

**TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014**

President Rick Adams called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council special meeting to order on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal
Councilman Armstrong
Councilwoman Gahagan
Councilman Pirolli
Councilwoman Kucher
Councilwoman Kettler
Councilman Czyzyk
Councilman Adams

Also present:

Michael T. Sellers, Esq., Borough Solicitor
William S. Major, P.L.S., Borough Engineer
Alison Smith, Borough Coordinator
Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive, Levittown, asked Mr. Armstrong how a Councilman can sue the Borough. She commented that he should be concerned with saving the Borough's money. Mr. Armstrong advised that because he is a sworn councilman doesn't mean that he gives up his civil rights and has the same rights as any other Councilman or any other citizen. Mr. Armstrong said it hasn't been a suit as yet. Mrs. Chrzanowski also commented that she wanted to applaud our Police Department. She advised that this past week they apprehended someone robbing a property in Lakeside and recovered the stolen property.

There were no other comments from the public; therefore public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Sellers explained that Council met in executive session prior to start of the meeting to discuss pending litigations of Edward Armstrong etal vs. Tullytown Borough, Jessica Middleton vs. Estate of William Mayers and a claim being made by Curran Realty Advisors vs. Tullytown Borough.



CONSIDERATION AWARD BID HVAC RENOVATIONS

Mrs. Smith advised that bids were received and opened on Monday, October 28th. She added that unfortunately only one bid was received and that bid did not include all the required paperwork that must be a part of the bid. Mrs. Smith recommended that Council reject that bid and authorize to re-advertise.

Mrs. Kucher made a motion to reject the bid received and advertise as soon as possible again. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Mr. Armstrong asked Mrs. Smith for a copy of the bid specs.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Armstrong—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Pirolli—for
Mrs. Kucher—for
Mrs. Kettler—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Adams—for

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Smith advised that we negotiated a new benefit package that basically made the deductible very high and we set aside an account for employees to pull from in order to cover the high deductible. She added that we budgeted at \$31,000 for Borough employees and their families—its very high because they wanted to make sure that we wouldn't have to go back to re-budget.

Mrs. Smith advised that the employees have averaged about \$5,000 a year so we are way below the \$31,000. She added that one employee's wife was injured and had significant medical expenses and has gone over the \$31,000 and there are 2 more months left in the year. Mrs. Smith suggested that Council increase that limit for that one employee for this year to cover the last 2 months.

Mrs. Kucher made a motion to increase the limit by \$15,000 for the one employee to cover the last 2 months of the year. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Armstrong—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Pirolli—for
Mrs. Kucher—for

Mrs. Kettler—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Adams—for

The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Kucher did comment that the deductible will go back next year. She added that this increase is for this year only.

Ms. Gahagan commented that we would have to do this for anyone else if it happened to them as well. Mr. Sellers advised that the AFSCME agreement spells that out.

Mrs. Kettler commented that our carrier is very helpful in keeping the cost down as well. Mrs. Smith agreed and stated that our carrier has done some research to find some billing errors to aid in the bills going down.

Mr. Armstrong commented that under Federal law we might not want to mention the person's name involved.

Mrs. Smith also advised the Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 10th. She added we are in the process of reviewing the plans. She also added that we had prior authorization to hire a transportation engineering firm who found numerous errors in the plans that were presented to us by SEPTA.

She added that based on the work that has been done so far, the ability to get a much better improvement of that crossing at Rt. 13 is not foreseeable because there are so many errors. Mrs. Smith commented that she is also concerned with the drainage under Oxford Avenue and she would like to have authorization to hire a civil engineer from Gilmore Associates for \$4,200 which will be paid for by SEPTA and will be working with our Borough Engineer.

Mr. Pirolli made motion to retain Gilmore and Associates for stormwater review engineering services in connection with the SEPTA project in accordance with the proposal of October 28th. Ms. Gahagan seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kucher asked if we have spoken with SEPTA and asked if they are willing to pay for this. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sellers both advised that SEPTA has agreed. Mr. Sellers advised that we have a professional services agreement with SEPTA.

Mr. Armstrong asked if we are using Gilmore in lieu of our stormwater engineer due to the fact that they are our MS4 engineer. Mrs. Smith advised that another Borough recommended Gilmore. She added that so far they have done a good job. Mrs. Smith added that our Borough engineer is also paid by SEPTA for the general overview of the engineering plans but Gilmore is for very specific areas that are problematic.



Mr. Major suggested that Gilmore should do the land development also--he commented that he would send them the information as it does not make sense for 2 people to be doing the same thing. Mrs. Smith advised the land development is a review for this specific area for land development.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Armstrong—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Kucher—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Adams—for

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

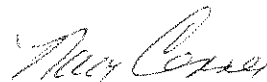
Mrs. Smith advised that we have a canister to collect for the "Buck up Bucks" program sponsored by the Bucks County Courier Times which supports families in need. She added that the canister will be upfront in lobby for people to contribute.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary