TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 @ 7:00PM

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Pastor Ron Baker, Church of the Good Shephard, gave the Invocation and Mayor Harlow led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harlow recognized a few members of the Community. The PIAA Class AA State Champion 4x400 Girls Relay Team and Angie LaVanish for the Tyrone Flood Relief Concert.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Harlow called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council members, Robert Dollar, Ken Patterson, Tammy Wills, William Wiser, Sarah Hunter, Bridgette Gill and Mayor Harlow. Absent: Council members: Debbie Kann

Also, present were Borough Manager Kimberly Gurekovich; Solicitor Dan Stants; Sewer Superintendent Jason Harris; Water Superintendent Donnie Shultz; Highway Superintendent Eric Desch, Chief of Police Jes Walk, Finance Director Shannon Wilson and Administrative Assistant Kim LaRosa.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shannon Calise – 525 W. 15th Street

Ms. Calise thanked Council for allowing her to speak again tonight. Her family endured hardship after being displaced at her home. Since moving into the property at 1113 Lincoln Ave. in August 2024, she has followed every proper channel and reached out to code enforcement. Conditions continued to deteriorate. This was not new and a continuance of a long pattern. Her family was forced to live elsewhere, $3,566 for a place to live, over $2k from food, etc. and $750 in lost wages and related costs totaling $6944.05. She is looking for reimbursement of $6,944.05 from the Borough due to lack of code enforcement. This situation did not unfold in isolation, and the town allowed this to continue.

Rhonda Holland, 620 Washington Avenue

Ms. Hollen stated that we have another police resignation. Ms. Hollen hopes that the Chief of Police will give an update on the status of the police force.

Bob Gherrity, 615 18th St

Mr. Gherrity, attended the September meeting to thank the Highway Department for the work that was done on Madison Avenue.

There was no further public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the August 10, 2026 Council meeting be approved. Council unanimously approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved and seconded that the financial reports for the monthly accounting period ending August 31, 2026, be approved: (1) The Account Balance Report; (2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and (3) Cash Disbursement Journal. Council unanimously approved the motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Tyrone Events and Promotions – Request for Open Container Waiver

Council was in receipt of a request for a waiver of the Borough's Open Container ordinance for the Chocolate Festival event scheduled for downtown on November 7, 2026. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Council members Dollar, Hunter, Wiser, Wills and Mayor Harlow. Nayes: Council members Patterson and Gill. The motion passed.

Tyrone Improvement Group – Request for Food Truck Festival

Council was in receipt of a request from TIG for street closures and use of the municipal parking lot on the following Saturdays in 2027: May 1, June 5 and August 7. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Dollar, Patterson, Hunter, Wiser, Gill and Mayor Harlow, Council member Wills abstained. The motion passed.

Pension Plans 2027 MMO's - Uniform and Non-Uniform

Each year by the end of September municipalities are required to report the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for their pension plans. The 2027 MMO for the Uniform (Police) Plan is $92,590 and the 2027 MMO for the Non-Uniform Plan is $167,640.
It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2027 Pension Plans MMO's.

Council unanimously approved the motion.

CDBG Allocations FY2026

Council was in receipt of the FY2026 CDBG Allocation. The amount of funds available for projects is $89,840. Borough Council has previously allocated these funds for housing rehab; however, staff suggested this be allocated to the Lincoln Avenue drainage project. There are currently 17 homes on the list for rehab. Trina Illig, the Borough's Grant Coordinator, was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions. It was moved and seconded that Council approve CDBG Allocations FY2026 in the amount of $89,840. Council unanimously approved the motion. Borough Manager, Kim Gurekovich noted that Mrs. Illig will, unfortunately, be leaving the County. Ms. Gurekovich thanked Trina for her years of assistance to the Borough and noted what an asset she has been to the Borough.

Northwood Waterline Project -Application for Payment #3

Council was in receipt of Request for Application for Payment #3 for the Northwood Watermain project. This AFP is in the amount of $471,138.05. This has been reviewed by Borough staff and the Engineer and is recommended for payment. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Application for Payment #3. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Resignation – Full-Time Officer

Council was in receipt of a resignation from full-time officer Zachary Walters. It was moved and seconded that Council accept the resignation of full-time officer. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Flushing – Watermains

The Water Department will be flushing water mains (weather permitting) beginning Saturday, September 26 and will run throughout the week. Flushing will take place between the hours of 10pm and 6am, starting at Clemens and will move through town as the week progresses until the entire system has been cleaned.

Miscellaneous:

- Fall Cleanup for Borough Residents – September 15, 16 and 17
- Halloween Parade, October 24 @ 6pm, Contact Jackie Burns
- Trick or Treat, October 29, 6-8pm
- Trunk of Treats, October 31 @ Reservoir Park, 4-7pm
- We now have an Eagle Eye Reporter from the school to cover the meetings

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: The Solicitor had the following to report.

Ordinance No. 1503 – Amendment to Reservoir Park Rules and Regulations

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Ordinance No. 1503, updating the Rules and Regulations for Borough parks. Council unanimously approved the motion.

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

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

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

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. Desch's monthly report. Mr. Desch advised that Riddle Avenue is now open. Mr. Desch also stated the paving of Route 453 going through town will be pushed to Spring 2027.

CONSULTANT REPORT: Council was in receipt of Mr. McGill's monthly report. Mr McGill had the following to report on the Comprehensive Plan. We are moving into the next phase of the project where we are asking for community help. We have completed individual interviews. We have been working with PA DCED and Blair County Planning Commission. The writing has already begun.

- What we need now is community engagement. The survey is now live. Comprehensive plan has a website and describes what it is and where we are in the project.
- This Friday we will be at the football game before kickoff
- 1st of 3 planned meetings: Thursday 9/24 at 6pm – 8pm at Church of Good Shepherd
- Call to Action – help us to get involved. Tyrone@lglabs.org or find using the Tyrone Borough website. Pass the link along to neighbors and community groups.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Council member Gill stated she has been accepted into Leadership Blair County. Everyone spoke so highly of our community and everyone that works in the building. Gill addressed Police Chief Jessica Walk with a few questions. How many full-time and part-time officers do we currently have? Chief Walk informed her we have 6 full-time and 3 part-time officers. Are we still offering $8k sign on bonuses? This has not been discussed. Mrs. Gill also asked if Council members need to submit Right to Know requests for information. She was advised that they do, as Solicitor Stants had previously advised.

Regarding the property at 1317 Lincoln Avenue. What are we doing about the junked vehicles? She was advised those vehicles are sitting on private property. After the proper notifications have been sent, they can be towed.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly D. Gurekovich/ksl
Borough Manager