

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 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, Dan Gay, Robert Robinson, Lisa Tesluk, Ruth Vincenti, David Wiggins, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Ned Slocum, Patti Mead, Rick Gay, Mark Monsey, Ron Coolbaugh, and Wyoming County Press Reporter Brooke Williams.

On motion by Scott Douthett seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve February 7, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Ron Coolbaugh asked if the Borough when the rest of the street lights would be LED. Manager Welch reported when it warms up, she will go out and get 20 more to be replaced. She wanted to make sure the lights that were currently changed was appropriate. There has been only two complaints. Ron also wanted an update with the water-line, which there is none.

Finance and Administration Committees: N/A

Police Committee:

Police Chairman Marshall Davis reported a Police Committee meeting was held February 20th at 1p.m at the request of Chief Carpenter. The Committee committed to establishing a tentative time line by the April Council meeting that would detail the steps for the hiring process and to have a list by the end of the year of qualified candidates. The Committee reminded Councilmembers to submit any comments or thoughts concerning possible changes to the CBA.

Mayor Ball reported that a qualified applicant has applied for the Crossing Guard position, Chris Ritz.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to hire Chris Ritz April 1, 2019 as a crossing guard. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of February 2019. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department. He also reported that February 8, 2019 that Department of Transportation set up by Sick's Garage, but there weren't any tickets because of radios and social media alerting the truck drivers.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

Chairman Robinson reported that:

State Liquid Fuels: \$60,611.26.

UGI: The hookup fee will be \$10,341.30, which we feel is inappropriate and will review this with UGI. We are not commercial but rather municipal and shouldn't be more than the residential hookup fees, which the residents will be hit with this fee as well. There will also be interior building cost for running a pipe to the boiler. A meeting will be held on March 20th at 1:00p.m.

DPW workers have done a wonderful job taking care of the streets this winter.

Thomas Baker has resigned from employment with eleven years of service with the borough. He was always responsible and reliable in his work habits. He will be missed. Frank Gudman will now be replacing Thomas Baker.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Dan Gay, move to accept Thomas Baker's resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committees:

President Robinson reported that the Borough Office is now pretty much back in order and thanked all involved in the refurbishment process. Water damage can be very costly and time consuming.

Manager Welch thanked the DPW for the assistance with the cleanup of her office.

Riverside Park Committee: N/A

Planning & Zoning Committees:

President Robinson reported that:

The Planning & Zoning Committee had met and is in the process of gathering information for the Council. David Wiggins graciously read the Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan, and felt the borough can adopt the Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan and add an addendum.

Council of Governments (COG):

Chairman Barziloski reported a there was a reorganization meeting February 12, 2019. They are hosting a seminar on the Spotted Lantern Fly.

Other Business:

President Robinson reported that Council received a letter from Carlos Penedos requesting the Council discuss with an open mind the details of an addendum to our local ordinance (noise), which would allow the Police Department to respond if there is a complaint instead of PLCB. After much discussion, it was decided that Carlos Penedos should come to the March 20th meeting to discuss this with legal counsel and the Chief of Police.

Mayor Ball thanked Manager Welch for filling out the Special Events Permits.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager