

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2018

President Robert Robinson called the Monthly Meeting of the Tunkhannock Borough Council to order in the Borough Building, 126 Warren Street, Tunkhannock, PA at 7:00 p.m. He led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Norman Ball; Council President Robert Robinson; Council Members: Ben Barziloski, Marshall Davis, Scott Douthett, Dan Gay, Lisa Tesluk, Ruth Vincenti, David Wiggins, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Susan DiStadio, Ned Slocum, Patty Mead, and Wyoming County Press Reporter CJ Marshall.

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Marshall Davis, move to approve August 6, 2018 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Finance and Administration Committees:

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to accept the recommendation from Thomas J Anderson & Associates, Inc. Police MMO \$84,867.00 Non Uniform MMO \$16,116.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Douthett reported the Finance Committee met August 17th to review the budget prepared by Manager Welch. After a full review of all line items, it was determined that line item 410.183 Special Duty Reimbursed appeared unwarranted. The Committee agreed that in order to cover the budget shortfall, this item was dropped and this would fully cover the shortfall and result in a balanced budget with no increase in the taxes. Next month the budget could be advertised for adoption in November. He thanked Manager Welch for creating a draft that was extremely easy to work with.

Manager Welch said it could not be done without the cooperation of the Police and DPW.

PILOT: Triton Hose \$1,500.00, Wilkes Barre Children's Center \$1,960.00, and Bridgewater Church \$200.00.

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to execute and file the 2018 Act 205 Recovery Program Election Form and the associated Plan for Administrative Improvement Letter. Motion carried unanimously.

A dividend check for \$2,065.38 was delivered from Kilmer Insurance.

Chairman Douthett reported the Revolving Grant Funds are out there for businesses who may create jobs.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by David Wiggins, move to have Sproul Construction to repair the concrete barrier on the retaining wall at the Borough parking lot at the cost of \$4,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to have Ebb's Creative Landscape to repair the bollard at Route 29 and Route 6 by the Prince Hotel at a cost of \$6,541.25. Motion carried with Ben Barziloski abstaining.

Chairman Robinson reported the Journey to Bethlehem will be December 14th & 15th.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee:

President Robinson welcome Mayor Ball back.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Dan Gay, move to go into executive for personnel at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to go into regular session at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Chief Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of August. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Police Chairman Marshall Davis reported the Police Committee met on August 15th in response to the Mayor's letter.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Scott Douthett, to direct the Civil Service Commission to take the steps necessary to complete the process required to produce a list of qualified candidates for the rank of Corporal no later than the February, 2019 regularly scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move that Council temporarily appoint Patrolman Cokely to the rank of "Acting Corporal" with the term of said appointment not to exceed the Council's first regularly scheduled meeting in February,

2019. Compensation for this appointment shall be determined only by Article XI. B. 3. Of the current CBA agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Committees:

Ben Barziloski said that the committee and Council needs to revisit changing the zoning around the courthouse to R2.

Council of Governments (COG): N/A

Other Business:

President Robinson reported that UGI plans to commence work October thru December.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager