

**TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 6, 2017**

**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: Ben Barziloski, Marshall Davis, Scott Douthett, Stacy Huber, Robert Robinson, Lisa Tesluk, Ruth Vincenti; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Council Member Joseph Meyers.**

**Others present were:** Police Chief Keith Carpenter; Citizens: Susan DiStadio, Michael DiStadio, Patricia Mead, Ned Slocum, David Kuffa, Susann Barziloski, Mark Monsey; and Wyoming County Press Examiner Reporter C.J. Marshall.

**On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Privilege of the Floor:**

Susann Barziloski (referring to a snow event prior to the recent Winter Storm Stella) expressed concern about the lack of snow removal on some of the sidewalks in the downtown business area, noting that residents are required to clear their sidewalks and the same should apply to businesses. She went on to praise the “Street Crew” for the excellent job done during and following the “Stella” Storm.

Mark Monsey reported that he and Manager Welch met with Bill Schultz, WNEP Television Channel 16 producer, concerning the scheduled Go Joe XX charity event, now scheduled for July 24, 2017 from 4p.m. to 6:30p.m.

**Finance and Administration Committees:**

**Proposed Natural Gas Service:** There have been no updates since the last Council meeting. A recent inquiry to the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce (lead agency) indicated that they are exploring grant possibilities for the purpose of conducting a required, detailed engineering study. The Chamber hopes to be able to provide additional information in the near future.

**Act 205 Actuarial Cost Study:** The Pension Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, our Solicitor, and Pension Advisors will review the recently received study and,

upon completion of said review, will make an appropriate recommendation for Council's consideration.

### **Transportation & Streets Committee (TSC):**

Chairman Robert Robinson reported that a TSC meeting was held on March 27, 2017. The Stella Storm cost the borough just over \$5,000.00 (for contracted services and overtime). He also reported that the nine counties involved in seeking State reimbursement aid did not meet the \$18.2 million expense threshold to receive any assistance from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. He thanked Charles Corby and Sons for a job well done in assisting with our snow removal operations.

Mayor Ball reported that some municipalities are appealing the above decision. He thanked Manager Welch for all her work on this project.

Chairman Robert Robinson reported that we received \$56,471.54 from State Liquid Fuels money.

### **Building and Property Committee:**

**Storm-water Project:** We recently learned that our grant proposal was turned down by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. At this point, we will have to re-assess the situation and options available, which could include reapplying through this or other possible funding venues. President Huber stated that a meeting of the ad hoc Borough Storm-Water Committee will be scheduled for this purpose.

### **Riverside Park Commission:**

President Huber reported that long-time Park volunteers Jerry Bogedin and Omar Camacho have agreed to once again provide their services this year in lawn-mowing and other essential Park maintenance functions. Without these two individuals (and other key volunteers), we would be in dire straits in keeping the Park going. President Huber gave his sincere thanks and appreciation to Jerry, Omar, and other tireless volunteers who make our park the valuable asset that it is.

### **Police Department:**

Mayor Norman Ball reported that on April 13, 2017 will be the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tunkhannock Borough Police Department.

Chief Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of March, 2017. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

### **Planning and Zoning:**

**Hand-Break Holdings Issue:** An alternate jurist, Judge Jason Legg of the Susquehanna County Court of Common Pleas was assigned to hear this case. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30p.m. in the Susquehanna County Courthouse.

**Zoning Ordinance Re-write:** The information requested from Zoning Consultant Carson Helfrich was received last week and was initially reviewed for comments, questions, etc., on April 4th by the Planning Commission (PC). Their questions and comments are being sent to the Consultant and will, after coordination and consolidation, lead to an updated draft for final consideration by the PC and Council.

**Council of Governments (COG):**

Chairman Ben Barziloski reported that the next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:** Nothing to report

**Council Privilege of the Floor:**

**On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,  
Borough Manager