

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 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 Stacy Huber, Council Members: President Robert Robinson, Scott Douthett, Marshall Davis, Dan Gay, Lisa Tesluk, David Wiggins, Ruth Vincenti, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Ben Barziloski.

Others present were: Chief Carpenter, and Wyoming County Reporter Brooke Williams, Janice Gay, Susie Barziloski, Carlos Penedos, Terrie, Mike DiStadio, Susan DiStadio, Ron Coolbaugh, and Ned Slocum.

An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. regarding personnel and finished at 6:57 p.m.

On motion by Ruth Vincenti, seconded by Scott Douthett, move to approve October 3, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Suzie Barziloski said the borough is quite extensive when you drive around and see all the leaves and brush piles out along the streets. Suzie said the Department of Public Works does a wonderful job!

Carlos Penedos expressed sincere thanks to the Council and Chief for the new Noise Ordinance which the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) accepted. It allows the Tunkhannock Borough Police to respond to noise complaints rather than the PLCB.

President Robinson congratulated Ron Coolbaugh on his endeavors (Council Ward 4).

Finance and Administration Committees:

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to adopt the 2020 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Douthett thanked the Council for the assistance and Manager Welch for an exemplary job on the budget.

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to adopt Resolution 6-2019; 2020 Tax Levy Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Dan Gay, move to approve the 2020 COLA for the retired police. On a vote 6-1 with Robert Robinson voting no, motion carried.

There will be a mid-month meeting on November 20th at 2 p.m. to honor Norman Ball.

The Pension Consultants will be reviewing our pension plans on November 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chambers.

The Caboose will be headed to its new home on November 25th. The Miles Group plans to take the Caboose to Honesdale and refurbish it to be put on the Stourbridge Line.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the revision to the Property Maintenance Ordinance with the intent adopt December 5, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Ruth Vincenti, move authorize the Solicitor, in Conjunction with other Municipalities and Carson Helfrich Zoning Consultant to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Mayor Huber announced that the **Wall That Heals** along with its affiliated Education Center will be coming to Tunkhannock next year. The combined exhibit, which is both a memorial and an education resource will be on display 24 hours a day from April 30th through May 3rd at the High School's Memorial Stadium. The staff of Sheldon-Kukuchka Funeral Home led the effort for securing this important visit, which only goes to one state per year. In order to complete the many associated tasks, lots of volunteers are needed. Anyone wishing to help and/or donate to this worthy endeavor is asked to contact Louis Marcho, of Sheldon-Kukuchka, at 570-836-3321.

Also the annual Journey to Bethlehem will be December 13th and 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the Journey to Bethlehem. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Davis reported that the Police Commission feels the need to fill the part-time police officer position, and the Committee, Mayor, and President interviewed a candidate.

On motion by Marshall Davis, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to hire William Shane McCall as a part-time officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation and Streets Committee:

On motion by Scott Douthett, seconded by Dan Gay move to authorize Bradco Supply, Cargill Incorporated, and Pike's Creek Asphalt expenses for the Wyoming County Liquid Fuels. 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

Other Business: N/A

Council Concerns:

Dave Wiggins asked if there would be a Planning and Zoning Committee meeting this month. At this time, we are waiting to hear from Carson Helfrich Zoning Consultant.

Ruth Vincenti received a complaint that one of her neighbors has an opossum as a pet and wanted to know if anything could be done about it.

Marshall Davis wondered if there was a plan or movement on the decision as to whether or not to GET Gas.

Manager Welch replied no. She just received some information from Ace Robbins and UGI. The Finance Committee will need to meet to review the information and make a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Huber commended the Police for a great job on Halloween and also thanked the Kiwanis for reorganizing the gathering held at the middle school on short notice.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager

