

**TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 5, 2019**

**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 Stacy Huber, Council Members: President Robert Robinson, Ben Barziloski, Scott Douthett, Marshall Davis, Dan Gay, Lisa Tesluk, David Wiggins, Ruth Vincenti, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.**

**Others present were:** Chief Carpenter, and Wyoming County Reporter Brooke Williams, Janice Gay, Mike DiStadio, Susan DiStadio, Ron Coolbaugh, Patti Mead, Mark Monsey, and Ned Slocum.

President Robinson welcomed everyone to the Borough Council meeting. The Moon for December is the Cold Moon. Christmas in Our Home Town is December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Journey to Bethlehem is December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Train rides are December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Caboose is gone from River Street Park as of November 25 to Honesdale to be a part of the Sturbridge Line.

Garbage collection will be on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by David Wiggins, move to approve November 7, 2019 and November 20, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Privilege of the Floor:**

Ron Coolbaugh complimented the DPW for doing a great job during the last storm and also thanked whoever decorated the street lamps downtown which was Ben Barziloski, Ebbs.

Coolbaugh asked if the DPW would be picking up yard waste in regards to the Wyoming County Examiner's article covering the Tunkhannock Township meeting.

President Robinson reported that the DPW Committee had met with Ace Shupp and Kenny White (representing Tunkhannock Township) to discuss options regarding yard waste, which based on a long-standing agreement, allowed the Borough to dispose of such materials. At this meeting, in response to the Township's request for financial support, President Robinson proposed a cost-sharing arrangement, which the Township representatives agreed to take under consideration. Subsequently, per the Wyoming County Examiner, Tunkhannock Township

supervisors chose to close down the site. President Robinson reported that Tunkhannock Borough will still pick up yard waste.

**Finance and Administration Committees:**

PILOT: Wyoming County Historical Society \$350.00, Triton Hose \$1,500.00, Wilkes Barre Children's Center \$1,960.00, and the Presbyterian Church \$100.00.

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the 2020 Newsletter along with the meeting and holiday schedule. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Civil Service Commission provided a letter to the Council informing the Council of the completion of the Civil Service testing along with an eligibility list naming Richard Stevens.

**On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Marshall Davis, move to accept the Civil Service Commission's letter and eligibility list. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Police Committee:**

Chief Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of November 2019. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Chairman Davis reported now that the Council has an eligibility list, it is time to move forward with the psychological and physical examinations for the certified candidate.

Mayor Huber reported that Acting Corporal Cokely obtained a \$500.00 Community Grant from Walmart to upgrade police cars equipment.

**Transportation and Streets Committee:**

The DPW Committee met with Ace Shupp and Kenny White as mention above. They also met with Paul Rowker, April Hannon, and John Kwiotkowski to discuss Susquehanna River Bridge lights regarding the grant received for approximately \$58,000.00.

**Building and Property Committees:**

2019-2 Property Maintenance Ordinance amending the 2012-4 Property Maintenance Ordinance which allows the borough to bring into compliance a property owner is in neglect of. The Borough would hire the compliance work on the neglected property and there shall place a lien upon the property's real estate.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adopt 2019-2 Property Maintenance Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**Planning & Zoning Committees:**

Dan Gay reported the committee plans to meet when the amendments are completed by Carson Helfrich.

**Council of Governments (COG):**

Ben Barziloski reported a meeting was held November 12<sup>th</sup>. NEIC (Northeast Inspection Consultants) was there to explain their services. Barziloski explained that there is a bill headed to the senate for a vote. Currently municipalities can utilize one third party administrator to enforce building codes and inspections. Senate Bill 663 would take away local decision by requiring at least three third party administrators.

**Other Business:** N/A

**Council Concerns:**

The Mayor, President, Council and the Chief thanked Marshall Davis for serving on Council for the last 12 years. Marshall Davis thanked past and present Council members for serving with him and also he wished Ronald Coolbaugh the best.

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,  
Borough Manager