

**December 11, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Tyrone Town Board was held on the above date at the Town Meeting Room and was called to order by Supervisor Jackson at 7:02 pm.

Meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Supervisor; Town Clerk; Councilpersons: Grimmke, Perry and Petris (Allen not present); Justice; CEO plus those on sign-in sheet.

**A copy of the November 13, 2012 minutes were furnished to Board Members.**

Motion by Grimmke, second by Perry to accept the minutes. Carried unanimously.

**After review of the Financial Reports by Board Members:**

Motion by Grimmke, second by Perry to accept reports of the checking and savings of the General Fund. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Perry, second by Petris to accept reports of the checking and savings of the Highway Fund. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Petris, second by Perry to accept reports of the Trust Account. Carried unanimously.

**After review of the Abstracts by Board Members:**

Motion by Grimmke, second by Perry to approve payment of bills on the General Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Grimmke, second by Perry to approve payment of bills on the Highway Abstract. Carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

(1) An attendee of the meeting inquired about the Supervisor and Board having executive sessions, prior to the regular meeting, over at the Town Hall. It was explained to her, as it has been explained to everyone in the past, that this is for the purpose of reviewing minutes, reports and abstracts away from all of the talking among people who attend meeting early. It was also clarified that this is **NOT** an executive session and that anyone wanting to attend, are welcome to. There has also been a sign posted outside the Meeting Room stating this.

### **Old Business Cont'd:**

- (2) Lakes Association: Cartha Conklin reported that they are still working with the Planning Board on Town signs.
- (3) Assessor: Not present but Vicki Flynn provided the Clerk with a report which she read aloud.  
Enhanced Star Exemptions went out in October and are coming in slowly. Senior (low income) went out last week.  
She will be out of the office from December 21, 2012 – January 6, 2013. You can still do your business at the County Office.

### **New Business:**

- (1) Town Clerk: Deborah Tyler furnished Board Members with a copy of her monthly report.  
She also reported that her office will be closed from December 21, 2012 through January 3, 2013 for holidays and tax bill mailings. Phone and email messages will still be checked and responded to.  
Deb also announced that her Deputy Clerk, Jean Kosty, will be unavailable for several weeks during tax collection and has requested of the Board to be able to appoint an interim Deputy. She has someone in mind who is willing to help out or cover the office, if needed.

#### **#43-12 Resolution by Grimmke, second by Perry to approve the appointment of a Second Deputy Town Clerk. Carried unanimously.**

- (2) Code Enforcement: Al Buckland read aloud his monthly report.
- (3) Justice Report: Justice Kennedy furnished the Board with a copy of their monthly report. He also reported that tickets are way down at this time. He told us that Justice Clerk, Bobbi Sparling, is working very hard to track down older, delinquent fines.
- (4) Fire Department: Bill Kennedy furnished a copy of their report to Board Members.  
He reported that the Fire House has had over 200 gallons of diesel fuel stolen. He also announced that the Fire Department is receiving a grant for \$86,000 which will be used to purchase new air packs.  
Their Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00.
- (5) County Legislator: Not present.
- (6) Highway Superintendent: Not present but Supervisor Jackson reported that they are prepared for winter.

### **New Business Cont'd:**

- (7) Planning Board: Jack Wilbert provided a written report on some of the projects they are working on.  
They are still circulating and receiving questionnaires and that information will be part of the final report which will result in the development of the Comprehensive Plan for both the Town and the County.  
They are in the process of creating a moratorium in regards to “puppy mills” which they will submit to the Town Board for approval.  
He shared with us a preliminary design for the Town of Tyrone signs.
  
- (8) Environmental Management: Carmine Nicastro expressed a concern about logging that is taking place on Pipe Park Rd., stating that they are blocking the drainage stream, ditches and that trees are being cut on wet lands.  
He has talked with several entities about this, as has Supervisor Jackson. Highway Superintendent, Paul Ernhout, has also been made aware of this. He has spoken with the logger and informed him that the Company will be held liable for any damage to the road and/or ditches, based on the Towns Road-Use-Law.  
Carmine also talked about the proposed regulations on “fracking” that have been submitted to the State.  
Municipalities are being offered 75% rebates for the purchase of ENERGY STAR appliances or devices.  
Carmine has again this year donated his annual mileage to the Highway Department.

### **Other Business:**

- (1) Supervisor Jackson reported that he received a call from the Susquahanna Watershed and they would like to install a monitoring device on Lake Tobehanna.
  
- (2) Anna Erdle from the Mustard Seed discussed the matter that the ceiling needs to be replaced and they are seeking any advice or recommendations to restore it as close as possible to its original, as the building is listed in the Historic Register. The roof is also sagging and the Highway Department will fix this. She also thanked the Board for their prompt action in helping a family in crisis.
  
- (3) Bill Kennedy announced that the Fire Department, again this year, is participating in the “Keep the Lights Blue” campaign.  
This is to promote Fire Prevention and to encourage everyone to keep as many of the lights blue through the end of the year.

**Other Business Cont'd:**

- (4) Alan Hurley, a Town resident, expressed his concerns with both the County and Town Budget increases.  
He was told that this matter has been discussed, at length, for several months now and that County Legislator, Dennis Fagan, has also been present to explain the reasons for this increase.

Motion by Grimmke, second by Perry to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Deborah Tyler  
Town Clerk**