

**TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**December 2, 2021**

**Monthly Meeting**

**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, Vice President Ben Barziloski, Ronald Coolbaugh, Charles Mead, Glenda Shoemaker, Lisa Tesluk, David Wiggins; and Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Dan Gay.**

**Others present were: Wyoming County Press Examiner Reporter Kevin Mcconlogue, Chief Carpenter, Officer Stevens, Ned Slocum, Marshall Davis, and Gloria Pasternak.**

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the November 4, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Ronald Coolbaugh, move to authorize payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Finance and Administration Committees:**

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to adopt the 2022 budget without a tax increase. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Charles Mead, move to adopt Resolution 1-2021 Tax Levy Resolution which fixes the tax rate. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the 2022 COLA at a 1.5% increase for eligible retired officers. Motion passed 6-1 with Robert Robinson a no.**

**On motion by Charles Mead, seconded Ronald Coolbaugh, move to approve the 2022 Newsletter, Holiday and Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Police:**

Mayor Huber reported that The Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association's (TBPA's) annual Christmas in our Hometown event is scheduled to be held on Friday and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's event will be between the hours of 5 and 9 PM. As in the past, for Friday's event, the closing of East Tioga Street, from Warren to Bridge and from Bridge to Pine Street is planned. Note: Saturday's event does not involve closing any streets.

The Santa Train Rides went well.

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Ronald Coolbaugh, move to approve the 2022-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Ronald Coolbaugh, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to approve the purchase of computers from Northeast Data for \$10,411.41. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Transportation and Streets Committees:**

Chairman Robert Robinson reported: A) DPW Committee met November 22, 2021; B) A letter was received from the Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority (TBMA) dealing with the combined sewer and storm water collection system and the impact that the separation of which will have on the borough storm water collection system; and C) Will arrange for a meeting with TBMA and DPW committee to discuss the project and any council member that can attend.

**Building and Property Committees:** N/A

**Riverside Park Committee:** N/A

**Planning & Zoning Committees:**

President Robinson reported that we still need a Zoning Officer.

**Council of Governments (COG):**

Chairman Barziloski reported the next COG meeting will be February 8, 2022 at 7p.m.

**Public Privilege of the Floor:**

Gloria Pasternak delivered Christmas apples from Sue Barziloski, who is out of town, for the Council, Mayor, and Manager. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas from Sue and herself.

Ben Barziloski thanked Northeast Signal and DPW for their assistance with the light poles. He also thanked Nancy Thaler and company for taking care of Feed Mill Park.

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch  
Borough Manager