

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 1, 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, David Wiggins, Dan Gay, President Robert Robinson, Lisa Tesluk, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Scott Douthett and Ruth Vincenti.

Others present were: Ned Slocum, Ron Coolbaugh, Patti Mead, Sue Barziloski, Mike DiStadio, Susan DiStadio, Linda Sherman, Stacy Huber, Dolores Manganella, David Kuffa, Gloria Pasternak, Debbie Migliori, Ted Migliori, Donald Casterline, Philip Urie, Roger Hadsall, and Wyoming County Examiner Editor Bob Baker.

Mayor Norman Ball Resignation:

President Robinson read Mayor Ball's Resignation: "I am resigning the position of Mayor for Tunkhannock Borough effective July 1, 2019 due to health reasons. I am highly recommending that A. Stacy Huber be appointed to replace me as Mayor. He is well equipped to take over the position because of his background and the work he has done over the years for the Borough."

Mayor Ball thanked his wife for supporting him, DPW for doing a tremendous job, Police Department which has to see the dark side of life, Manager Welch for being an asset to the borough, Council, and all the volunteers who helped the community for Library, Ambulance, Fire Department, Bypass, and Riverside Park.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by David Wiggins, accept Mayor Ball's letter of resignation with deep sorrow and great regret. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to appoint A. Stacy Huber as Mayor. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Russell Shurtleff swore A. Stacy Huber as Mayor.

Mayor Stacy Huber said he came to the position without any agenda, but does aspire to the level of greatness that Mayor Ball has given to this position.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve June 6, 2019 and June 19, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Norman Ball wanted to also thank the Dietrich Theater, Riverside Park, and the Wyoming County Chamber for all they have done.

Peg Ball said it has been a fun run.

Almost all the public here thanked Norman Ball for all he did and wished him and his wife the best.

Philip Urie said he is concerned that the borough had many material assets in the right of way and wanted to know why a private entity, Northeast Marcellous didn't have to pay for lying of the pipes. Urie feels it is a gross injustice to the resident of the borough.

Councilman Davis responded that the Northeast Marcellous waterline was going to come through the Borough on state roads as they already had attained a permit from PennDOT. Therefore, the Borough was successful in negotiating an arrangement where Northeast Marcellous will utilize only three to four blocks of Borough streets in exchange for major improvements to the Borough's infrastructure. These include the installation of new storm drains, additional high capacity fire hydrants and repaving the utilized roads from shoulder to shoulder. These in-kind improvements will save the Borough taxpayers a very large sum of money.

Ron Coolbaugh wanted to know why the Borough issued the permit to Northeast Marcellous before they had a signed agreement for the fire hydrants. Manager Welch said that Triton had the agreement for approximately three weeks. Coolbaugh said their engineer was reviewing it.

Finance and Administration Committees:

Noise Ordinance:

President Robinson thanked David Wiggins for answering the email that the manager sent to everyone about the noise ordinance regarding extending the time to midnight for special events but also pointed out that the carnival has entertainment five nights.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Dan Gay, move to authorize the Solicitor to make the changes to the Noise Ordinance to be advertised and adopted August 5, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Officer Stevens presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of June 2019. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Police Chairman Davis reported that at the direction of the Council, the Chief, Mayor, Manager, and himself prepared the time line for the Civil Service Commission to advertise for the best qualified Patrol Officers. The Civil Service Commission will be meeting July 2, 2019 to review the process and advertisement for Patrol Officer. The ads should run next week.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Sherwood Storm Water Agreement:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by David Wiggins, move to have the President of Council sign the Sherwood Storm Water Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee: N/A

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG): N/A

Resolution:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by David Wiggins, move to approve Zoning Fee Schedule 2-2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Growing Tunkhannock:

Dan Gay reported that he along with Ben Barziloski, Manager Welch met with representatives from Northern Tier, Nancy Parlo, Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association, Small Business Development Center University of Scranton. This meeting was to try to find ways to grow Tunkhannock. There will be a meeting at the Dietrich Theater September 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Council Concerns:

David Wiggins asked for a round of applause for Norman Ball, at that time a standing ovation was given.

Council members all thanked Norman Ball and wished him well.

David Wiggins reported that Norman Ball was the only Democrat that he ever voted for.

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager