

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

**September 12, 2011 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on September 12, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Tyrone Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Mayor Fink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ardean Latchford gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Fink called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Jennifer Bryan, Mark Kosoglow, William Latchford, Steve Hanzir, Courtney Rhoades, Christy Ray, and Mayor Fink. Absent: Council Member Patricia Stoner. Also present were Borough Manager John Cornell; Solicitor Larry Clapper; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Water Department Supervisor David Lynch; Chief of Police John Romeo; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Finance Director Phyllis Garhart 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.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Fink presented a Proclamation to Ms. Judy Rosser, Executive Director of Blair County Drug and Alcohol. This Proclamation recognized "*National Recover Month*". Ms. Rosser thanked Council for their consideration of this cause.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Joe Eckels, 309 Waring Street**

Mr. Eckles was present to address Council regarding water runoff near his property that comes from a neighboring property, located in Snyder Township. Mr. Eckels stated that the owner has stripped trees and topsoil from the property and every time it rains Morrison Street is covered with mud. The highway department does come out to clean up the street however this is a constant problem. Mr. Eckels is appealing to the Borough for help because he has been to Snyder Township and DEP and nobody is able to assist him. Mr. Eckels also stated that there are tandem trucks hauling the dirt and trees out and feels that these trucks are probably too big to be on Borough streets.

The Borough Manager suggested that the Borough block access to this area.

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**Jessica Ford, Tyrone-Snyder Library – Smash and Bash for Books**

The Tyrone-Snyder Library and G & R Excavating will be holding a fundraiser called *Smash and Bash for Books*, wherein individuals will pay money to swing at a car. The library is requesting permission to display cars adjacent to the office of G & R Excavating on Pennsylvania Avenue from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was moved and seconded that Council allow for this display of cars from September 23 to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the August 8, 2011 Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Bryan, Ray, Hanzir, Latchford, Rhoades and Mayor Fink. Council member Kosoglow abstained.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending August 31, 2011 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Council was also in receipt of a Memo from the Finance Director advising that the Borough's 2011 CDBG allocation is in the amount of \$105,233. Mrs. Garhart's memo outlines the allocations as \$63,873 for Housing Rehab, \$27,360 for Clearance and \$12,000 for administration. Mrs. Garhart also suggested reallocating 2009 and 2010 CDBG funds to the Housing program, as the Borough has about 25 residents waiting for assistance.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve allocations as outlined in Mrs. Garhart's memo of September 9, 2011. Council unanimously approved said motion.

The next hearing for CDBG is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER’S MONTHLY REPORT**

### **Ordinance Codification**

The Borough is in receipt of a quote for codification of Borough ordinances. The cost is \$14,000. The codification has not been done since 1993. The 2011 General Fund Budget includes \$30,000 for the same. Once completed, the Codification will be available on line. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said expenditure. Council unanimously approved said motion.

### **Paving of Borough Parking Lot**

The Borough is in receipt of an estimate from Duey Paving to prepare, compact and pave the existing borough parking area located near the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Duey’s proposal in the amount of \$6,325 for said paving. Council member Latchford reminded everybody that there was a sinking issue there before and asked if this would be taken care of. Mr. Bywater advised that it would be. Council unanimously approved said motion.

### **Purchase of Armory**

The Borough is in receipt of a Sales Agreement for purchase of the Armory building at a cost of \$80,000. Solicitor Clapper has reviewed the Agreement and it is before Council for their approval. It was noted that the use of this facility has yet to be determined. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the purchase of the Armory. Council unanimously approved said motion.

## **Informational Items for Council:**

- Council was provided with copies of the exit interviews for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension audits, there were no findings for either plan
- The Borough has been advised that the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP is currently reviewing the 1973 Corps plan for flood control. Once completed, their recommendations will be forwarded to the Borough. DEP has given the Borough permission to remove trees within the Little Juniata River. Council member Ray suggested that we make the wood available to interested parties.
- Council was advised that Peoples Natural Gas Company will be replacing 29,000 feet of gas line within the Borough. This work has to be done by October, 2012. The Gas Company is to forward plans to the Borough within the next few weeks.
- Council was advised that the 2012 MMO’s for the Uniform Pension Plan is

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\$68,098 and the Non Uniform Plan is \$117,069.

**HIRING OF FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

It was moved and seconded that Borough Council approves the hire of 3 new full time police officers. This item was not on the Agenda; Mayor Fink called for public comment. Mrs. Linda Daniels asked if the Borough could afford this. Mr. Cornell advised that the financial aspect of this new hiring has been reviewed and the Borough is in a position to hire these officers. Council unanimously approved said motion. The Civil Service Commission will now hold a meeting to approve the hiring process.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Clapper presented the following Ordinance for adoption.

**Ordinance No. 1312 – Sewer Use Ordinance**

The Solicitor summarized Proposed Ordinance No. 1312, Amendment to the Sewer Use Ordinance. The title of the proposed ordinance is set forth:

*“An Ordinance of the Borough of Tyrone, a Home Rule Municipality, Amending Ordinance Number 1299 Entitled “Sewer Use Ordinance” To: Amend Article VI, Section 29-6 Entitled “Pretreatment Fees” to Amend The Same to Delete The Chemical Use, Unusual Incident and Engineering Fee Reimbursement Requirement; Restate Section 29-6 As Amended; and to Establish An Effective Date.”*

It was moved and seconded that Council approve said motion. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester reviewed his report with Borough Council.

Two Change Orders were presented for payment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Change Order No. 1, Adams Avenue Water Main Project in the amount of \$3,655.80 and Change Order No. 1, Washington Avenue Manhole Project in the amount of \$47,825.51. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Romeo thanked Council for their support on hiring three full time officers. Chief then reviewed his report with Borough Council. Chief noted two significant arrests, and

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one taser incident this month.

**CODE/PARKING ENFORCEMENT:** Council was in receipt of the Code/Parking Enforcement Report for August.

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

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John V. Cornell/kdg  
Borough Manager