

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 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, Marshall Davis, Dan Gay, Lisa Tesluk, David Wiggins, Ruth Vincenti, Scott Douthett via phone, Borough Manager Dawn Welch, and Assistant Secretary Jennifer Harvey.

Others present were: Ned Slocum, Chief Carpenter, and Wyoming County Reporter Brooke Williams, Ernie King, Janice Gay, Rick Hiduk, and UGI Business Development Director Donald Brominski.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by David Wiggins, move to approve August 1, 2019 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

Ernie King represented himself as a candidate for Wyoming County Commissioner. He expressed his interest in government and if elected will support municipal government. King was Mayor of Nicholson for eight years many years ago.

Rick Hiduk represented himself as a write-in for Wyoming County Commissioner with years of experience attending and writing about municipal meetings for Endless Mountains. He was here to get a better understand our concerns and see how we ran our meeting.

UGI: Donald Brominski

UGI Utilities, Inc. filed a proposal with the PUC in January 2019 to extend the GET Gas program. A settlement filed on July 22, 2019 with the PUC, if approved, would extend the GET Gas program another five years and would reduce GET Gas Rider Rates for most UGI customers. While changes to GET Gas program are not final until the settlement is approved by the PUC.

If approved, residential will be \$2,158.09 compared to \$3,177.24 and for Tunkhannock Borough will be \$7,412.20 compared to \$10,341.30.

Finance and Administration Committees:

Civil Service Regulations:

The Civil Service Commission asked to revised section 5.1 of the Civil Service Regulations, "every applicant for the position of patrol officer **may** be required".

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adopt the amended Civil Service Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Budget:

The Finance Committee met on August 21st to review the 2020 budget which is balance without a tax increase pending council approval.

Northeast Data Cameras:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to approve the purchase of two additional cameras for security. Motion carried unanimously.

Tunhannock Noise Exemption:

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board advised Solicitor Paul Litwin the hearing to receive our formal submission of the Borough of Tunhannock Noise Exemption Application, and public comments has been set for Tuesday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m.

2020 MMO:

On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by Marshall Davis, move to approve #12 on the 2020 MMO for \$113,576.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Wyoming County Liquid Fuels: \$5,618.27

Police Committee:

Mayor Huber announced that we are waiting for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP). Homecoming Parade is October 11th at 6:00 p.m. Halloween hours will be on October 31st, from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. with the parade starting at 7:00p.m.

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

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to hire Mary Lu Shaffer as crossing guard per the school contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Davis reported that there may be a Police Committee meeting September 17th.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Chairman Robinson reported the committee met on August 26th. The committee recommended to Council, that if a used street sweeper becomes available; Council approved the purchase.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to approve the purchase of a street sweeper if one becomes available. Motion carried unanimously.

Line painting has been completed in the center of town having been done on Thursday, August 29 night. There was very little traffic and the job went smoothly. A special thank you to Steve Stonier, Frank Gudman, and Mike Mead.

The exhaust system may be in need of repair in the future on the refuse truck, which could cost around \$10,000.00.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee: N/A

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG): N/A

Other Business

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to appoint Kenni Parr, and Jennie Pitkus to the Shade Tree Commission for a five year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Concerns:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:42p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager

