

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2018

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

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for Sue Hunt and Gerry Basista who both 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
Andy Warren, Borough Coordinator
Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer
Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Cohen, 274 Lakeside Drive, Levittown, Chief of Tullytown Fire Company, advised that the Fire Company will hold their annual Santa Run on Friday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. starting in Kenwood, Stonybrook, Pinewood, Lakeside, Creek Village, Old Town. He advised they will be collecting non-perishable foods for the food bank and collecting toys for 2 different foundations—one being the Borough.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Council meeting, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$34,769.98. Mrs. Kettler 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

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for November, 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.

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #402

Miss Slemmer made a motion to adopt Resolution #402 authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$250,000 from PLGIT to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Conner advised that Council received a thank you from Robert & Simone Trice for the property allocation improvement check.

She also read a letter of resignation from Pat Carroll, long time member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to accept Pat Carroll's letter of resignation on the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mrs. Conner advised that she received an email from Aaron and Karen Cohen advising that they resigned from the Park & Recreation Committee.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to accept Aaron and Karen Cohen's resignation on the Park & Recreation Committee, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF 2019 FINAL BUDGET—CONSIDERATION

A motion was made by Miss Slemmer to adopt the 2019 final budget, seconded by Mrs. Kettler.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF 2019 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE--CONSIDERATION

Mr. Walsh advised this is a public hearing to consider adopting the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance, taxes will be levied on real property within the Borough of Tullytown subject to taxation for the fiscal year of 2019 as follows:

Tax rate for general purposes – 7.5 mills

Tax rate for street lighting purposes – 2 mills

Tax rate for fire protection purposes – 2 mills

Mr. Walsh advised this ordinance and the budget have been available for public inspection at the Borough Hall since November 16, 2018 and a proof of publication showing this was advertised in the Bucks county Courier Times on November 16, 2018 indicated such.

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

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance #390, 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Kettler.

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.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF 2019 COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mrs. Conner advised that meetings are scheduled for Council for the 2019 year for the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., except for January 8th and November 12th meetings. Mrs. Conner indicated that Work Sessions, if needed, will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Also, she advised that Planning Commission meetings will be advertised for the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kettler made a motion to advertise the 2019 Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings as outlined by Mrs. Conner, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. All of Council was in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

REQUEST FOR DONATION-LEVITTOWN/FAIRLESS HILLS RESCUE SQUAD—CONSIDERATION

Miss Slemmer made a motion to give a donation to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Mrs. Johnson asked why that donation wasn't cut by 15%. Mr. Pirolli advised that this donation was cut in half two years ago. Mr. Walsh indicated this donation reflects the 2018 budget.

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.

EXECUTE WRITTEN DECISION-CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL-35 SERPENTINE LANE

Mr. Walsh advised there is no action required as the conditional use was granted for 35 Serpentine Lane at the November meeting. Mr. Walsh advised that Council was given the written decision prior to this meeting and he will obtain signatures after meeting.

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS

Miss Slemmer made a motion to give a Christmas bonus of \$100 to all current Borough employees who have worked a minimum of 40 hours per year. Mr. Pirolli seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Ms. Gahagan—abstain

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Shellenberger—abstain

Mrs. Johnson—abstain

Mrs. Chrzanowski-for

The vote was 4 in favor, 3 abstentions; the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR MEMBER TO ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mrs. Conner advised that Pat Carroll resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board and the alternate member, Diane Beri, was interested in becoming a regular member. She advised this term will expire December 31, 2019.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Diane Beri to the Zoning Hearing Board for the unexpired term of December, 2019, by adopting Resolution #403, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE MEMBER TO ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mrs. Conner advised that since Diane Beri has been appointed as a regular member, there is a vacancy on the alternate member position and added that Philip Antolino is interested in being appointed as alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board, which term will expire December 31, 2019.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to appoint Philip Antolino as alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board for the unexpired term of December 31, 2019, by adopting Resolution #404. Mr. Pirolli seconded the motion.

Ms. Gahagan asked if we could appoint 2 alternates. Mrs. Conner advised that our ordinance states that we can appoint up to 3 alternates, but we have only one person interested at this time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Reports

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cutchineal advised he is in discussion with Senator Santarsiero with the possibility of bringing a satellite district office to Tullytown. He added that it is looking very promising and he will keep Council informed.

He also reminded everyone of the tree lighting and caroling this Friday, December 7th 6:30 pm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walsh advised he had no further report this evening.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren advised he had no report and thanked all of Council for their concerns about his knee surgery.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Chrzanowski advised that the Fire Marshal's report was distributed to Council and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mrs. Chrzanowski mentioned the January meeting will be scheduled for January 8th in lieu of New Year's holiday. Also, she mentioned the tree lighting and caroling which will be held Friday, December 7th 6:30 p.m. in front of the Borough Hall and advised that St. Mike's Church Choir will be leading the caroling. She added there will be light refreshments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Gahagan 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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary