

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

OCTOBER 9, 2017 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor David Keyworth, Wesley United Methodist Church offered the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Charlie Mills, David Snyder, Nate Verilla, Terry Richardson and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council members Michelle Miller, Robert Dollar and Courtney Rhoades. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Police Chief John Romeo; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Shannon Wilson; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no further public comment.

Mayor Latchford advised the Tyrone Area School District will be filming a portion of tonight's meeting.

TRINA ILLIG, CDBG

Trina Illig, CDGB Administrator, was present to discuss the Borough's 2017 CDBG allocation. Ms. Illig advised the Borough's allotment is \$93,964 for 2017 (-) CDBG Admin Fees of \$16,016, leaving the Borough a balance of \$77,948. With the Borough's pending Logan Avenue Streetscape Project, Ms. Illig recommended allocation that project at this time. Council had no questions for Ms. Illig. This item is on the Agenda under the Borough Manager's Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the September 11, 2017 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, 2017 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

Allocation of 2017 Community Development Block Grant Funds

Ms. Trina Illig, Grant Administrator for the Borough’s CDBG Program, made a presentation earlier in the meeting with respect to the Borough’s 2017 CDBG Allocation. In prior years, the Borough has allocated grant funds to the Housing Rehabilitation program which has provided assistance to approximately 90 low to moderate income, owner occupied, single family residents located within Tyrone Borough.

In 2016, Borough Council voted to allocate their 2016 funds to the Logan Avenue Streetscape Project.

It was moved and seconded that Borough Council approve the allocation of the 2017 CDBG funds to the Public/Community Facilities activity for the Logan Avenue Streetscape Project.

It was noted the Borough also received a 2016 competitive allocation in the amount of \$750,000 for the Logan Avenue Streetscape project and the County will assist the Borough in the same for 2017 requesting the maximum amount of \$750,000.

MMO’s – Police and Non Union

Council was provided with 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) forms for the Police and Non Uniform employee pension plans. The estimated cost for the Police Pension Plan is \$110,127 (\$18,355/officer); the estimated cost for Non Uniform Pension Plan is \$139,875 (\$4,823/employee). These totals must be included as part of the 2017 Budget.

2016 State Aid Unit Value – Pension Plans

The Borough received notification that the 2016 State Aid Unit Value per unit will increase from the 2015 amount by 11.6% reflecting approximately \$13,050 (\$450x29)

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increase for Non-Uniform and \$4,500 (\$900x5) increase for the Police Pension Plans. This increase will reduce the 2016 general fund pension obligations.

9th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Borough Council was presented with a copy of the Bridge Safety Inspection Report for the 9th Street Pedestrian Bridge. This inspection was performed by Keller Engineers and was done in July, 2014. Council member Richardson stated this report is 3 years old, any estimates for repair would definitely be increased. Mr. Richardson questioned the necessity of the bridge and is not in favor of spending \$500,000 when he feels there are other needs in town.

Council member Mills is not in favor of this report and feels the bridge could be operable for \$60-80,000.

At Council's request, Borough Manager Latchford will continue discussions with the County and will report any additional findings to Council. It was noted this is a County owned bridge.

Informational Items:

- Curbside Leaf Collection has begun and will run thru December 4
- Trick or Treat will be held October 26, 6-8pm
- Halloween Parade, October 28, 4pm
- Trunk or Treat, October 28 @ 6pm
- Veteran's Day Parade, November 11 @ 4pm

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had nothing to report.

Ordinance No. 1405–Amendment to Rules & Regulations-Reservoir Park

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1404, amending the Rules and Regulations for Reservoir Park, thus changing the hours to remain open longer, through October 31st with limited services available. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Ordinance No. 1406-Sale of Borough Owned Property to Charles Dannaway

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1405, authorizing the sale of a small portion of Borough owned property located at the corner of Lanners

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Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2017-08 – Donation of Unclaimed Bicycles

It was moved and seconded Council approve Resolution No. 2017-08, donating unclaimed bicycles to the Tyrone Salvation Army. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Mr. Nester reviewed his report with Borough Council. Mr. Nester advised the Borough has several avenues to explore for funding for the digester. Council was in agreement for Mr. Nester to contact Bond Counsel, Jens Damgard for guidance. Mr. Latchford noted he has also been in contact with Senator Eichelberger's office regarding the same.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's report. Mayor Latchford advised he had received numerous complaints regarding 1465 Blair Avenue and the present condition. Mr. Frazell advised the Borough has not set rules on how to address these situations and requested input from Borough Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief introduced Officer Ethan Yohn to the Council.

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

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Ashcroft's monthly report. The Borough's Forester will be at the November meeting to update Council on the timbering.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Council member David Snyder expressed concern regarding the speeding along Lincoln Avenue and Blair Avenue. He suggested lowering the speed limit to 15 mph, it was noted a traffic study would be required to take such action. Several Council members feel that if people do not follow a 25 mph speed limit, they will not follow a 15 mph speed limit and suggested more enforcement, which in turn means more man hours. Chief Romeo will reach out to John Ambrosini with PennDOT regarding lowering a speed limit.

Council member Richardson suggested the Borough look into possibly partnering with S & A Homes regarding the former Lincoln School site for a possible park. Mr. Latchford

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is working with GHD, who will be drawing up a plan, pro bono.

Council member Richardson also brought up the sink hole located near the American Legion. This had been discussed with previous Council and the Borough was informed if they attempted to fix the problem, we then own the problem. Council wishes for staff to seek additional information before moving forward.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford
Borough Manager