TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2023 @ 7:00PM
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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Bill Ewing, Calvary Tyrone, gave the Invocation and Vice President of Council David Snyder led the group in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Snyder called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members Robert Dollar, Rob Poust, David Snyder, Charles Mills and Ken Patterson. Absent were Council members Hunter, Wiser and Mayor Latchford.

Also, present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Donnie Shultz; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell; Chief of Police Jess Walk; Consulting Engineer Steve Siegfried; and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shannon Rice, Tyrone Events and Promotions

Shannon Rice, representing Tyrone Events and Promotions, requested a waiver of the Open Container ordinance for the Wine Walk scheduled for August 12, 4-9pm. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this waiver. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Dollar, Mills, Poust and Snyder. Nayes: Council member Patterson. The motion carried.

Andrew Hillard, 1259 Logan Avenue

Mr. Hillard requested the Council consider allowing people to fish with their children. He was recently at Reservoir Pond with his son and was told to move on. Mr. Hillard was advised that the rules have always been for kids and most recently added Senior Citizens for a portion of the year. Several council members gave him other areas around town where he could fish.

Christy Beyers, 605 S. Lincoln Avenue

Mrs. Beyers was present at the meeting to request the Borough's assistance with a neighbor who is and has been cutting wood on what they feel is the Borough's property (Highland Avenue) and selling it. This neighbor is also dropping trees toward her house, and she is very concerned about a tree hitting her house. After some

discussion, Solicitor Stants advised that this would be considered a “paper street” and if the Borough never opened the street in question, it is not our property hence not a Borough issue. Solicitor Stants advised Mrs. Beyers to seek the advice of an attorney.

Hope Snyder, 601 S. Lincoln Avenue

Mrs. Snyder was also present to discuss the same issues with this neighboring property. Mrs. Snyder had an alley vacation done to install a fence to avoid these issues. Mrs. Snyder stated that he cuts down the wood, drags it through her property, stacks it at his rented house and then sells it. She is asking the Borough to find out who owns the property and help them out. Solicitor Stants again advised Mrs. Snyder to seek the advice of an attorney since this is not Borough property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the June 12, 2023, 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 June 30, 2023, 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

Bid Award – Chemicals, Stone, Patching Material

The Borough accepted bids for Chemicals, Stone and Patching Materials on July 10, 2023. The Bids are listed below:

Univar:	Caustic Soda	$7.5670/gal
	Fluoride	$4.96/gal
	Sodium Hypo	$ .849/lb
	Sodium Bicarb	$ .5196/lb
	Gas Chlorine	$2.348/lb
USALCO:	DelPac	$2.828/gal
Coyne Chemical:	Liquid Zinc Orthophosphate	$ 13.3648/gal

New Enterprise S&L Co.:	ID2 Wearing	$ 70.54
	FJ1 Wearing	$ 150.00
	BCBC	$ 57.34
	2PD	$ 151.00
	#2 Stone	$ 14.80
	#2RC	$ 6.55
	#3A	$ 14.80
	#4	$ 14.80
	#1B	$ 18.55
	Anti-Skid	$ 18.55

It was moved and seconded that Council award the chemical bids as presented. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Bid Award – Turbidimeters

The Borough accepted bids for Delivery and Installation of New Turbidimeters for the Water Department. One bid was received from *The Meter Guy* in the amount of $31,500. The Borough recommends award to The Meter Guy. It was moved and seconded that Council award the bid to *The Meter Guy.* Council unanimously approved said motion.

MAG Industries Request for Abandoning Lincoln Avenue

Council was in receipt of a letter from Grant Martin, President of MAG Industries. Mr. Martin is requesting to have a portion of Lincoln Avenue abandoned and turned over to them, citing safety issues for his employees. Council was reminded that Mr. Martin had made a prior request for stop signs in this area. The Borough performed a traffic study at that time and the study did not meet the requirements/conditions for additional stop signs. Council was not in favor of abandoning this portion of Lincoln Avenue, stating the Neptune Fire Company exits onto Lincoln Avenue and having that portion closed off could cause minutes of delay when they are called to an incident. Borough Manager Ardean Latchford will meet with Mr. Martin to discuss other viable options.

Clarification on Business Owner Parking

At last month's meeting, Council agreed to allow downtown business owners to purchase a parking pass to be used at any metered spot, anytime. The fee to be determined by Ordinance. Currently, residents who rent parking spaces pay $20/month (billed quarterly) for a specific spot. After some additional discussion by Council, it was determined that (1) one placard per business may be purchased per year; (2) persons with placards may park at any unrented space for as long as they want; (3) the fee is to be $40/month, billed quarterly.

Consumer Confidence Report

Council was in receipt of the Borough's 2022 Consumer Confidence Water Report. The Borough is required to distribute this report by July 1st every year. The link to this report was included in the water bills and copies are available at our office.

Miscellaneous

- Every Sunday in July and August, Concerts in the Park @ 6pm
- August 2, Police National Night Out
- September 16, Tyrone Community Yard Sale
- September 19, 20, 21 Burgmeier's Fall Cleanup

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 1467 – Prohibiting Non-Passenger Vehicles on Portion of Lincoln Avenue and Allowing for the Purchase of Parking Placards for Businesses

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1467, allowing for business owners to purchase one annual parking placard for business owners and prohibit trucks on a portion of Lincoln Avenue. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1468 – Revised Fee Schedule

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1468 revising the fee schedule to reflect the $40 fee established for Annual Parking Placards for downtown business owners. This will be billed quarterly, as the other rented spaces are. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Proposed Ordinance No. 1469 – Revised Wage Ordinance

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1469, revising the fee schedule to reflect the position of Water System Administrator and adjusting the part time wage for police clerical. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Rettew's Engineering Report.

Consulting Engineer Steve Seigfried provided Council with a cost for a feasibility study

approximately 6 months to complete and will provide the Borough with a roadmap of the system moving forward. The cost for this study is $36,900 and would be funded by the Sewer Capital fund. This item was not on the Agenda, Vice President Snyder asked for public comment. There being none, it was moved and seconded that Council approve this feasibility study as presented. Council unanimously approved said motion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Frazell's monthly report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Walk's monthly report.

It was moved and seconded that Council accept the resignation of part-time officer Derek Reed. Council unanimously approved motion.

Chief Walk requested Council's approval to hire Jason Palmer as a part time police officer, contingent upon a successful background check. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this part time appointment. Council unanimously approve the motion.

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Shannon Rice, of The Brew, requested a waiver of the Open Container ordinance for the Hops n Vine event scheduled for August 12, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Dollar, Mills, Poust and Snyder. Nayes: Council member Patterson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager