



TOWN OF TYRONE

“TALK OF THE TOWN”

QTR 1 2023
March 28, 2023



AGENDA

1. Introduction of Officials & Staff in Attendance
2. Updates from the Town
3. Info Session - Municipal Budgeting
4. Q&A



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Introductions



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Updates

- **Projects/Updates**

- www.tyronega.gov/projects
- DDA - Fire Station
- Tethering Ordinance

- **Upcoming Events**

- Tyrone 101 Citizen's Academy - TBD
- Fox in a Box Exhibit at the Library Through April 10th - All Day*
- Spring Market - April 21 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- DDA First Fridays - Begin May 5th from 6pm to 8pm
- Tyronega.gov/Calendar

- **Railroad Safety**



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- **Railroad Regulation**
 - Rests with the Federal Government. STB & FRA
- **Blocked Crossings**
 - A frequent and frustrating occurrence in ALL RR Towns!
 - Cities and States currently have no power to limit how long trains can block.
 - Several state and federal court rulings over the last 20 years have sided with the railroads that federal law preempts state and local law.
 - There's a case headed to the U.S. Supreme Court out of Kansas on this right now. One of many attempts by State & local governments to regulate how long trains can block crossings.



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- **Deraillments**

- 2019-2022: 1178/year Average (FRA)
- Hazmat Involvement:
 - “For every rail leak reported last year, there were 2 involving planes and 67 on highways.”
 - 337 RR related HazMat spills in 2022. 32 classified as “serious”. 6 caused injuries.
 - RR accidents accounted for 1 in 10 HazMat incidents over the last decade.
 - **Above from: USA Today 2/10/2023**



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- **Fatalities**

- FRA: 94% of RR fatalities and injuries occur at crossings or due to trespassing.
- FRA: Trespassing on RR ROW is the leading cause of rail-related deaths in the U.S. - more than 400/year.



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Table 2-A

Top 25 Hazardous Materials Transported in bulk quantities by CSX Transportation 2013*

RANK	HAZMAT STCC 7	HAZMAT STCC Description	HAZMAT UN/NA Code	HAZMAT DOT Class Code	Carloads
1	4909152	ALCOHOLS, N.O.S.	UN1987	3	75,048
2	4910165	PETROLEUM CRUDE OIL	UN1267	3	47,046
3	4945770	SULFUR, MOLTEN**	UN2448, NA2448	9, 4.1	28,157
4	4905752	PETROLEUM GASES	UN1075	2.1	26,669
5	4935240	SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION	UN1824	8	18,639
6	4961605	ELEVATED TEMPERATURE	UN3257	9	15,018
7	4845195	WASTE POLYCHLORINATED	UN3432	9	14,567
8	4930040	SULFURIC ACID	UN1830	8	13,464
9	4920523	CHLORINE	UN1017	2.3	9,288
10	4960196	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS	UN3082	9	9,196
11	4909351	XYLENES	UN1307	3	7,131
12	4930247	PHOSPHORIC ACID SOLUTION	UN1805	8	6,908
13	4921598	PHENOL, MOLTEN	UN2312	6.1	6,813
14	4904210	AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS**	UN1005	2.2	6,339
15	4930228	HYDROCHLORIC ACID	UN1789	8	5,886
16	4907265	STYRENE MONOMER	UN2055	3	5,821
17	4905421	PROPANE	UN1075	2.1	5,326
18	4918311	AMMONIUM NITRATE	UN1942	5.1	4,945
19	4904509	CARBON DIOXIDE	UN2187	2.2	3,283
20	4909230	METHANOL	UN1230	3	3,080
21	4860198	WASTE	UN3077	9	2,887
22	4905704	BUTADIENES, STABILIZED	UN1010	2.1	2,735
23	4966110	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS	UN3077	9	2,678
24	4908105	ACETONE	UN1090	3	2,529
25	4918774	AMMONIUM NITRATE, LIQUID	UN2426	5.1	2,419

* Source: CSX

** Sulfur and Anhydrous Ammonia are classified differently in Canada and the US

Table 3-C shows Hazard Class Definitions.



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- **HazMat**
 - CSX: “CSXT is a common carrier and as such is required by law to transport hazardous materials that have been properly prepared and offered for freight rail transportation in accordance with Federal Department of Transportation regulations.”
 - “There are certain ultra-hazardous materials such as toxic inhalation hazards that we would prefer no to handle. However, our common carrier requirement requires us to do so and we make every attempt to move these...with the highest levels of safety and security possible.”



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Incident Response

- **Primary Local Response Agency: Fayette County Fire**
 - Initial Priorities: life safety, incident stabilization, property preservation
 - HazMat Unit
- **Fayette EMA: To provide coordination with outside agencies**
- **Law enforcement (Tyrone PD, FCSO, Etc.) - scene security, crowd/traffic control, evacuation assistance, etc.**



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Incident Response

- **Incident Investigation:**
 - FRA
 - NTSB
 - Other Federal Alphabet Agencies
- **Local Prep/Training**
 - The railroads and other related entities offer free training to local first responder agencies. TPD takes advantage of these offerings.
 - Officers have a secure mobile app that allows them to enter information about an incident to get immediate input on train content, evacuation requirements, etc.



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Information Session: Municipal Budgeting



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The Budgeting Process

- Local governments are required by law to adopt a balanced budget annually.
- Tyrone's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30
- The budgeting process usually begins with a planning workshop in February or March
- Finance begins looking at revenue projections in April of each year



The Budgeting Process

- Once we have conservative estimates of revenue, we can begin to build the budget.
- Department heads are provided with spreadsheets that include their previous approved budget and actual expenses YTD. Usually in April.
- Department's budget requests are due late April for Admin review.



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The Budgeting Process

- The Mayor and Council will hold one or more public budget workshops to review the submitted proposals and provide feedback/guidance to staff.
- The budget proposal is revised based on Council's feedback and re-submitted for additional review.
- A required Public Hearing on the proposed budget is held in June - usually during the first Council meeting in June.
- The budget is officially adopted by Council by June 30 - usually during the second Council meeting in June.



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The Budgeting Process

- Finance provides copies of the approved budget to elected officials and department heads.
- A digital copy is placed on the website for public access.
- The budget is submitted to the State.
- Audit season begins (August) - covers the previous fiscal year's budget.
- Finance provides budget reports to Manager, Council, and Dept. Heads Monthly.



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The Budgeting Process

- Current budget (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023):
 - General Fund: \$11,462,684.77
 - Misc. Funds: \$8,298,018.61
- Primary Sources of Revenue (Top 5):
 - Sales Tax (LOST): \$1,900,000
 - Property Taxes: \$1,530,600
 - Insurance Premium Taxes: \$550,000
 - Electricity Franchise Taxes: \$330,000
 - Title Ad Valorem Taxes: \$220,000

Budget link:

<https://www.tyronega.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/finance/fy-2022-2023-adopted-budget.pdf>

Q&A With Officials and Staff



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