

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2016

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 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, Stacy Huber, Joseph Myers, Robert Robinson, Lisa Tesluk, and Ruth Vincenti; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Council Member Scott Douthett.

Others present: Wyoming County Press Examiner Reporter C.J. Marshall; Citizens Patti Mead, Susan DiStadio, Harold May, and Mark Monsey.

Agenda Items:

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the minutes of the meetings held on June 2, 2016 and June 15, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to go into executive session at 7:01 p.m. for personnel and potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Joseph Myers, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to go into regular session at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to approve payment of the bills, with the exception of one from Starr Uniform. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Harold May wanted to know “why he never sees cops on the Borough roads and only sees them at the Bypass.” Mayor Ball will check into this.

Finance and Administration Committee: N/A

Transportation & Streets Committee:

Bridge Lighting: The start of the welding has been delayed pending final approval by PennDOT of the required traffic flow plan. Once the PennDOT approval is received, we anticipate that the job will be completed within a few days.

Eaton Township has advised that the grant application for the purchase of antique style light-poles has been submitted to the State, and we will wait for the outcome of that process.

Street Pavement Crack-Sealing: The street paving/crack-sealing project was partially completed by Black and Green Landscaping, who have done a great job. Unfortunately, but as anticipated, additional materials, application, and associated funding will be needed to complete the project. Action will be delayed until next year, at which time we can review and readdress.

Annual Clean-Up: This year, 34 tons were collected versus 45 tons last spring and 33 tons last fall.

Storm-water Issues: July 1, the *ad hoc* Storm-water Committee met to discuss: a) storm-water discharge into the Municipal Authority's sanitary sewer system; and b) a preliminary analysis of the situation prepared by Committee Member Ned Slocum. Discussions covered potential options to address/resolve the situation; but the Committee felt that additional information would be needed before being able to move ahead with firm recommendations. The Committee asked Ned to refine certain aspects from engineering, logistical, and cost perspectives to be available for the next meeting on July 29th.

Parking Lot Signs: At the mid-month meeting, it was stated that new signs had been ordered for the municipal parking lot across from the Post Office. The new two hour limit signs have been placed to correct the erroneously marked twelve hour limit signs. It was requested, through the Mayor, that the police, before issuing actual citations, begin the process by providing written warnings to those who may be exceeding the two hour limit.

Road Construction & Dedication Ordinance (2-2016): The Road Construction and Dedication Ordinance has: a) undergone several iterations and updates; b) been approved and recommended for adoption by our Planning Commission, Engineer, and Solicitor.

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to adopt Ordinance 2-2016 Road Construction & Dedication Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Street and Road Plan Submittal Fees: Attached to Ordinance 2-2016 was Resolution 2016-4, Street and Road Plan Submission Fees. As indicated in the title, the Resolution spells out the various submission and inspection fees related to street development.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to adopt Resolution 2016-4 Street and Road Plan Submittal Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committee: N/A

Riverside Park Commission:

River Day will be celebrated at Riverside Park July 23rd. At 2:15 p.m., at which Tunkhannock Borough will be officially designated as a River Town.

Police Committee:

Mayor Ball presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of June 2016. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Joseph Myers, move to name Officer Keith Carpenter as Officer in Charge (OIC) on an interim basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Zoning:

The Planning Commission (PC) meeting of July 5th was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Hand Break Holdings (HBH), LLC, is seeking, as a Special Exception Use, a Continuation of Non-Conforming Use for their property at 21 West Tioga Street on July 13th.

Council of Governments (COG): Nothing to report.

Other Business:

This year's Founders' Day went very well. President Huber thanked everyone involved; and Mark Monsey, Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association and thanked everyone involved from the Borough.

President Huber expressed thanks to Jean Ruhf, Executive Director of the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, for recognizing the 175th Anniversary of the Borough's Incorporation with a large cake decorated with sparklers for Founders' Day.

The next Council meeting will be August 1st, Monday at 7 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., there will be a small gathering in the Council Chambers in recognition of our 175th Anniversary.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

On motion by Robert Robinson, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to adjourn the meeting at 7: 40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager

