

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2015

Council President Stacy Huber 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 Members Marshall Davis, Stacy Huber, Joseph Myers, Robert Robinson, Wendy Sweppenheiser and Lisa Tesluk; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Council Members Scott Douthett and Ruth Vincenti.

Others present: Wyoming County Press Examiner (WCPE) Reporter Josh Siegel; citizens Susan DiStadio, Michael DiStadio, Carlos Penedos, Patricia Mead; and Police Chief Roger Hardy.

On motion by Joseph Myers, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Marshall Davis, move to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Triton Hose Company 1994 Ambulance Bids:

For the purchase of this vehicle, the two sealed bids received were opened and announced by President Huber and recorded by Manager Welch, as follows:

1. Carl Lisowski, 87 Oliver Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705: \$880.00; and
2. Ezman Auto Sales, Route 6, 208½ Brooklyn Street, Carbondale, PA 18407: \$1,557.73.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to approve the sale of the 1994 ambulance to the higher bidder, Ezman Auto Sales \$1,557.73 pending approval from Triton Hose. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Privilege of the Floor: There were no comments from the Public.

Finance and Administration Committee:

Manager Welch will be mailing the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) letters next week.

Transportation & Streets Committee:

Committee Chairman Robert Robinson reported that the Committee had met on April 27th and that: a) Spring Clean-Up tonnage increased from 41 to 45 tons; b) cross-walk/line painting is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day, weather permitting; c) a new brush was installed on

the street-sweeper; and d) Charles Corby will be providing a cost-estimate for paving the portion of the parking lot that was dug up due to frozen pipes.

Building and Property Committee:

Committee Chairman Robert Robinson reported that, with the exception of some minor "punch-list" items, the Police Department Bathroom Project is complete.

With regard to the Retaining Wall Project, President Huber noted that the portion of the wall that encroaches into an adjoining property (Endless Mountain Realty) requires an easement to allow entry, both during the demolition/construction phase and later for repairs, as may be required. He then requested a motion to approve the draft easement prepared by Solicitor Litwin.

On motion by Wendy Sweppenheiser, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to approve the entry easement, as drafted by the Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Riverside Park Commission:

Mayor Ball reported that the Park Commission may be losing two members.

Police Committee:

Mayor Ball reported that there were a couple of traffic/safety issues related to/resulting from a recent power outage at a PENELEC sub-station that should be addressed. A meeting will be scheduled to review/discuss these matters.

Chief Hardy presented a summary of the Police Report for the month of April, 2015. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department. In addition, the officers have had online training for administering Naloxone, a potentially life-saving medicine that reverses the effects of opioid overdoses.

Chairman Marshall Davis reported that the Police Committee: a) met on April 24th; b) received three applications for a part-time police officer position; c) had reviewed the proposed Naloxone Policy (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Borough and the District Attorney); d) approved ordering three shotguns; and e) reviewed portions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to approve the Police Department internship of Brian Goble, pending completion of administrative actions, e.g., verification of the insurance/liability coverage waivers and related requirements, plus review by the Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Zoning: N/A

Council of Governments (COG): N/A