

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2018

Council 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, Dan Gay, Robert Robinson, Ruth Vincenti, David Wiggins, Scott Douthett, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Lisa Tesluk.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Susan DiStadio, Ned Slocum, Michael DiStadio, Wyoming County Press Editor Bob Baker, Sue Barziloski, Jerry Beauchene, Linda Sherman, Mark Monsey, Bill Chapla, Representing NE Marcellus Aqua; Frank Tunis, David Lopatka, and William Rinaldi.

Executive Session:

An executive session was held at 6:30 for police contractual/personnel.

Moment of Silence was held for Trudy Fisk, Mary Ostrowsky, and John Vieczorek.

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to approve March 8, 2018 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

NE Marcellus Aqua Midstream:

Tunkhannock Borough Council had to decide if NE Marcellus Aqua Midstream would be a public purpose. Representatives from NE Marcellus Aqua Midstream testified they could provide fire hydrants within the borough and keep many trucks out of the borough by providing this water line. Triton Fire Chief White testified that such a water line and additional fire hydrants would improve Tritons firefighting capabilities, was a public benefit and was a "win win" for the Borough's residents. After many questions, comments and discussion a motion was made.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, to allow NE Marcellus Aqua Midstream to occupy public right-of-ways for the water line project contingent upon a signed written agreement. 6 to 1, Ben Barziloski no, motion carries.

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Mark Monsey said the Shade Tree Committee did a great job trimming the trees downtown.

Finance and Administration Committees:

PILOT: Wyoming County Historical Society \$350.00.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Sewer Jet: President Robinson thanked Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority for donating the sewer jet to the Borough. President Robinson will send a letter of appreciation.

Utility Agreement for UGI:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Scott Douthett, move to send the recommended changes to the Solicitor for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Cut Permit Officer:

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by David Wiggins, move to appoint Steve Stonier as Road Cut Permit Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 1-2018: Authorizing the Manager to sign Bridge Light Agreement.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, to approve Resolution 1-2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committees:

Samario's Pizza Request:

Samario's Pizza would like Council's approval for a couple of tables to be placed on the public sidewalk.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Scott Douthett, move to approve Samario's Pizza request. Motion carried unanimously.

Blogg:

Carlos Penedos, Blogg; asked the Borough to an opt-out from the PLCB noise regulation. With a lack of a motion, request denied.

Riverside Park Committee:

Mayor Ball reported that Omar Camacho has agreed to mow Riverside Park this year.

Police Committee:

Mayor Norman Ball read Officer Paul Henn's resignation.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti; except with regret Officer Paul Henn's resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Marshall Davis reported the Council received a letter from the Civil Service Commission stating there is no one certified for the Sergeants position.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by David Wiggins, move to advertise the 2011 Chevrolet Impala Police package with a \$500.00 minimum bid. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Scott Douthett, move to join the (AFBA) Armed Forces Benefit Association which will provide additional life insurance to all first responder/administration employees at no cost to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to provide all Borough employees an opportunity to join Nationwide Retirement Solutions or similar program as determined by the Borough Finance committee; a supplemental deferred compensation plan, at no cost to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Baziloski reported the next meeting is April 17.

Other Business:

Council Privilege of the Floor:

Ben Barziloski is very concerned about losing another business downtown and would like to see something done to attract more businesses. Manager Welch reported the Wyoming County Chamber is to look into this along with Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager