

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2024

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal - absent
Councilman Pirolli - absent
Councilman Pearl
Councilman Shellenberger
Councilman Czyzyk
Councilman Saunders
Councilwoman Gahagan
Councilman Servis

Also present:

Russ Sacco, Solicitor
Acting Chief Aldsworth
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

COMMENDATION – CHARLES (CHIP) VANDINE

Mr. Pearl presented to Chief Vandine, on behalf of Tullytown Borough and a grateful community, the Fire Meritorious Service Medal, for his exemplary service to the Borough of Tullytown.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Cohen, Tullytown Borough Fire Department Chief, announced that the fire department is always accepting applications. You have to be 17 years old. Stop down on Wednesdays from 7 PM to 9:30 PM if interested.

Jesse Walters, 188 Kenwood Dr. South, stated that he posted on the Tullytown resident page about damage to canal park with tire tracks. That was addressed by Councilman Shellenberger. There were other issues that were posted about speeding on a portion of the Levittown Parkway and Falls Tullytown Road.

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 2, 2024, Council Meeting

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$21,004.30 seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN JANUARY

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to approve the other expenses for January in the amount of \$25,913.14 seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for January 2024, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #507

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to adopt Resolution # 507, authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the investment funds to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications this month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Business Insurance Renewal—Consideration

Patrick Dugan from Brown and Brown explained that they have a workers' compensation carrier that was \$7,000 lower than the current carrier. Amtrust came in with an excellent price. The total for the business insurance is only up about 3%. Everything looks good, no changes in deductible, and the mod for the workers' compensation is still good.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the renewal of the business insurance with Brown and Brown for 2024, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Auditor Appointment for DCED Audit—Consideration

Mrs. Marks stated Peter Place of Lopez, Teodosio and Larkin has performed the audit for the past several years. Their fee increased \$500 to \$11,500 for 2024.

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to appoint Lopez, Teodosio and Larkin as auditor at a cost of \$11,500, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Non-Uniform Pension Discussion

Mr. Sacco explained that he discussed with Council a discrepancy between the Non-Uniform Employees CBA and the pension ordinance. The CBA states that workers who have worked for 5 years are entitled to a pension at a reduced benefit. Due to the discrepancy between the CBA and the pension ordinance, we should prepare a modification to the pension ordinance to clarify the ambiguity.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the advertisement of the Ordinance to correct the ambiguity, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

One appointment to Zoning Hearing Board—Consideration

Mrs. Marks advised that Ron Lazeration’s term on the Zoning Hearing Board has expired, and he has expressed interest in being reappointed.

Mr. Schellenberger made a motion to table the motion until the March meeting, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Contract for maintenance of security cameras in Canal Park—Consideration

Mr. Shellenberger stated that there were some issues with the cameras in Canal Park. Cat’s Eye Security submitted a maintenance contract to repair any issues with the cameras.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve a yearly security maintenance contract with Cat’s Eye Security in the amount of \$804, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Jesse Walters, 188 Kenwood Drive South, asked if it was financially responsible to do this.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Annual Renewal Contract for Video Gold—Consideration

Mrs. Marks advised the yearly contract for Video Gold is up for renewal. Video Gold provides all video services, including the live feed of the council meetings to both Comcast and Verizon, makes recordings of the meetings, uploads the meetings to the website and maintains the equipment. The rate has a 3% increase from last year to cover increasing insurance costs, which amounts to \$4.00/hr.

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract for Video Gold, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Shellenberger advised that he wants to start sponsorship for benches in the parks at a cost of \$335, for existing benches only. Council has to approve the plaque first before it is placed on the bench.

Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive, asked if they were removing the ones already there. Mr. Shellenberger advised that they are not removing ones already there.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to allow park bench sponsorship at a cost of \$300 plus the cost of the plaque, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to authorize the advertisement of an amendment to zoning ordinance 185.19(3)(c) removing the height, size and amount of sheds, seconded by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Servis stated that this does not remove the impervious surface requirements.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mr. Pearl stated that they had a meeting with DLC and they quickly took action on the flooding issue in the shopping center. They added concrete barriers. They cannot do anything further until spring. They were very responsive to our concern and will change the drainage.

Mr. Pearl advised that the 9-11 memorial was built and funded privately. He is requesting that the Borough take over the electric bill for the lighting. The electric bill has not been more than \$42. Landscapers are still maintaining the site. Mr. Servis asked if the Borough took over the memorial, could we still accept donations. Mr. Sacco advised that they could continue to accept donations.

Dave Pearl made motion to turn 9-11 Memorial over to Tullytown Borough, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Kelli Donlen asked that the Borough would have DLC put signs where there are concrete barriers in the shopping center.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco reported that there was a brief executive session prior to the meeting, and they discussed litigation with the former chief of police. Council can request their preferred labor counsel handle the claim for the insurance company.

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the appointment of Offit Kurman, labor counsel, to handle the litigation with the former chief, conditioned upon insurance company approval, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Hiring of Part Time Police Officers—Consideration

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to hire Alex Gross as a part time police officer, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to hire Jim Shellenberger as a substitute crossing guard, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous council business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shellenberger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary