

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Special Meeting
December 18, 2015

Council President Stacy Huber called the monthly Meeting of the Tunkhannock Borough Council to order in the Borough Building, 126 Warren Street, Tunkhannock, PA at 11:00 a.m. He led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Council Members Marshall Davis, Stacy Huber, Robert Robinson, Wendy Sweppenheiser, and Ruth Vincenti; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Council Members Scott Douthett, Joseph Myers, and Lisa Tesluk; and Mayor Norman Ball.

Public Privilege of the Floor: No one from the public was present.

Finance and Administration:

The Act 205 Reports have been completed and reviewed by our current pension fund manager, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs/Municipal Retirement Trust (PSAB/MRT), who advised us to amend our 2015 and 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs) to reflect the corrected amounts owed by the Borough stemming from reduced employee contributions as per the result of labor negotiations (which lowered the pension payment rate from 5.0% to 2.5%).

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, directed the Borough Manager, as recommended by our current pension fund manager, to: a) amend the 2015 MMO to revise the member's contribution amount; and b) forward a check in the amount of \$13,955 (\$5,225 members' contribution shortfall for 2015 and correcting/eliminating the of 25% amortization reduction of \$8,730) to PSAB/MRT. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Wendy Sweppenheiser, directed the Borough Manager, along with our current pension fund manager, to revise our 2016 MMO, upon recommendation from our current pension fund manager, to reflect the members' adjusted contribution. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Robert Robinson, directed the Borough Manager, along with our current pension fund manager, to revise our 2015 and 2016 MMOs, upon recommendation from our current pension fund manager, to revise the Amortization Calculation. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation & Streets Committee (TSC):

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Robert Robinson, to request that Eaton Township (with whom we share financial responsibility for maintaining the lighting on the

Susquehanna River Bridge) seek prices on replacing three (of the seven total) light poles and installing LED lights on all (seven) poles. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committee:

President Huber noted that Triton Hose is experiencing issues with: a) the control mechanisms and electrical components within the fire siren access area, which is located in the Borough Manager's office; and b) operational aspects related to retaining/maintaining said system. After much discussion, it was decided that if Triton wishes to retain the siren in an operational capacity, they should: a) upgrade the components, controls, etc., to current code/safety levels; b) relocate said systems out of the Manager's Office to a mutually agreeable location; and c) be responsible for the associated costs.

Council Privilege of the Floor: N/A

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager