

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

OCTOBER 14, 2019 @ 7:00PM

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The regular monthly Council Meeting of Tyrone Borough Council was held on Monday, October 14, 2019 @ 7:00PM at the Tyrone Borough Municipal Building, 1100 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA. The Invocation was given by Pastor Eric Feather, Tyrone Church of the Brethren and Mayor Latchford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Latchford called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Present: Council Members Sarah Jane Miller, Charlie Mills, David Snyder, Thad Graham, Robert Dollar and Mayor Latchford. Absent: Council Members Terry Richardson and Michelle Miller. Also present were Borough Manager Ardean Latchford; Solicitor Dan Stants; Police Chief John Romeo; Water Superintendent Mike Ashcroft; Sewer Superintendent Tim Nulton; Highway Superintendent Jim Bywater; Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester; Police Chief John Romeo; Code Enforcement Officer Marvin Frazell and Administrative Assistant Kimberly Gurekovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Latchford announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the Minutes of the September 9, 2019 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 September 30, 2019 be approved: (1) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; (2) Cash Disbursement Journal and (3) Account Balance Report. Council unanimously approved said motion.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Logan Avenue Streetscape, Phase II - Revised Payment Application No. 2

During the August 12 Council meeting, Borough Council approved Payment Application No. 2 for Logan Avenue Streetscape in the amount of \$10,802.12. The payment application contained an error and the payment due should have read \$21,634.28. This

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is a difference of \$10,832.16. A copy of the revised payment request was presented to Council for their review. It was moved and seconded that Council approve said revision. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Logan Avenue Streetscape Phase II - Payment Request No. 4

Council was presented with a copy of Payment Request No. 4 for the Logan Avenue Streetscape Phase II project in the amount of \$174,562.07. This request has been reviewed by the Borough's Inspector and Blair County Grant Coordinator, Trina Illig, and is recommended for approval. It was moved and seconded that Council approve Payment Request No. 4. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Logan Avenue Streetscape Phase II (changes, additions, corrections)

The Borough removed most of the streetscape trees that were proposed to be planted in Phase II of the Logan Avenue Streetscape Project. Trees were removed due to limited sidewalk space in some areas. This change has left the Borough with some excess Streetscape funds. It was the consensus of Council, by email, to repair the sidewalk (behind Gardner's Ice Cream Parlor) on Herald Street, from Logan Avenue to Alley F. The Borough receives numerous complaints each year regarding this sidewalk and the safety of it, especially during winter months. This would also include the railing that runs parallel to Logan Avenue and borders the public Municipal Parking Lot. It was moved and seconded that Council ratify this action from earlier in the month. Council unanimously approved said motion.

A problem has occurred with a newly installed sidewalk at 1051 Logan Avenue, the cost of this repair is \$7,093.91. It was moved and seconded that Council approve this repair. Council unanimously approved said motion.

This additional work also requires additional engineering, Council was provided with a copy of the Engineering proposal in the amount of \$8,603 (for Herald Street sidewalk and 1051 Logan Avenue sidewalk). It was moved and seconded that Council approve this engineering agreement. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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INFORMATIONAL:

Date Change for November Council Meeting

Please note that due to the Veteran's Day Holiday, the November Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th @ 7pm.

Penelec – Scheduled Outage

Penelec has two scheduled power outages; the dates are Saturday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 29, both days from 8a-2p. This power outage is to affect the municipal building and Northwood pump station. Approximately 1,140 customers will be affected. If Penelec has current contact information for customers, anyone that receives a call from the electric company should plan on being without power at these times, if they did not receive a call, they most likely will not be affected. This outage is necessary to make improvements to their Vail Substation.

Upcoming Events:

Curbside Leaf Pickup, Mondays thru December 2nd
October 26 @ 4pm – Halloween Parade
October 26, 6-8pm, Trunk of Treats @ Reservoir Park
October 31, 6-8pm – Trick or Treat

SOLICITOR'S RERORT: Solicitor Stants had the following to report:

Resolution No. 2019-09 – Donation of Bicycles

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2019-09 donating unclaimed bicycles to the Tyrone Area School District. Council unanimously approved said motion.

Resolution No. 2019-10 – CDBG FY 2019 Allocations

It was moved and seconded that Council approve Resolution No. 2019-10 allocating the Borough's CDBG FY2019 funds. The required hearings have been held and it was Council's decision to allocate all funds to housing rehabilitation

CONSULTING ENGINEER: Council was in receipt of Mr. Nester's report. Mr. Nester advised that PennVEST has not issued the Borough stream crossing permit. GHD has

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done everything in their power to get this permit. They suggest the Borough contact the local State Representative and ask them to intervene on the Borough's behalf.

Council was presented with Payment Request No. 1 for the Meadow Street Sewer Line Replacement in the amount of \$70,544.40. Council unanimously approved said motion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Chief Romeo's report. Chief thanked the Highway Department for their assistance in building more storage space in the police department.

Chief advised the department was in receipt of a \$350 donation for the K9 program from the Tyrone Area School District's dress down day.

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

WATER DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Ashcroft's monthly report. Mr. Ashcroft advised they have been working non-stop on the water situation and remain cautiously optimistic. Consulting Engineer Kevin Nester advised the Borough never exceeded any limits and the water was always safe, just unsightly. Mr. Nester explained the Reservoir turns over 2 times per year, they have cleaned sludge blankets, opened fire hydrants and completely dumped the distribution system.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Council was in receipt of Mr. Bywater's report. Mr. Bywater reported the Logan Avenue Street paving has been completed and the contractor thanked the Borough for all the cooperation they received from residents.

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Councilmember David Snyder has suggested moving the tree lighting to City Hotel Park. Mr. Snyder along with the owner of The Brew have been in contact with tree farms looking for a donation of a 30' Christmas tree. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with this change of plans.
- Councilmember Snyder also advised the Events & Promotions Committee would like to explore installing an electronic billboard at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 11th Street. They feel this would replace all the banners the Borough's Highway Department is burdened with putting up each time there is an event, they also feel this is a good way to keep people informed. The current estimate is \$68,000. There is a potential the electricity would be paid for by a downtown business owner or if the cost is low due to using LED lighting perhaps the Borough could absorb the cost.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardean C. Latchford/kdg
Borough Manager