

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2017

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

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Patty Mead, Mark Monsey, and Wyoming County Examiner Reporter CJ Marshall.

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Mark Monsey, TBPA; thanked everyone's assistance for the Train Rides and Christmas in our Home Town.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Finance and Administration Committees:

Civil Service: President Robinson reported that the Civil Service Committee met November 29th. They reorganized, Charles Sands; President, Robert Robinson; Vice President, and Susan Elias; Secretary. The committee recommended leaving in the Polygraph Test, but changing the language from "shall" to "may be used". Also, recommended using Joseph Blackburn for the Sergeant's promotion testing.

2018 Budget/2018 Tax Levy: After many hours on the 2018 Budget, the Finance Committee recommends an increase of 4 mills to the General Fund and a one mill decrease in the Street Light Fund. Increases are due to hiring a fourth officer, pension liability, and stormwater issues.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adopt 1-2017 Tax Levy Ordinance 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Zicollelo:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Dan Gay, move retain Attorney Zicollelo for the Williams case. Motion carried unanimously.

COLAS:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski; move to approve 2% increase for Pension COLAS for David Ide and Roger Hardy. Motion carried unanimously.

Penn DOT Set aside grant:

President Robinson and Mayor Ball will be going to Northern Tier, December 11th to present the reasons why Tunkhannock Borough will benefit from this sewer/storm water grant.

Joseph Myers Resignation:

On motion from Ben Baziloski, seconded by Marshall Davis to accept Joseph Myer's resignation with regret. Motion carried unanimously.

DROP:

The Finance Committee along with the Pension Committee will meet to discuss and make recommendations to the Council regarding the DROP.

UGI:

UGI is going to meet with Tunkhannock Borough Council on December 14.

2018 Newsletter/Holiday and Council Meetings:

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to adopt the 2018 Newsletter, Holidays, and Council Meetings schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to approve the purchase of the TBMA's sewer jet, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. (I was notified that TBMA was going to give the sewer jet to the borough, so I will check).

Manager Welch reported that the LED lights are saving approximately 3,500 KWH/month approximately \$350.00; which the DPW workers installed themselves.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee: N/S

Police Committee:

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

Chief Carpenter received many compliments regarding Corporal Roberts' professionalism during a presentation for Keystone Resources.

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Barziloski reported the state is trying to pass a house bill which would allow 3rd party inspectors. The COG is not in favor of this house bill.

Other Business:

Council Privilege of the Floor:

President Robinson reported that budgeted monies must be used efficiently; not frivolously spent. He then thanked Manager Welch, Chief Carpenter, and Mayor Ball for working together to keep the budget in perspective.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager

