mr. Jolley provided this information to Mayor Fink earlier in the month. Mr. Jolley urged people to go home and research smart meters. Mrs. Garhart advised the signal that is emitted is no more than what your cell phone or Wi-Fi puts off. Mayor Fink advised the Borough would look in to this. Mr. Jolley also questioned the notification the Borough gave to residents; to which he was advised it was in the newspaper several times, was awarded at a public meeting and has been on the water bills for the past several months.

Mr. Steve Hanzir, Belmont Avenue

Mr. Hanzir addressed Council on behalf of the residents of Belmont and Jefferson Avenues regarding recent issues with parking. Many of the residents recently received parking tickets for parking opposing traffic. Mr. Hanzir presented a Petition signed by several residents living in this area. The petition reads as follows: *"The residents of*

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Belmont Avenue would like to respectfully request the Borough Council to make an exception to borough ordinance in reference to parking against traffic on Belmont Avenue. However, if it is not desirable to the council to go against the ordinance, we would like to request you to make Belmont Avenue a one way from the top of the hill to the bottom to Herald Street (Southwest to Northeast). This is primarily due to the safety and winter travel issues.....

After some discussion between residents and Borough staff, it was the consensus of Council to revise the current ordinance, which prohibits parking against traffic, to exclude Jefferson Avenue and Belmont Avenue.

There was no further public comment.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Borough Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved said motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending September 30, 2014 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

Approval of Sewer Camera Replacement

Council was provided information regarding the purchase of a replacement sewer camera for the Collection System. This purchase will be made from the State Contract using the vendor, A & H Equipment in the amount of \$10,200. This was included in the 2014 Budget for \$16,000. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of a replacement camera. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Approval of Final Payment – Water Treatment Plant – HVAC Improvements

Council was in receipt of a request for final payment for the HVAC Improvements at the Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$14,994.10. Said payment request has been reviewed by GHD. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said payment. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Engineering Proposal – Replacement Water Treatment Plant Valves

Council was in receipt of a proposal for engineering services for the Replacement of the Water Treatment Plant Valves, this to include 4 filter valves and actuators and 2 sludge valves, in the amount of \$15,000. This project was included in the 2014 Water Capital Budget. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the engineering proposal as outlined in the Manager's Report. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Engineering Proposal–WWTP Ultraviolet Disinfection System

Council was in receipt of a proposal for engineering services for the replacement of the Ultraviolet Disinfection System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$200,000. These costs were included in the 2014 Sewer Capital Budget. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the engineering proposal as outlined in the Manager's Report. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Replacement of 2005 CAT Backhoe – Highway Department

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of a new CAT backhoe for the Highway Department from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$63,704. This will replace the current 2005 backhoe and will be purchased from the State Contract. This backhoe was scheduled for replacement in 2015; however, Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater was informed that due to emission changes and reduction in trade value, the cost will increase by \$13,184 if purchased in 2015. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Blair County Bridge #40 (9th Street Bridge)

The Borough was in receipt of a report from Keller Engineer regarding the 9th Street foot bridge located near Railroad Park. The report states there are several holes in the bridge deck that can be hazardous to pedestrians. After some discussion by Council, it was their consensus that the Borough could not offer any financial assistance towards repair.

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SOLICITOR’S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had nothing for Council.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester’s report. Mr. Nester advised the local limits evaluation and the toxic reduction evaluation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was progressing however it is still in the sampling phase; the Water Treatment Plant HVAC has come in under budget; Harger Utilities has completed the water mains at North Avenue, Hamilton Avenue and 12th Street, GHD is awaiting “as-builts”; the construction work in the police station is going smoothly; and there is potential funding for low volume roads which GHD is pursuing for the storm drainage improvements for Park Avenue.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Rabits’ report. Mr. Rabits advised of a Zoning Hearing Board that was held on October 8th at the request of Dr. Jason Henninger to utilize 266 Reservoir Drive as a physician’s office. The Board unanimously denied Dr. Henninger’s request.

Mr. Rabits presented a Request for Lot Consolidation for Mr. & Mrs. Richard Searer for property he owns on W. 10th Street. Mr. Searer has purchased the neighboring property and wishes to construct an addition to their current residence. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said lot consolidation. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Mr. Rabits also advised of training he had recently attended to learn more of the International Residential Code.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo’s report. Chief requested permission to move forward with selecting another part time police officer. It was noted that officer Beall just left and officer Hollis will be leaving by the end of November. It was Council’s consensus for Chief to move forward with selecting an additional part time officer.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nulton’s monthly report.

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

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

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MISCELLANEOUS: Councilmember Latchford advised Council the previous location that was proposed for the Tyrone Skate Park is not able to be used. The Manager provided him with an alternate location on W. 10th Street. The Borough owns 3 parcels located beside the VFW. It was Council's consensus to move forward exploring options for this location.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Borough Manager