

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 4, 2018

President, Nina Chrzanowski called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for former United States Senator, John McCain, Rich Johnson, Anne Sabia, Tom Shellenberger, and Mazikeen Curtis, 2 yr. old, who recently passed away.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal
Councilwoman Gahagan
Councilwoman Kettler
Councilwoman Slemmer
Councilman Pirolli
Councilman Shellenberger
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilwoman Chrzanowski

Also present:

Thomas J. Walsh, Borough Solicitor
Daniel Doyle, Chief of Police/Interim Borough Coordinator
Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer
Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

PRESENTATION

Borough Council presented the Mayor with a Resolution commending him on his 25 years of service as Mayor. Chief Daniel Doyle read and presented to the Mayor. Mr. Pirolli also presented to the Mayor the Carl Sambol award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to adopt Resolution #396, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walsh advised that Council met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel matter and 2 items of potential litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hammar, 237 Kenwood Drive, S, Levittown, thanked the Police and the Police Chief for “Camping with the Cops” held in the Borough Municipal Park. He commented on what a great idea that was.

Gail Hadley, resident of MacIntosh Regency, 185 Kenwood Drive S., Levittown, discussed the area around the MacIntosh---people flying through stop signs. She commented that it is just too dangerous for the residents to cross to go over to the shopping center. She added they don’t even go through the cross walk.

She also discussed the curbs that were handicapped accessible at Wal-Mart. She commented that one spot in front of Wal-Mart some of their scooters can’t get up---they have to go out in the parking lot first.

Ms. Hadley also commented that there are overgrown area of shrubs by the Bucks County Housing Authority. Mrs. Chrzanowski advised that Chief Doyle is looking into it and it will be resolved.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler—abstain

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

The motion carried with the majority of Council in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$38,481.45, seconded the motion. Miss Slemmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

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

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for August 2018, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

PRESENTATION/ACCEPTANCE OF 2017 AUDIT

Mr. Peter Place of Lopez, Teodosio & Larkin LLC presented and explained the 2017 audit.

He also distributed management letter and asked if Council had any questions. Mr. Place advised they didn't find any deficiencies but there are some areas to improve on internal controls.

PUBLIC HEARING—PROPERTY ALLOCATION ORDINANCE—CONSIDERATION ADOPTION ORDINANCE

Mr. Walsh advised at the August meeting, he was directed to advertise for public hearing for consideration of an ordinance authorizing an allocation distribution of \$6,000 for owners

and/or parcels—no more than one check if owner has multiple parcels. He added this ordinance has been advertised in Bucks County Courier Times, forwarded to Bucks County Law Library, proof of publication has been received from the Bucks County Courier Times. Mr. Walsh further added that proof of filing with Bucks County Law Library has been received as well.

Mr. Walsh advised the Public Hearing is open.

Mr. Shellenberger commented that at the last Council meeting, he voted against the advertisement of the property allocation gift. He commented that it is not so much that he is against the property allocation check but he feels that while the money was coming in it was okay. Mr. Shellenberger added the host fees are not being received and the Borough has a huge expense of trash pick-up for the residents.

Mr. Shellenberger recommends to cut the amount of the check in half and leave that money in the bank to collect more interest. He feels what is invested is doing well for us.

Mr. Pirolli commented that a year ago when we approved the budget, everyone on Council at that time voted unanimously to approve that amount in the budget. He advised that in the future we will have to look into that. He added our Auditor just stated this evening that we are doing quite well. Mr. Pirolli commented that we also have more businesses coming in the future.

Miss Slemmer commented she feels that everyone knows that the money will have to be cut but this was voted on last year.

Mr. Shellenberger commented that he voted on the budget but it doesn't mean that we have to spend it.

Mr. Pirolli commented that is why it was approved in the budget so people knew it was in the budget.

Rich Hart, 50 Stream Lane, Levittown, commented that people want to know where we are going. He commented that the businesses coming in will not cover what the host fees brought in. He asked what the plans are going forward.

There was no further comment; therefore, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

A motion was made Mr. Pirolli to adopt Ordinance #389, seconded by Mrs. Kettler.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler--for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--against

Mrs. Johnson--against

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

The vote was 5 in favor, 2 against; the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION—MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN—
CONSIDERATION**

Mr. Walsh explained that every year the Borough is obligated to announce at a public meeting what its minimum municipal obligations are—how much money is required to deposit in each of the pension plans specifically for the police and non-uniformed employees. He added this is the minimum contribution that the Borough is required to put in. He added the Borough can always contribute more but cannot put in less. Mr. Walsh advised there are two resolutions to be considered this evening. He indicated the first resolution is regarding the non-uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$86,047.21 for 2019 contribution.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to adopt Resolution #397, Minimum Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$86,047.21, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

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

**RESOLUTION—MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION POLICE PENSION PLAN—
CONSIDERATION**

Mr. Walsh advised the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension plan for 2019 year is \$315,429.05. Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to adopt Resolution #398, Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$315,429.05.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

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

TOWNS AGAINST GRAFFITI (TAG) REQUEST FOR DONATION—CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Conner advised that a request was made by TAG for a donation. She added that a list of areas cleaned up in the Borough was sent to Council for the 2017 and 2018 years.

Mrs. Kettler made a motion to donate to Towns Against Graffiti (TAG) in the amount of \$300, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Ms. Gahagan--for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli--for

Mr. Shellenberger--for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

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

EXPENDITURES 9-11 VIGIL—CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Conner advised the expenditures for the 9-11 Vigil to be approved by Council was as follows:

Men of Harmony: \$200
Video Gold Productions: \$850 (not to exceed)
Miscellaneous Expenses: \$100

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the expenditures for the 9-11 Vigil in an amount not to exceed \$1,150, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:
Ms. Gahagan--for
Mrs. Kettler—for
Miss Slemmer--for
Mr. Pirolli--for
Mr. Shellenberger--for
Mrs. Johnson--for
Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

LARGE EVENT APPLICATION—MEGHAN’S FOUNDATION—CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Conner advised a large event application was submitted for Meghan’s Foundation which is a fundraiser for Veterans with symptoms of PTSD. She added that this application has been reviewed by our Chief of Police, Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer and signed off on.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the large event application for Meghan’s Foundation, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

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

LETTER OF INTENT-REGIONAL STREETLIGHT PROGRAM—CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Conner advised that the Borough received information from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission regarding municipalities procuring LED lighting. Mr. Walsh advised that municipalities can join this consortium. He also commented this is the same program that he worked on in another Borough a few years ago. He indicated that this “letter of intent” is nothing more than if the Borough wants to learn about this program. He did add that if the Borough wishes to proceed, there is small fee—the letter of intent does not obligate the Borough and he feels there is no harm for the Borough to participate.

Ms. Gahagan commented that a few of the streets last year had LED lights and they really lit up the street—she would be very interested in seeing what we can do with this program.

Mr. Shellenberger commented that it was about 2 years ago that we initially brought up the LED lights and it stalled since there was money owed to us.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to submit a letter of intent to DVRPC, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cutchineal thanked Council for the acknowledgement tonight. He commented that 25 years has been a great run and he has enjoyed every second of it. He advised that he has had the opportunity to officiate about 150 weddings for our residents and the opportunity to have 2 great police chiefs work under him which made it a lot easier. He added that he has had the opportunity to serve with some great Councils and not so great Councils—but this is the best one.

Mayor also agreed with Mike Hammar that the “Camping with the Cops” this year was a great success—another example of the type of thing that the Chief organizes. He added they are planning another outdoor movie at the Tullytown Canal Park in Levittown on October 27th.

Mayor also announced the annual 9-11 Vigil to be held at the Fire Company at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11th. He advised the speakers are as follows: former Bucks County Commissioner, Andy Warren, District Justice, Jan Vislosky, Pennsylvania Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach, Joe Kiefer, Tullytown Patrolman, Nate Aldsworth, and Pennsylvania State Acting Fire Commissioner, Bruce Trego.

He advised the Town Picnic is this Saturday from 2 to 7 pm. Mrs. Chrzanowski commented that we are encouraging people to buy tickets this week up until Friday during the day—we can't guarantee tickets will be sold at the gate.

Mayor also advised that plans are underway for a candlelight prayer vigil for 2 year old, Mazikeen Curtis, who passed away last week.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief advised there have been some complaints in reference to stop sign violations and motor vehicle violations in the sections. He stated that traffic studies have been completed and they have reviewed the data. He added that he has issued patrol directives and they will start issuing tickets for the violations.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walsh advised he had no further report for the evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Rich Hart-, 50 Stream Lane, Levittown, thanked the Chief as the police were patrolling and there were no problems with fireworks during the holiday.

Chief Doyle advised that they are holding a Halloween Movie Night at the Tullytown Canal Park in Levittown from 6 pm to 9 pm on Saturday, October 27th—movie starts at 7 pm. He stated the children can come dressed in costume and they encourage the residents to attend that.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Chrzanowski invited everyone to light refreshments in honor of the Mayor's 25th Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary