

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2018

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 President Robert Robinson; Council Members: Ben Barziloski, Marshall Davis, Scott Douthett, Dan Gay, Lisa Tesluk, Ruth Vincenti, and David Wiggins, Absent: Borough Manager Dawn Welch.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Ron Coolbaugh, Patty Mead, Hildy Morgan, Carol Cerzarowski, Jim Laub, Eileen Barziloski, Luke Casterline, Jennie Pitkus, Jerry Pitkus, Sarah Scranta, Bernie Scranta, Paula Foux, Sara Brown, Cristie Gacha, Guy Springer, Tunkhannock Area School Superintendent Heather McPherson, Administrator Kelly Carroll, and Wyoming County Press Reporter CJ Marshall.

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve July 5, 2018 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Wendy Daly cats are Gods Creation. People should be held accountable for their cats, it's not the cats fault. If people have a problem with cats, they should call the Humane Society.

Carol Gerzarowski, one of many supporters of the stray cats' colony, asked if there is public confirmation concerning the number of feral cats.

Hildy Morgan said she is working with an elder woman who is feeding four stray cats. Arrangements are being made to trap two of the strays and find homes for them.

Sarah Scranta is upset with the stray cat's urine and feces on her property on Second Street. She asked the Council to take action that would protect the property owners.

Eileen Barziloski has been working with Meshoppen Cat Rescue in hopes of trapping and neutering some of the cats, which was to be done on Monday; but someone called and cancelled.

Mayor Ball reported that someone recently dumped a cat and kittens at the end of Putnam Street. One kitten was ran over. Anyone seeing people dumping cats are urged to get the license plate number and call the police.

Luke Casterline was upset that he received a notice advising him he was in violation of 5-3001 of the Code of Ordinances. Grass and Weeds exceeding 12 inches. There was no date, no name, and was put in his mailbox which is illegally. "Manager Welch was not here to tell him that this was a notice, which was given to many people in the borough to let them know they are in violation. She does this every year to the people in violation." Casterline is concerned on the water run-off from the Warren Street Parking Lot. It is running into his basement.

Heather McPherson; Superintendent and Kelly Carroll; Administrator of TASD:

Superintendent McPherson and Administrator Carroll presented a plan for the busses at the schools. McPherson said there is no way to determine the parent traffic. They will continue to make improvements daily until the issue is solved. The district is hiring another security officer to direct traffic at Digger Drive and Route 29. She acknowledge that the Borough asked for a traffic study to be done. But why do a traffic study if you don't know how many students and parents would be driving. If they can't solve the problem, then they would do a traffic study.

Finance and Administration Committees:

Chairman Douthett tabled the MMO recommendation from the Consultant until after the next Finance Meeting which is August 17th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the budget.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Chairman Robinson reported the committee met July 25th and recommends changes to the Snow Ordinance, which is from five inches to 3 inches constitutes a snow emergency and the time of day should be removed.

LED lights are under review by the committee whom is waiting for some questions to be answered from Janice Hoover.

Electronic Recycling is September 8th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Tunkhannock Township Building.

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Ben Barziloski move to have Solicitor Litwin to review the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee:

River Day went well.

Police Committee:

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

Mayor Ball reported that Officer Alisha Sherwood returned her equipment and resignation.

Chairman Davis reported that the Council received an important letter from the Mayor, which the Police Committee will meet and give the Council a report at the next scheduled meeting.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Dan Gay, move to accept Alisha Sherwood's resignation with regret. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Barziloski reported the next schedule meeting is August 14th.

Environmental Committee:

Chairman Barziloski reported the committee met July 26th to discuss the cat situation in the Borough. He had contacted Senator Baker and Representative Boback for information that may help. He has received some information but has not had time to review it. The committee will need to meet to review.

Other Business: N/A

Council Privilege of the Floor:

David Wiggins reported that he saw a bear crossing downtown Saturday morning.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Vincenti
Assistant Secretary

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager

