

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Mid-Month Meeting
May 18, 2016

Council President Stacy Huber called the Mid-Month Meeting of the Tunkhannock Borough Council to order in the Borough Building, 126 Warren Street, Tunkhannock, PA at 2:00 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, and Ruth Vincenti; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Council Members Joseph Myers and Lisa Tesluk.

Others present: Police Chief Roger Hardy.

Public Privilege of the Floor:

There were no comments.

Finance and Administration Committee:

Prior to this meeting, a health care insurance presentation was provided by Benecon Benefit Administrators & Consultants Representative Claudia J. Burchstead.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to advertise, with the intent to adopt (at the June 2, 2016 Council Meeting), an ordinance to move the Borough employees' healthcare coverage to PMHIC (Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative) through Benecon. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation & Streets Committee:

Robert Robinson reported that the crosswalks are presently being painted.

Building and Property Committee: No Report

Riverside Park Commission: No Report

Police Committee:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Robert Robinson, move to accept Chief Roger Hardy's retirement request, with an effective date of June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ball asked Council to consider temporarily assigning Corporal Robert L. Roberts as Officer-in Charge, Patrolman Keith Carpenter as Acting Sergeant, and Patrolman Dustin Cokely as Acting Corporal.

Chairman Davis requested that the Mayor put his recommendation and rationale in writing.

Planning and Zoning:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Scott Douthett, move to hire (due to a conflict of interest with the appointed Zoning Hearing Board [ZHB] Solicitor, Steve Franko) Attorney Michael Briechele to represent the ZHB at a zoning hearing involving the property at 21 West Tioga Street, now scheduled for June 29th. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to authorize Solicitor Paul Litwin to represent the Borough for 21 West Tioga Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Council of Governments (COG): No report.

Other Business: Nothing.

Executive Session:

On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to go into executive session for discussion of contractual matters at 2:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to go into regular session at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Privilege of the Floor: No comments.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager