

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 21, 2023**

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 and a moment of silence was observed in honor of the recent passing of Robert Holzer, former Council President. Those in attendance were:

Dennis W. O'Toole, President

Judith M. McDaid, Mayor

Christine A. Hendryx

Bernadette K. Holzer

Christi J. Black

M. Rowan Rose

Kent Ralston, Public Works Director

Mary Ann Stanziano, Admin. Asst.

Bernadette Holzer requested a few minutes to share her husband's wishes in regard to Council. She stated that Bob suggested Tom Mohny fill his seat. She thanked everyone for their support while Bob was sick and their condolences after his passing. Bernadette Holzer left the meeting at 5:10 pm.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Public Works Report:** Kent reported that public works had completed the patching work on council run as required by the recent report from the Corp. of Engineers. He requested to have 10 days of vacation carried over to 2024. Rowan moved to authorize Kent's unused 10 days of vacation carried over into 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christi Black, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Christi Black to approve the November 8, 2023 Council meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christine Hendryx, motion carried.

**Financial:**

- Sign off on October Bills. A motion for approval of and payment of October bills was made at the November 8, 2023.
- Account Balances 10/31/23: Reviewed.
- Revenue & Expense Statement 10/31/23: Reviewed.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:**

- **GIS Mapping:** Nothing new.
- **Enforcement Notices:** 204 Sherman St – nothing new; 129 Elm St. – restoration in process; 103 May St. – nothing new; 624 Elm St – nothing new; 306 Williams St. – Nothing new; 142 Elm St. Old Curiosity Shop – Demo in process.
- **Dale Street Ext. Water/Sewer Project:** Nothing new.
- **Library Stormwater/Sewer Project:** Nothing new.
- **Tionesta Park Lane Dirt & Gravel Road Project:** Project complete.
- **Creekside Park Upgrades:** The charitable grant from the Fair Foundation was approved for the bath house renovation for \$30,000.
- **Logo:** In process.
- **Speed Limit Signs/Ordinance:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Nomination to Fill Vacant Council Seat & V. President Position:** Rowan Rose moved to appoint Jamie Say as Council Vice President for the remainder of 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christi Black, motion carried. Christine Hendryx moved to appoint Thomas Mohny to fill Bob Holzer's seat for the remainder of 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rowan Rose, motion carried.
- **2024 Preliminary Budget Review & Authorization to Advertise:** After discussion, Rowan moved to authorize the advertising of the availability of the 2024 proposed budget as discussed. Public Safety/ Patrol expense to be reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,000. Raise water rates 3%; and increase the real estate mileage rate 1 mil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christie Black, motion carried. It is estimated that a 3% increase will raise the base water rate \$1.29 per 2-month billing cycle. PA American Water residential rates are increasing 25%
- **Harmony Twp Real Estate Owned by the Borough:** To be discussed at the next meeting.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Reports:**


- **Mayor:** Mayor McDaid reported that the Tionesta Community Association Lights Up Night is 12/2/23.
- **President:** None.
- **Committees:** None.

- **Sheriff:** November Patrol schedule reviewed.
- **Library:** None.
- **EHB:** None.
- **COG Report:** None.
- **TCC Committee:** None.
- **Ambulance:** Judy presented a Call Report for October. The Borough had 8 calls.
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** None.
- **TMA:** None.
- **Planning Commission:** None.

**Roundtable:** None.

Rowan Rose moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christi Black, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted;



Mary Ann Stanziano,  
Administrative Assistant