

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

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 @ 7:00PM**

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The Regular Monthly Council Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, September 9, 2013 @ 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 Wertz, Church of the Good Shepherd gave the Invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mitch Cooper, Blair County Sheriff's Office**

Mitch Cooper, of the Blair County Sheriff's Office, along with the County's new bomb detection dog, "Lily" and her handler were present to thank Borough Council for the donation of the Durango. The County's Bomb Dog has served 2 tours in Iraq, 2 tours in Afghanistan, has found 700 IED's and aided in the apprehension of 3 terrorists in Iraq.

Lily will be available in a few weeks to assist all of Blair County.

There was no further public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded the minutes of the August 12, 2013 Borough Council meeting be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Rhoades, Richardson, Black, Detwiler, Latchford and Mayor Fink. Council member Kosoglow abstained. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending August 31, 2013 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 RFP's - Reservoir Park Walking Path**

The Borough accepted RFP's for the Walking Path project in Reservoir Park. Five proposals were received. All firms were interviewed by the Borough and rated based on Experience, Qualifications, Cost-Lump Sum Not to Exceed, and MBE/WBE or SERB. The firm receiving the highest score was Lehman Engineering. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Lehman Engineering for design of the Walking Path at Reservoir Park. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**Sale of Borough Equipment & Vehicles**

The Borough accepted bids on September 4<sup>th</sup> for several vehicles and miscellaneous equipment. It was moved and seconded to award all items to the high bidders as outlined in the Manager's report which is incorporated herein.

**Award of Bids for Water Main Replacements and Stream Crossings**

The Borough accepted bids on September 5<sup>th</sup> for Water Main Replacements and Stream Crossings. Five bids were received and are outlined as follows:

D.C. Ventre & Sons, Inc.	\$ 205,093
Guyer Brothers, Inc.	\$ 208,240
D & M Contracting, Inc.	\$ 265,427
Harger Utility Contractors, Inc.	\$ 155,597
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$ 254,168

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Harger Utility Contractors, Inc. as the low bidder for said project.

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**CDBG – FY2013 and FY2011 Budget Modification**

The Borough has been notified by DCED of our 2013 allocation in the amount of \$91,835. The required hearings have been held and the breakdown for said funding is listed in the Borough Manager's report and incorporate herein by reference. It was moved and seconded that Council approve the FY2013 CDBG Program Budget and the FY2011 CDBG Budget Modification as outlined in the Manager's report. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT**

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Administrative Agreement between the Borough of Tyrone and Improved Dwellings of Altoona (IDA) for general administration services in the amount of \$10,000. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

- The Army Corps of Engineers has advised they have secured additional funding to continue the Borough's building survey. Once their database is complete, they will be able to determine what buildings will flood, when and to what extent.
- PennDOT will be changing the bridge weight limits to the bridge on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 36 tons. New signs have been installed and will be effective in the near future.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Clapper presented the following Resolutions for Council's approval:

**Resolution No. 2013-07** – Authorizing Application Submission of the Borough 2013 CDBG Program.

**Resolution No. 2013-08** – Tyrone Borough CDBG Compliance Policies

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution Nos. 2013-07 and 2013-08. Council unanimously approved said motion.

**CONSULTING ENGINEER:** Council was in receipt of the Engineer's report.

Mr. Nester advised the Borough's NPDES Permit has been approved. The permit has been with DEP for over a year.

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Phase 1 of the HVAC system will be placed for bid October 9, 2013.

**ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council was in receipt of the Code Enforcement Report. Mr. Rabits advised he attended 2 hearings earlier in the day. Mr. D'Ottavio's property on 10<sup>th</sup> Street requires revised drawings. Said drawings are to be delivered to the Borough office by the end of the week. Mr. Rabits also attended a Property Maintenance hearing for 717 Washington Avenue.

A Zoning Hearing Board meeting was held on September 4. Mark Savino was requesting permission to build storage units on property he owns on Lincoln Avenue, near the former Bid Yank building.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's 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. Mr. Bywater advised they have been working in the river to clear out some of the overgrown vegetation.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Phyllis J. Garhart/kdg  
Borough Manager