

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 @ 7:00PM

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, September 8, 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 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 Raymond Detwiler, Mark Black, William Latchford, Christy Ray, Courtney Rhoades, Mark Kosoglow, Terry Richardson and Mayor Fink. Also present were Borough Manager Phyllis Garhart; Director of Administration Brandi Miller; Solicitor Daniel Stants; 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:

Richard Weston, 416 Washington Avenue

Mr. Weston was present asking Council to consider lowering the speed limit on Washington Avenue. Mr. Weston did a survey himself and advised there were 111 accidents in a 5 year span between 3rd and 10th Streets. Mr. Weston also advised that every house on his side of Washington Avenue, between Pizza Hut and 5th Street has been subject of a vehicle accident over some time. Per Mayor Fink Borough staff is looking into methods of speed enforcement.

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 August 11, 2014 Borough Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Kosoglow, Rhoades, Latchford, Detwiler, and Mayor Fink. Council Members Ray and Richardson abstained.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending August 31, 2014 be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Black, Kosoglow, Rhoades, Latchford, Detwiler, and Mayor Fink. Council Members Ray and Richardson abstained.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Resignation of Part Time Police Officer

It was moved and seconded that Council accept the resignation of part time officer Scott Beall, effective September 5, 2014. Mr. Beall has accepted a full time position with Patton Township. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Flood Risk Assessment-Amendment #1 to Letter of Agreement

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Amendment #1 to the Letter of Agreement between the United States of America and the Borough of Tyrone for the Flood Risk Assessment. Said Amendment reflects a change in the cost of the study. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Liquid Fuels Audit

The Borough is in receipt of the Liquid Fuels Audit for the period covering January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012. The report reflects no findings. It was moved and seconded that Council accept the audit. Council unanimously approved said motion.

2014 CDBG

The Borough held their first public hearing on August 21, 2014 with no public present. The second hearing will be scheduled in the near future. The Borough's 2014 allocation will be \$93,558.

Washington Avenue – Speed Enforcement

There have been numerous amounts of accidents on Washington Avenue due to persons traveling at high rates of speed. Numerous complaints have been received from residents living nearby. Chief Romeo contacted PennDOT requesting a guardrail be installed. PennDOT's designers visited the site and found this area does not meet

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their criteria for a guiderail. Chief also inquired with PennDOT about reducing the speed limit in this area. Mr. Ambrosini, PennDOT advised the Borough would have to send a letter to PennDOT requesting the same. It was the consensus of Borough Council to forward a letter to PennDOT requesting a study be completed to reduce the speed limit from 5th Street to 8th Street.

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had the following Ordinance for Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 1354 – Prohibited Parking 8th Street (Episcopal Church Request)

"An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending Chapter 190 Of The Code Of The Borough Of Tyrone Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic", Article VIII, Section 190-69 Entitled "Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours To: 1. Prohibit Parking On 8th Street At Certain Times Of Day; And 2. Establish An Effective Date.

It was noted this Ordinance was in response to a request from the Episcopal Church to have the current parking restrictions near the Tyrone Episcopal Church revisited to allow parking along Washington Avenue during the week but not overnight. After conferring with PennDOT, it was their recommendation to leave the parking restrictions on Washington Avenue "as-is" because in this area the width of the driving lane would be compromised if parking was permitted.

It was then moved and seconded to reject the adoption of Ordinance No. 1354. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Ordinance No. 1355 – Private Handicap Parking Space – 1404 PA Avenue

"An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Tyrone, A Home Rule Municipality, Amending Chapter 190 Of The Code Of The Borough Of Tyrone Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic", Section 190-27 Entitled "Handicapped and/or Disabled Veteran Parking Spaces Established" To: 1. Add A Private Handicap Parking Space In Front Of 1404 Bald Eagle Avenue; And 2. Establish An Effective Date.

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

Resolution No. 2014-10 – Final Land Development Sheetz Corporation

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2014-10, approving the *Final Land Development Plan* for Sheetz Corporation. Mr. John Maxwell, representative of Sheetz was also present and gave Council a brief description of the proposed plans for this location, which include new coolers and restrooms. Council had no questions of Mr. Maxwell. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2014-11 – Cafeteria Plan Flex Benefits

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2014-11, adopting the Borough's Flexible Benefits Plan, making it effective December 1, 2014. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report. The HVAC and the Water Main Replacement projects are completed with the exception of a punch list item on each project. Mr. Nester also advised the Water Meter Replacement Project is going well and the Contractors are about 30% complete.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Rabits' report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief was in receipt of a request for a private handicap parking space for 1319 Pennsylvania Avenue. Chief reviewed the request and recommended approval; however, Council had some questions regarding the request and tabled this until the October meeting.

Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, from 6-8pm.

Chief reported the traffic patterns during PennDOT's project on Clay Avenue went well and nearing completion.

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

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Latchford's monthly report. Mr. Latchford advised the HVAC is up and running. It operates much better now that it is zoned.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's monthly report. Mr. Bywater provided Council with information regarding a stop sign at North Avenue and 13th Street. Mr. Bywater performed the traffic study and feels this meets the criteria for a stop sign. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said placement of a

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stop sign. This item was not on the Agenda; Mayor Fink called for public comment and there was none. It was then moved and seconded that Council approve the installation of a stop sign at North Avenue and 13th Street. Council unanimously approved said motion.

MISCELLANEOUS: Councilmember Latchford provided Council with a handout regarding a proposed Skate Park within the Borough. Mr. Latchford has had an overwhelming response to this project via social media and was seeking Council's consensus to move forward with a site above Reservoir Park. Council gave their consensus to do so.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg
Borough Manager