

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2017

Vice-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, Joseph Myers, Lisa Tesluk, Robert Robinson, and Ruth Vincenti; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Scott Douthett.

Others present were: Citizens: Susan DiStadio, Ned Slocum, Patti Mead, Tye & Arianna Cokely, Jessica Hannon, District Attorney Jeff Mitchell, Chief County Detective David Ide, Tunkhannock Borough Police Department; and Wyoming County Press Examiner Editor Robert Baker.

On motion by Joseph Myers, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Officer Dustin Cokely Professional Recognition:

Mayor Ball presented Officer Cokely a proclamation for his professionalism. Chief Carpenter presented Officer Cokely with a plaque. "Presented to Tunkhannock Borough Police Officer Dustin G. Cokely. "In recognition of his selfless act of Bravery and Valor above and beyond the call of duty. An act which showed true Courage by placing other lives before his own in a proven dedication to his sworn oath "TO PROTECT AND SERVE"."

Stacy Huber's Resignation:

On motion by Ruth Vincenti with a heavy heart, seconded by Joseph Myers with deep regret; accept the resignation of Stacy Huber. Motion carried unanimously.

President and Vice-President Elected:

On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by Joseph Myers move to nominate Robert Robinson as president. On motion by Joseph Myers, seconded by Ruth Vincenti to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Lisa Tesluk, seconded Ruth Vincenti move to nominate Ben Barziloski as vice-president. On motion by Marshall, seconded by Joseph Myers to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Privilege of the Floor: There were no comments made.

Finance and Administration Committees:

President Robinson and Manager Welch met with Brian Baker; Regional Planning Program Manager and Ethan Sexton; Community Development Program Manager of Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission regarding the Penn Dot's 2018 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Guidance and Procedures. Manager Welch has filed an Eligibility Determination Form and if accepted would like permission to move forward for this Storm Water Grant.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to authorize the Manager to engage services of the engineer or other services to continue for this grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Welch would like the Police and the Department of Public Works to submit the 2018 Budget request by September 1, 2017.

Transportation & Streets Committee (TSC):

Randy Ehrenzeller, Eaton Township Supervisor received notification that the Tunkhannock Rt. 29 Lighting Upgrade Project from the 2016 Automotive Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program has been awarded \$58,400.00.

Building and Property Committee: N/A

Riverside Park Commission:

Mayor Ball reported that River Day had around 1,500 to 1,800 people and everything went well.

President Robinson reported that there are several dead ash trees that need to be removed from the park.

Police Department:

Mayor Ball reported the Tunkhannock Borough Police Officers Association resubmitted a letter July 10th regarding negotiations for a new collective bargaining unit agreement 2018-2021, Settlement Offer.

On motion by Joseph Myers, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to accept the 2018-2021 Settlement Offer submitted July 10, 2017. Marshall Davis, No. On a vote 5 to 1, motion carries.

Chief Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of July 2017. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Police Chairman Davis said it is a personal pleasure and privilege to work with the men and women of the Tunkhannock Borough Police Department.

President Robinson asked Police Chairman Davis and committee to review the request made by Chief Carpenter regarding Civil Service Testing and promoting Officer Cokely to sergeant and give a recommendation to Council before the next monthly meeting.

Planning and Zoning:

Zoning Ordinance Re-Write:

President Robinson reported the Tunkhannock Borough Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed 2017 Zoning Ordinance update and recommends the Borough adopts it.

On motion by Joseph Myers, seconded by Ruth Vincenti move to advertise with the intent to adopt the 2017 Zoning Ordinance after a public hearing on September 7th at 6:45p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Ben Barziloski reported the meeting will be August 8th.

Other Business: Nothing to report

Council Privilege of the Floor:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Joseph Meyers, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager