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Tyrone begins refunding impact fees

By: [John Thompson](#)

Mon, 07.

The town of Tyrone this summer became the first municipality in the state to refund impact fees back money to builders who do business in the town.

The reason is because the town failed to follow through on its plans for a new police station and town hall that was part of Tyrone's impact program that was approved in 1999. Late last year, town manager Barry Amos told the town Council that money in development fees would have to be returned to developers.

The town started collecting fees in 1999 and will have to refund two years worth of funds, because no work was done on building a new town center and some money to be spent on the projects within six years.

In the Capital Improvement Element that accompanied the impact fee program, the town pledged to build a 12,000 sq. ft. building that would house the new police station and town hall.

Amos explained this week that the town's leaders didn't make any decision during the last few years, so the money must be returned. The town paid \$281.82 for each building lot that was permitted by the town from 2000 to 2006. Scott Bradshaw, who represents the Home Builders Association of Mid-Columbia, said one of his builders was concerned when he didn't receive the entire impact fee refund, just over \$1,000 refunded.

In order to move forward with the project and to stop any further refunding, the town committed \$10,000 towards a study last year that would determine whether the town should house both police and administrative functions, or build two buildings. "The study is back and there's really no clear advantage to the difference," Bradshaw said.

The next move will now be up to the Town Council, who will make the decision on the town's new structures.

If the town only builds a police station or a town hall, it could lose up to 25 percent of the impact fees that has been collected so far towards the project, since the capital improvement program said it would be a joint facility.

But if the town starts on both building, no impact fees from the development would be refunded. Impact fees will only pay for 25 percent of the new structures and the other 75 percent would have to be paid by the developer.

At a meeting last fall, Councilwoman Grace Caldwell favored a bond and said the town would pay the other 75 percent of the expenses spelled out for all the residents.

"I don't want to see any hidden expenses occurring," she said.

Tyrone has usually funded items using cash on hand, but Caldwell sees that type of funding as a problem.

"The people who move to town aren't helping to pay for it," she said.

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LOOK IN THEIR WALLETS

Submitted by [tobybob](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 8:50pm.

I submit to all of the citizens of Tyrone that the "money" from the im
been pocketed, probably by Valerie Fowler and Barry Amos. That is w
is their only goal. All of these contracts and federal funding programs
provided cash to the Town of Tyrone have been used by Barry and Va
Valerie, who as you may know, filed bankruptcy in the late 90's, so st
desperate for money, especially in light of the fact that her husband v
child pornography earlier this year. It is time to "man up" and try to
they continue to run the town for their own personal reasons and mot
can I say? They cannot go on forever acting like this. It is going to ca
sooner than you think!! Town Council: What are you doing?? You are
Amos to run this town into the ground!! Where is the town accountan
Thank you John Thompson!!

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Town Accountant?

Submitted by [Confushasay](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 10:47pm.

Amos thinks he's the town accountant, the auditor, the mayor, th
etc..etc.....

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Amos thinks?

Submitted by [freedomofinfo](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 11:21pm.

He may think that and he may tell people that, but he is not a
things. I am not even sure he is town manager and if he is a
books then we could be looking at Tyrone ENRON style!!

To: TOO BAD

It is mostly found in the public record. Where do you think all
has been, just sitting in a bank account?? I sincerely doubt it.
has to pay (with our tax dollars) \$200+ to each business owr
applied for a permit from 2000 - 2006? How much is that exa
tobybob, there is something seriously wrong at Tyrone's towr
experience, people don't just do things for no reason and the
money. Where did all that money lost in North Fulton actually
money was not lost in the paperwork. Someone benefited froi
independent audit of the town's budget should be done imme
what they will uncover. Barry is involved in all sorts of things
Regional Commissions - check out the following links and rea

<http://www.atlantaregional.com/webdocs/Land%20Use/Reviews/ID834/Town%20of%20Tyrone%20Communit>

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Back to school time is almost here. Is it::

- Too early? It's not right that school should start in early August.
- Just about right? Early to mid-August start works great for me and my family.
- a late start, if anything? The kids have been bored for weeks.
- Time to do away with summer break? Let's run school all year.



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THE MONEY HAS TO BE GOING SOMEWHERE!! ACCOUNTABIL TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH!!

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Tyrone Secrets

Submitted by [tobybob](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 11:48pm.
You ROCK!!

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look in their wallets

Submitted by [too bad](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 9:34pm.

I beg you, don't say that and put yourself in jeopardy. That may, happened, but don't lay yourself out like that. It sounds like you h better than I would ever want to. If you know this for a fact, or h that, call Gloria and Grace and give them details, that is what the and they will make sure it is dealt with as they would anyone else something like that that works for the town. Neither is shrinking \ put yourself in a place where you could be sued...they are not ele know Gloria's no is 770 487 4569, I'm not sure of Grace's. Don't (don't see your number or they will think you are Valerie or if you don't say anything, God knows who. But seriously, call them, they anyone, and they will look n say you are right, or we can't prove i working on it, or what are you smoking? But, the 1st step is to tel can do some good, and give them the chance to dig into it. They : good people.

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Really?

Submitted by [tobybob](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 11:44pm.

It is the town council's job to oversee Barry and Valerie, not r been notified. And by the way, the town council members are They run for office and we vote on who we want to represent council. Barry and Valerie, however, are not elected officials a the pleasure of the town council. However, the town council is the bad acts of Barry and Valerie. Do you want your tax dolla represent Barry and Valerie in a lawsuit. Heck no!! Just get ri council should fire Barry and Valerie, just like Barry and Valer many people over the last many years. I am not even sure th Valerie have the power to fire town employees since they are not elected officials.

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Who knows..

Submitted by [Confushasay](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 10:24pm.

Well, toobad? maybe TobyBob is right. Maybe TobyBob is a cc worker, or who knows? maybe Valerie's husband or Amos' wil realized enough is enough and has enough guts to tell how ev

I like Gloria & Grace, I agree that they are both honest good | toobad? I've read the Free Speeches where a citizen had beer council about many illegal issues, but they ignored it.

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Another Barry Screw Up

Submitted by [truthseeker](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 1:55pm.

Who does this suprise? Barry Amos has lead the Town down the wron one. Mayor - Do something! This is a huge financial blunder!

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TYRONE MAYOR?

Submitted by [tobybob](#) on Tue, 07/31/2007 - 12:02am.

I would bet \$1m that she does nothing, just like she has been doi just bowed down to the Amos "administration" and he isn't even a official!! There is a petition circulating around town that asks for s citizens to have the town's council remove Barry Amos, and mayt from office. You can sign it. Last I heard it was at Tyrone Tire - a result from Barry and Valerie's actions. That poor man, Mr. Adam tenants and can't rent his bays because Barry won't let him. Who he is? Is there no one out there with the guts to confront this issu know it is hard to stand up to a bully but the only way to do it is t harder and stronger. Otherwise you remain scared of the bully! H council stand for Barry harassing citizens, Valerie denying people records and illegally refusing to issue permits and licenses? PLEASE COUNCIL!!

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Very professional, those Tyronese

Submitted by [mudcat](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 7:59pm.

This must be the only town in America that had to return money i collected (legally) for the public good but couldn't agree on spending it.

What a bunch of dopes. And they all listen to Barry.

I think that the new "progressive" element of Tyrone's population will present a couple of candidates at the next election and things will change in that funny little town we have driven through and laughed at for many years.

Professional leadership naturally leads to professional town mana Somebody should run on a "Dump Barry" platform.

So, do you like my new picture? meow

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I have to agree with Mudcat.

Submitted by [Voice of Fayette...](#) on Mon, 07/30/2007 - 9:25pm.

I have to agree with Mudcat. How the hell can these boobs collect impact fees and be too frigging dumb not to use the money to take care of the infrastructure. Barry sounds like that clown in North Fulton who lost \$900k to Fulton in city tax paperwork was not done. But look who trained Barry--- Jim V now butchering north 74. Wow, are we getting abused by the

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PTC and Southeast's Gain is Tyrone's Loss. PTC dumped Barry Engineering gave him the heave-ho. The Tyrone Town Council this pillow talk and get its act together. Hey, wait...If you imp code, you would get the wandering Smolas in the net, too.

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