

**TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 4, 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 Norman Ball, Council Members: Ben Barziloski, Marshall Davis, Robert Robinson, Lisa Tesluk, Ruth Vincenti, David Wiggins, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Scott Douthett and Dan Gay.**

**Others present were:** Ned Slocum, Ron Coolbaugh, Sue Barziloski, Mike DiStadio, and Wyoming County Press Reporter Kayla Binner.

**On motion by David Wiggins seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve March 7, 2019 and March 20, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Public Privilege of the Floor:**

Ron Coolbaugh asked for an update on the waterline. Manager Welch reported, Northeast Marcellus has not answered our Engineer's questions or revised the plans to date. Coolbaugh asked if Northeast Marcellus could relocate the waterline to Second Street. Welch said she would ask them.

Suzanne Barziloski told President Robinson that his letter to the editor regarding Trehab was well written (the letter was not sent from President Robinson, it was from him personally).

**Finance and Administration Committees:**

President Robinson reported that the Council met with Tunkhannock Borough's Pension Consultants. Information was gathered and will be used for further review and suggestions for the plan's future. The shortfall was caused by the economic downfall and the Borough will be paying more until 2023.

President Robinson reported the 2018 audit went well with the same finding as previous years. There is a lack of segregation of duties in the Borough's Office. This finding is common in small municipalities.

### **Police Committee:**

Police Chairman Marshall Davis reported Chief Carpenter could not make the meeting. The Chief is working with the Victim's Resource Center to secure a grant for Acting Corporal Cokely to attend a National Training, and also the time line for hiring is delayed for a month or two.

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

### **Transportation and Streets Committees:**

Chairman Robinson reported the DPW met on March 26<sup>th</sup>. A work list will be provided to the Manager soon for 2019. The pole lighting was reviewed and sent to Penelec to finishing changing the lights to LED.

### **Building and Property Committees:**

President Robinson reported Northeast Date, Inc. sent an estimate of \$860.00 for rerouting wires in the Borough Office.

**On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to authorize Northeast Data, Inc. to reroute wires in the Borough Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Riverside Park Committee:**

Mayor Norman Ball reported that Omar Camacho will be volunteering again this year. An email was sent from David Wiggins regarding the condition of the playground equipment, which the Manager sent to the Park Commission. The Manager will get a quote for the swing and slide.

### **Planning & Zoning Committees:**

The Planning & Zoning Committee will be meeting April 9, at 9:00 a.m. regarding R2. All are welcome to attend.

### **Council of Governments (COG):**

COG will meeting April 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Other Business:**

President Robinson reported that Council received a letter from Carlos Penedos requesting the Council discuss with an open mind the details of an addendum to our local ordinance (noise), which would allow the Police Department to respond if there is a complaint instead of PLCB. A

meeting was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, with Penedos's Attorney Tom Daniels and our Solicitor Paul Litwin. Attorney Tom Daniels will draft a letter to be sent to the establishments that PLCB serve and given ten days to respond. A no response was considered in favor of the new noise ordinance which would have to be approved by the PLCB. Manager Welch had one call that said he didn't care either way.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to have our Solicitor draft a new Noise Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**Council Privilege of the Floor:**

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,  
Borough Manager