

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 3, 2014

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

Others present: Wyoming County Press Examiner (WCPE) Reporter Michael Wintermute; Citizens Susan DiStadio, Mike DiStadio, Ned Slocum, and Chief of Police Roger Hardy.

Reading of Minutes and Bills:

On a motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, the minutes of the meeting on June 5, 2014, were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

No comments.

Finance and Administration Committee:

Manager Welch reported that payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) donations, in the amounts of \$1,000 and 1,646.96 respectively, were received from Triton Hose Company and the Children's Service Center.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee:

Committee Chairman Robert Robinson reported that: a) the DPW Committee had met on June 23, 2014; b) street milling had begun today, with paving to be started on Tuesday, July 8, 2014; and c) he recommended retrofitting the existing eight optically programmed traffic signals on northbound SR29 at the Bypass with light emitting diode (LED) units.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to have Northeast Signal & Electric Company retrofit the existing eight optically program signals on northbound SR29 at the Bypass with LED units. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committee:

Chairman Robert Robinson reported that: a) the committee had met July 1, 2014: and b) Scranton Electric is doing a great job with the the furnace/boiler replacement project.

Riverside Park Commission:

Mayor Ball reported that Omar is doing a great job mowing.

Police:

Chief Hardy presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of June, 2014. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Planning and Zoning:

President Huber reported that the zoning hearing, in response to variance requests for the Sherwood Chevrolet Construction Project, was postponed from June to July at Sherwood's request.

Council of Governments (COG):

President Huber reported that Manager Welch had been working diligently to get people to serve on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board.

Old Business:

President Huber reported that he and the Mayor attended the wrap-up breakfast meeting for Founder's Day, for which all reportedly went well. Next year, the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association would like to extend it one block, i.e., from Tioga and Warren to Warren and Marion. Council agreed in principle.

New Business: N/A

Council Privilege of the Floor:

Ruth Vincenti stated that she had been authorized by the Seventh Day Adventist Church to offer its building for possible use in the event of a disaster. President Huber expressed his appreciation to WCPE Reporter Michael Wintermute, who has accepted a new position, and extended best wishes on his future endeavors.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Joseph Myers, to go into executive session at 7:27 p.m. for contractual matters, property, and personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Joseph Myers seconded by Ruth Vincenti move to go into regular session at 7:48p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Wendy Sweppenheiser, seconded by Scott Douthett, move to engage the services of Kesselman Architectural Design, LLC, to advise Council on matters related to the property located at 68 Bridge Street. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Joseph Myers seconded by Robert Robinson, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch
Borough Manager