

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2017

Vice President, Joe Shellenberger, called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for Stephen Pirolli who recently passed away.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal

Councilwoman Grady

Councilwoman Kettler

Councilwoman Slemmer—absent due to illness

Councilman Pirolli

Councilwoman Gahagan

Councilman Shellenberger

Councilwoman Kucher—absent due to illness

Also present:

Michael T. Sellers, Esq., Borough Solicitor

Kurt Schroeder, Gilmore & Associates, Inc, Borough Engineer

Alison Smith, Borough Coordinator

Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer

Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

SOLICITOR'S REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sellers reported that Council met in executive session this evening to discuss status on PECO legal claim, status on pending litigation of matter of Armstrong vs Tullytown Borough, pending appeal of Borough of Tullytown vs River's Edge, personnel matter, and a minor matter regarding collective bargaining agreement with the Police union.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alfie Andruzzi, 449 Lovett Avenue, Tullytown, commented that since SEPTA has been working on the railroad station, trains are blowing their horns all times during the day and even at night. He asked if SEPTA can put up a sound wall.

Mr. Shellenberger asked Mrs. Smith if we asked SEPTA about putting sound barriers by the railroad tracks. He commented that they discussed this previously. Mrs. Smith advised she contacted SEPTA but they were adamant that they won't put up sound barriers.

Mr. Pirolli asked if the trains have to blow the horns. Mrs. Smith advised they have to do that to warn the passengers at the station that a train is coming through.

Mrs. Kettler asked if this has been happening more now since the construction. She added that it is probably temporary. Mr. Andruzzi advised that is correct—it has been happening more now since construction. Mrs. Smith advised that they only blow the horns when passengers are on the platform. Mrs. Smith advised she will check into this matter further.

COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Council meeting, seconded by Mrs. Kettler. All of Council was in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

A motion was made by Ms. Gahagan to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$24,756.44, seconded by Mrs. Grady. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to approve the Reconciliation statement for December, 2016, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Conner advised she had no communications for the month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ONE APPOINTMENT TO LBCJMA

Mrs. Conner advised that the term of Mr. Jim Chase expired December 31, 2016 and Jim expressed interest in being re-appointed to the Water Authority.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Jim Chase to the LBCJMA via Resolution #364, seconded by Mrs. Kettler.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mrs. Grady—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

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

PUBLIC HEARING—AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 146, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Mr. Sellers advised that this matter has been advertised for public hearing this evening and proof of legal advertisement has been provided.

Mr. Sellers advised this proposed ordinance makes revisions to the existing solid waste ordinance and is driven by the need to have in place a comprehensive ordinance when the landfill closes at the end of May, 2017 and the Borough assumes the curb service pick-up of trash.

Mr. Shellenberger opened the floor for public hearing. There were no comments or questions; therefore, the floor was closed for public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to adopt Ordinance #379, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING—RECYCLING ORDINANCE

Mr. Sellers advised this proposed ordinance puts in place a formal recycling program within the Borough which works in conjunction with the new ordinance-- amendment to the solid waste ordinance both of which will govern the operations of the Borough on pick-up of trash and recycling come June 1, 2017.

Mr. Shellenberger opened the public hearing. Mr. Pirolli commented that the Borough used to receive reimbursement checks for the recycling and asked if that will be the same.

Mrs. Smith advised that we did not include it in the specifications in terms of how they were going to charge us so they will be taking any possible profit. She added that she checked with our treasurer at the time and we had not received a check in the last few years.

There were no other comments or questions; therefore; the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to adopt Ordinance #380, seconded by Mrs. Grady. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mrs. Smith added that based on the price that the trash bid came in at, we are definitely getting the benefit of recycling—it's an excellent price.

ONE APPOINTMENT TO VACANCY BOARD

Mrs. Conner advised that Nina Chrzanowski's term expired on the Vacancy Board and Nina advised that she is interested in being re-appointed to the Board. Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Nina Chrzanowski to the Vacancy Board, seconded by Mrs. Kettler.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mrs. Grady—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

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

THREE APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Mrs. Conner advised that 3 terms on the Planning Commission have expired December 31st; namely, Wilhelmina Conca, Linda Slemmer and Nina Chrzanowski. Mrs. Conner indicated that all 3 members are interested in being re-appointed.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to appoint Wilhelmina Conca to the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor of the motion.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Linda Slemmer to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mrs. Grady. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to appoint Nina Chrzanowski to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mrs. Grady. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

TWO APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mrs. Conner advised that Alan Lombardi and Diane Beri's terms expired December 31, 2016. She indicated that both Alan Lombardi and Diane Beri are interested in being re-appointed. She added these appointments need to be approved by Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to appoint Alan Lombardi to the Zoning Hearing Board via Resolution #365, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. All of Council was in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pirolli then made a motion to appoint Diane Beri to the Zoning Hearing Board via Resolution #366, seconded by Mrs. Kettler. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

ONE APPOINTMENT TO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mrs. Conner advised that Karen Wilson's term expired on the Shade Tree Commission as of December 31, 2016 and Karen expressed interest in being re-appointed.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Karen Wilson to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports for this month.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cutchineal advised that we have received many inquiries about a "no solicitation" registry. He added that based on this, residents who wish to be added to the Tullytown Borough "no solicitation" registry should contact the Borough at 215-945-1560 or email name, telephone number and address to admin@tullytownboro.org. Mayor indicated that the list of addresses only will be given to any business who obtains a solicitation permit.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Smith presented the Coordinator's report to Council. A copy of the coordinator's report is attached to the minutes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sellers discussed the recently approved collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and the PBA. He advised there were two (2) omissions from the final actual typed version of the CBA which were inadvertent--not subjects of negotiation. He added that it was mistake of several words being left out. He added that this is just to memorialize this omission and make sure the pages that should include these words are made complete.

Mr. Sellers advised that he distributed copy of the proposed memorandum of understanding to Council and the Police Benevolent Association has also reviewed and agrees with this oversight.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize the execution of memorandum of understanding with respect to the recently approved collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Tullytown and the Borough Police Benevolent Association. Mrs. Grady seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Sellers also discussed one of our employees in the Police Department who was hurt on the job. He advised that there is customary approval required which is a heart and lung benefit.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize the approval of an application for heart and lung benefits by Borough employee 1166. Ms. Gahagan seconded the motion. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schroeder of Gilmore Associates commented on the Tullytown Canal Park project. He stated that things are proceeding—wet weather has impeded the contractor's ability to do the earth work but they expect when things dry out they will move forward.

He added that his firm has been receiving and processing all the submittals for the project in the last few weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mrs. Grady commented that both the Tullytown Fire Company and Tullytown Police Department did an amazing job with their food drive. She indicated they fed approximately 25 to 30 families. Mrs. Grady added that they also collected toys for her project—children without parents toy drive which this year they had approximately 44 children.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Grady to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pirolli. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary