

## **TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**October 7, 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, Dan Gay, Charles Mead, Glenda Shoemaker, Lisa Tesluk, and David Wiggins, Borough Manager Dawn Welch. Absent: Ronald Coolbaugh.**

**Others present were: Wyoming County Press Examiner Reporter Kevin Mcconlogue, Chief Carpenter, Officer Stevens, Ned Slocum, Marshall Davis, Joseph B. Sick, and Collin K. Lunger.**

**On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Glenda Shoemaker, move to approve the September 2, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

### **Police:**

Mayor Huber reported PennDOT approved road closures for the Homecoming Parade October 15, 2021 and the Halloween Parade October 30, 2021. Trick or Treat hours will be from 5 to 7.

Chairman Wiggins reported that the Contract Negotiations were ongoing and now should be reviewed by the Labor Attorney.

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Chas Mead, move to send the negotiated CBA to the Labor Attorney for a legal review. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Wiggins asked for a motion for Part-Time Officers not to be scheduled for more than 30 hours per week. Chief Carpenter thanked Chairman Wiggins for blindsiding him. Wiggins tried to explain to the Chief that he had spoken to Sgt. Cokely regarding the part-time hours and the CBA. Chairman Wiggins spoke about an email from the Labor Attorney advising the Borough not to schedule a part-time officer more than 30 hours. Wiggins also spoke about an email from retired Chief Hardy.

After much heated discussion, Manager Welch reported that she had notified the Chief, but did not hear back from him regarding the part-time officers' hours. She also reported that she sent an email to the Mayor and the President regarding this issue. She said had she received an explanation, maybe this wouldn't even come up today.

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

### **Finance and Administration Committees:**

Chairman Dan Gay reported the Finance Committee will meet on October 20<sup>th</sup> to work on the 2022 Budget.

Manager Welch reported that she is gathering information for the American Rescue Plan Act.

**Transportation and Streets Committees:**

Chairman Robert Robinson reported the DPW Committee met September 27. He asked the Council if they had any questions concerning his DPW Committee minutes. DPW hopes to start leaf pick up the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Gay mentioned that the Committee was looking at removing mattresses and furniture from the cleanups. After much conversation, he will talk to the DPW Committee.

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

**Riverside Park Committee:** N/A

**Planning & Zoning Committees:**

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to retain Jere Woods at \$300.00/month plus hours and expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Council of Governments (COG):**

Chairman Barziloski reported the next meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Privilege of the Floor:**

Colin Lunger introduced himself and reminded everyone that he is running for Wyoming County Coroner.

Joseph B. Sick expressed his concerns regarding the gas and water pipe lines such as pot holes, sink holes, and the purge holes. He wanted to know if anything is being done about it. Mayor Huber and Vice-President Barziloski have a list and have been checking it off.

**On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Dan Gay, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch  
Borough Manager