

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 7, 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 Norman Ball, Council Members: Ben Barziloski, Marshall Davis, Scott Douthett (via phone), Dan Gay, Robert Robinson, Lisa Tesluk, Ruth Vincenti, David Wiggins, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Ned Slocum, Joe Sick, Linda Sherman, Ron Coolbaugh, and Wyoming County Press Reporter Brooke Williams.

On motion by Dan Gay seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve January 3, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Linda Sherman is concerned about the digital sign that Peoples Security Bank applied for a variance, but postponed the hearing.

Joe Sick asked the Council if this spring they could repair the old train tracks by VanDuzer's Service Station. The DPW Committee will need to review this request. He once again asked for the police department's assistance with the trucks with no mufflers or with the stacks coming down Bridge Street.

Chief Carpenter informed Council that he has been in touch with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) will be assisting the Acting Corporal Cokely with truck inspections on Route 29 (which they were there February 8th).

Ron Coolbaugh asked if the Borough received monthly reports from the Fire Company. Manager Welch reported she has received some. Ron asked if the report could be share with the public.

TBMA Appointment:

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to appoint Anson Carter to Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority term to expire December 31, 2023. With a vote of 7 and Marshall Davis abstaining, motion carried.

Finance and Administration Committees:

President Robinson reported that the Crossing Guard position at Bridge and East Harrison Street is still vacant. The School District and Police Department has the position posted on the web-sites.

Robinson also on the Civil Service Commission reported the Commission has obtained a test for the position of Corporal and is in the process of tailoring it to conform to the Tunkhannock Borough Police regulations/standards. The Commission would like the Council to move the testing procedure be extended to a time to be announced in the future and that Acting Corporal Cokely's rank be extended to that time as well.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to extend the corporal's test to a future date and extend Acting Corporal Cokely's rank as well. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Police Chairman Marshall Davis reported a Police Committee meeting will be held February 20th at 1p.m.

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

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Chairman Robinson reported that:

UGI: The bore has been made under Swale Brook on East Harrison Street, the pipe installed and connected to the main pipeline. Linde Corporation is moving the pipeline installation along very nicely.

Floodplain Ordinance: A public meeting was held January 21, 2019 and one person attended (Joe Sick). Letters went out informing the public who might be now listed in the new floodplain lines.

Northeast Marcellus Midstream Aqua (NEMMA): Milnes Engineering has reviewed the plans received. At this time, we are waiting for NEMMA for their response. After some concerns, Marshall Davis would like to engage our Solicitor and Engineer to make inquiries about permits and easements that is needed for the storm drain on McCord or nearby.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to engage our Solicitor and Engineer to make inquiries about what permits and easements are needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committees:

Chairman Robinson reported that on January 22, 2019 7:30a.m. the Borough Office had water damage from frozen pipes. The water came through the office ceiling from upstairs from a broken (separated) heat line pipe. The water eventually was turned off, which cause quite a bit of damage. Manager Welch used a wet/dry vacuum and sucked up much of the water and Ace Robbins was called to repair the line. The water was turned back on, then water started pouring down in again. The heat line was frozen along the outside wall upstairs which was unknown. Repairs have been made to the electronic components; part of the security system. Carpets and underlayment will be done February 15th. EMC has been notified of the damage.

Riverside Park Committee: N/A

Planning & Zoning Committees:

President Robinson reported that:

Comprehensive Plan: Council is contemplating making a zoning change in the Borough, but each time the issue is brought up; we are told the change does not comply with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Manager Welch has spent a good amount of her time trying to find the plan. She finally has been in contact with Marlene Pawlowski, Planning Consultant; told us the plan was never finished and Council has never formally adopted this plan. The Wyoming County Planning Commission is about ready to adopt a new County Comprehensive Plan. President Robinson would like Council to deliberate the issue in Committee, and come up with some suggestions. Then take on the issue of a rezoning proposal. We do have the Community Objectives to refer to.

Zoning Fee Resolution 1-2019: Jere Woods, Zoning Enforcement Officer ask Council to adopt the new fees.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adopt Resolution 1-2019 Zoning Fee Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Barziloski reported a there will be a reorganization meeting February 12, 2019. They are in need of people for the appeals board.

Other Business: N/A

Council Privilege of the Floor:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager