

TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2025 - 5:00 PM

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Being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 PM by Council President, Dennis W. O'Toole. Those in attendance were:

Dennis W. O'Toole, President	Judith M. McDaid, Mayor (Via Telephone)
Bernadette K. Holzer	Thomas L. Mohney
Jamie L. Say	M. Rowan Rose
Christine A. Hendryx (Via Telephone)	Cindy Crytzer, Secretary
Mary Ann Stanziano, Admin. Assistant	

Also in attendance was resident Bryan Gorman

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Bernadette Holzer to approve the January 21, 2025 Council minutes, 2nd by Tom Mohney, motion carried

Bills: January bills and bill list reviewed. A motion was made by Jamie Say to approve payment of the January, 2025 bills, 2nd by Christine Hendryx, motion carried

Correspondence:

- **Email from Don Mason, Forest County EMC dated 1/21/2025:** Reviewed. Cindy forwarded a copy of the email to Ray Copeland. Re: EMC Training 2/18/25

Old Business:

- **Enforcement Notices:** 204 Sherman St. – No update; 103 May St. – Demo in process; 624 Elm St. – Nothing new; 142 Elm St. Curiosity Shop – Demo in process; 106 S. Elm St. – Contractor is ready, waiting on a good day weather wise; 424 Elm St. – Repairs in process; 108 S. Elm St. – no response from the violation notice. 90-day period given to make repairs
- **Dale Street Water/Sewer Project:** Contract from State received and signed by Denny and Cindy
- **Library Storm Water & Sanitary Sewer Project:** Contract from State received and signed by Denny and Cindy
- **Tionesta Creekside Park Upgrades:** Nothing new
- **Davis Building Demo Project:** Nothing new

- **Library Renovation:** On hold due to weather
- **Landfill Remediation:** Application submitted to the US EPA. The application is in the que, but there are four applicants ahead of the Borough. Email from Andrea Stapleford to Cindy dated 2/3/2025 reviewed
- **Statements of Financial Interests for 2024:** Cindy reminded those who hadn't submitted their form to do so as soon as possible

New Business:

- **Appointment to the Municipal Board Authority:** Jamie Say moved to nominate Thomas Scharfeld to the Tionesta Municipal Authority Board to fill the seat vacated by Rowan Rose. This appointment will expire 2/4/2028, 2nd by Bernadette Holzer, motion carried
- **CD Maturing 2/20/2025:** Tom Mohny moved to reinvest the \$33,000 library CD set to mature on 2/20/25 for a period of one, two or three years at the highest available rate, 2nd by Bernadette Holzer, motion carried
- **File Destruction Resolution No. 2025-1:** Tom Mohny moved to authorize the execution of Resolution No. 2025-1 for the destruction of old files as stated in the Resolution, 2nd by Rowan Rose. Roll call vote as follows: Tom Mohny, Aye; Jamie Say, Aye; Bernadette Holzer, Aye; Rowan Rose, Aye; Christine Hendryx, Aye; Denny O'Toole, Aye. Resolution 2025-1 adopted
- **Hickory Township Tax Collection Agreement with Tionesta Borough:** Jamie Say moved to authorize the execution of the agreement effective January 21, 2025, 2nd by Christine Hendryx, motion carried
- **Public Works Director Position:** Discussion moved to after Reports and Executive Session

Reports:

- **Mayor** – Mayor McDaid stated she heard the library is experiencing deficit spending. Rowan stated that this was the first she's heard this and she will follow up and let Cindy know
- **President** – None
- **Committees** – None
- **Sheriff** – February Patrol Schedule reviewed
- **Library** – None
- **EHB** – None
- **COG** – None
- **TCC** – None
- **Ambulance Board** – Next meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month. Judy reported that the gun raffle made a profit of \$200 and the service received a grant through

the Forest County Restricted Fund for \$1,000. These funds are being used for uniforms, coats, etc. for staff

- **Zoning Hearing Board** – None
- **TMA** – None
- **Planning Commission** – None

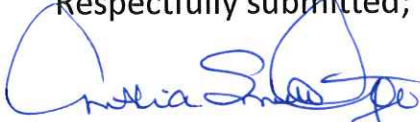
Roundtable: Jamie said that the alley between the Davis building (which the Borough owns) and the law office is a sheet of ice. Cindy thanked her for sharing and she will have public works lay anti-skid and salt. Bernadette stated that the Christmas lights are still up because the tool to remove them is being repaired. Rowan shared that she is resigning from Council, the Planning Commission and the Municipal Authority effective the following day because she is experiencing a major life change and is traveling between Tionesta and the Pittsburgh area at least weekly. Council members thanked her for her service to the community – she will be missed.

Executive Session: Called at 5:32 PM by Denny O'Toole to discuss a personnel matter. Regular session resumed at 6:05 PM

Public Works Director Position: Denny reported that the personnel committee met and interviewed both Ben Baird and Curt Price last week. The committee recommended offering the position to Ben. After discussion, Tom Mohney moved to offer the position to Ben Baird at a rate of \$20 per hour, with his new payrate effective 2/15/2025 and a 90-day probationary period, 2nd by Bernadette Holzer, motion carried.

Rowan Rose moved to adjourn, 2nd by Christine Hendryx. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm

Respectfully submitted;



Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary