

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
August 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, Lisa Tesluk, David Wiggins, Ruth Vincenti, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Scott Douthett and Dan Gay.

Others present were: Ned Slocum, Patti Mead, Mike DiStadio, Merriel Oliver, Frank Oliver, Chief Carpenter, and Wyoming County Reporter Colin Franko.

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to approve July 1, 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: N/A

Finance and Administration Committees:

Civil Service Commission:

President Robinson reported that the Civil Service Commission met July 2, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the advertisement as well as approving the purchase of the First Line patrolman test from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

The advertisement of testing to be held on September 16, 2019 was approved. The test and study guides were ordered. The candidates will be given thirty days to study for the test for patrolman.

The test, oral and written, will be administered and scored by the Civil Service Commission.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by David Wiggins, move to approve the change to the Civil Service Regulations section 5.1, "every applicant for the position of patrol officer may be required to fill out a Personal Data Questionnaire and undergo a polygraph examination". Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Mayor Huber announced that the COPS Office is prepared to launch the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) and the Community Policing Development Microgrants Program as soon as possible and would ask the Police Committee to consider this grant to hire another officer.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to assist the Police Department with the submission of the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Carpenter also reported that Officer Stevens ran the Jack Daniels Mile in full uniform.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Chairman Robinson reported the committee met on July 22.

Drainage from the Borough parking lot on Warren Street is going onto Don Casterline's property on Harding Street. A solution was discussed which includes a recommendation to Council on installing a catch basin on Borough property and piping the runoff water over Casterline's property to an outlet on Harding Street. The Borough would provide the catch basin and pipe.

On motion by Marshall, seconded by David Wiggins, move to forward with the drain and to consult with the Solicitor to make sure there is no legal liability for the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

The DPW workers will paint the lines downtown rather than use thermoplastics as in the past due to the price doubling and the product not lasting. This would be a cost saving to the taxpayers. The line painting would be around 1a.m., so it would not impact traffic at the intersection of Bridge and Tioga.

UGI will be extending the natural gas on Warren Street to Tioga to hookup more prospective commercial customers and aid in hooking up the Borough Building when/if the Borough does hook up to natural gas.

An email from Kristin Sunday said UGI is tentatively scheduling to gas up the pipeline on Tuesday.

The Impact Fee for this year is \$40,977 and should be used for street surfacing, but then this would be up to the Council to decide.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee:

Marshall Davis said he contacted DL & S Railroad in Honesdale last fall regarding the caboose. They expressed interest but noted the caboose was in poor condition. The manager reached out to Marshall Davis saying they are still interested in taking ownership of the caboose and refurbishing it. Council agreed to pursue this. Davis is to contact the DL & S Railroad General Manager and copy the Borough Manager on his correspondences so a meeting can be set up to discuss the transfer.

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Barziloski informed the Borough there may be a meeting on Tuesday, August 13th.

Ordinance:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adopt 2019-1 Noise Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Resolution 3-2019. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adopt Resolution 4-2019 Filing petition for the noise ordinance with the Commonwealth of PA Liquor Control Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

David Wiggins asked when we would be meeting with Community Planning to review the changes to the zoning ordinance. Manager Welch will speak to Chairman Gay when he is recovered from an illness.

Wiggins also wanted to know when we were going to address the \$28,000.00 plus increase in the Police MMO. Manager Welch will be contacting Chairman Douthett to schedule a finance meeting to discuss the MMO and Roberts' buyout which is approximately \$26,000.00.

Council Concerns:

David Wiggins reported many years ago that Paul Shaffer ran in the Triton Trot in his work boots and smoking a cigar.

Chief Carpenter mentioned the Impact Fees could be used for first responders and that Susquehanna County distributes monies to the municipalities because they don't own the roads.

The Chief suggested that someone from Council or the Manager should contact the Wyoming County Commissioners to see if they could distribute money to municipalities as well.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:53p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager