

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2019

President, Nina Chrzanowski called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Shellenberger asked for a moment of silence for Ginny Snyder, sister-in-law of Mark Snyder, who recently passed away.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal—absent due to medical procedure

Councilman Shellenberger

Councilwoman Kettler—absent due to vacation

Councilwoman Slemmer

Councilman Pirolli

Councilwoman Gahagan—absent due to family commitment

Councilwoman Johnson

Councilwoman Chrzanowski

Also present:

Thomas J. Walsh III, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

Andrew Warren, Borough Coordinator

Daniel Doyle, Chief of Police

Daniel Pasciullo, Fire Marshal

Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer

Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

COMMENDATION

Mr. Pasciullo, Fire Marshal, advised that there was a small brush fire that erupted at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, July 28th. Mr. Pasciullo advised that a gentleman who was shopping at the T-Mobile Store attempted to put out the fire at St Michael's Church using the fire extinguisher from the T-Mobile Store. Mr. Pasciullo advised that part of his duties as fire marshal is prevention, inspection and investigation. He added that back in April this year he did inspect the T-Mobile store where he found everything compliant including their fire extinguishers.

Mr. Pasciullo further indicated that on July 28th, the Tullytown Fire Department was dispatched at 2:04 p.m. and arrived on scene was Rick Johnson and Aaron Cohen who both witnessed Mr. Jesse Ashford extinguishing the fire, what he could, with the extinguisher, and the Fire Department completed it.

Both the Fire Marshal and the Borough presented Mr. Ashford with a Commendation on behalf of the Fire Department. Deacon Simpson from St. Michael's Parish was also present to congratulate this gentleman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronnie Baker, 288 Main Street, Tullytown, questioned the traffic on Main Street—she commented that trucks are speeding on Main Street. She added that at 3:00 am trucks are nuisances.

Chief Doyle advised that we have hired a specific commercial vehicle inspector to handle this issue. He added that this inspector has been out and was out again today—they issued 15 tickets so far and put 5 trucks out of service. He commented that we are working on this continuously.

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2019 Council Meeting

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Council meeting, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$33,555.65, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

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

OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN JULY

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the other expenses for July in the amount of \$304,300.55, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

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

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for July, 2019, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

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

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #418

Miss Slemmer made a motion to authorize transfer of funds via Resolution #418, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Conner advised that Mayor received a thank you letter from Yardley Borough Mayor thanking Chief Doyle for his assistance in interviewing of police officers for hiring.

GENERAL BUSINESS

PRESENTATION—PINNACLE FREIGHT

Ed Murphy, Esquire and Michael Ravallo, president of Pinnacle Freight, were present to discuss with Council some information regarding the possibility of acquiring the vacant Courier Times Building, approximately 63,000 sq. ft. for the freight company. Mr. Murphy added that Mr. Ravallo has reached an agreement to purchase the Courier Times Building. Mr. Murphy added the intention would be to remove about 18,500 sq. ft. of the building on the east side closest to the second building and would be replaced by 8 loading docks. He added on the west side, the intention would be to expand that parking area to provide more room for trailers. A drawing was presented to Council for their reference as well as a drawing posted for the public. Mr. Murphy advised they discussed with Borough staff previously about the need to engage with the Borough engineer, having to do a land development plan, acquiring various permits and approvals not just by the Borough but also DEP and other requirements as needed.

Michael Ravallo then discussed his potential business in the Borough. He advised that they serve customers in the Bucks County and South Jersey area and some in the North Jersey area. He added their trucks will be collecting freight shipments--bring freight back to the building which stores the freight and other trucks take freight across country. He advised that some are refrigerated trailers—food, beverage, also other kinds of freight.

Mr. Murphy advised the Borough staff questioned if hazardous material would be carried and what their route is.

Mr. Ravallo advised that no more than 40-50 trailers at one time—maybe 20 trucks that pick up in one given day-- NO hazardous waste hours of operation will not be 24/7 but an 8 to 5 office staff—warehouse can work up until 11 or midnight with Sunday usually being a lighter

day. He added they have approximately 100 employees—65 are drivers and the rest is office staff. Mr. Ravallo also advised they won't travel in residential areas.

Mr. Walsh asked if any vehicles are serviced on the site---Mr. Ravallo advised they do fuel on the site but no fuel held on the site---everything is outsourced.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION

Mr. Shawn McClister, owner of 297 Lakeside Drive, was present to discuss his application. The applicant advised there is no date set as yet for hearing. Mrs. Conner advised the date of hearing probably the end of August. Mr. McClister advised he is doing an addition and is requesting a variance to go to 16 feet on the side yard. He advised that he will be over the impervious surface—asking for 44%. It will be an addition out the back and down the side of the house including the garage, family room, master bedroom with bath and laundry room. He added that he will be 4 ½ feet from the property line.

Mr. McClister advised he spoke with neighbors who commented they do not have a problem with that. Mr. Walsh advised that neighbors will receive direct notice so they have an opportunity to appear at the Zoning hearing and comment.

Mr. Walsh asked if Mr. McClister has done any improvements on the property since he purchased in 2014. Mr. McClister advised he has not—it was over impervious surface when he purchased. Mr. Walsh advised there might be some question as to where water runoff will go. Mr. McClister advised he backs up to Falls-Tullytown Road. He advised that after proposed addition, he would still be 35 feet from the property line in the back plus there is another 20 feet of greenbelt out to Falls-Tullytown Road so he will still have almost 60 feet of backyard.

Mr. Walsh advised that the zoning ordinance may require applicant to do some kind of mitigation for stormwater—that is a separate issue. Mr. McClister advised he is fine with that.

Mr. Shellenberger asked if the driveway is going to be on the property line—it looks like it extends past the side of the house. Mr. McClister advised the driveway will stay where it currently is which he believes is 1 ½ feet from the property line currently.

Council had no objections to this application.

LARGE EVENT APPLICATION—TULLYTOWN FIRE CO 100TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Chief Doyle advised that the Tullytown Fire Company made application for their large event to be held on September 14th—their 100th Anniversary Parade. He indicated there are recommendations from Chief Doyle as well as the fire marshal and code enforcement office reviewing and signing off.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the Large Event Application for the Tullytown Fire Co 100th Anniversary Parade with the attached recommendations of Chief Doyle. Mr. Shellenberger seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

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

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPERTY ALLOCATION ORDINANCE—CONSIDERATION

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed Property Allocation Ordinance for public hearing on September 3, 2019, using the amount of \$5,000.00. Miss Slemmer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—against

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

The vote was 4 in favor, 1 against; the motion carried.

PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLE--CONSIDERATION

Chief Doyle advised that he would like to trade in a 2015 Ford Edge to Fred Beans and purchase a 2019 Dodge Durango on Co-Stars and to defer the payments with Univest Bank a lease-to-purchase program-- 3 payments of \$9,967.00 and authorization to enter into those agreements.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve Chief Doyle trading in the 2015 Ford Edge to Fred Beans and to purchase 2019 Dodge Durango on Co-Stars and to defer the payments with Univest Bank, a lease-to-purchase program 3 payments of \$9,967.00 and authorization to enter into those agreements. Miss Slemmer seconded the motion.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski--for

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

AUTHORIZE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO FOOD TRUCK AGREEMENTS—CONSIDERATION
Jay's Steak & Hoagie Joint

Mrs. Conner advised that Jays Steak & Hoagie have submitted the required certificate of insurance with their contract.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize Council President to enter into food truck agreement with Jay's Steak & Hoagie Joint. Miss Slemmer seconded the motion.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

Smokerhead BBQ

Mrs. Conner advised that Smokerhead BBQ has also submitted the required certificate of insurance with the contract they submitted.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize Council President to enter into food truck agreement with Smokerhead BBQ, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

ONE APPOINTMENT CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mrs. Conner advised that Jim Powell's term expired and Jim is interested in being re-appointed to the Civil Service Commission. She added that this is a 6-year term.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to re-appoint Jim Powell to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term. Mr. Pirolli seconded the motion.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

AUTHORIZE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MEN OF HARMONY FOR 9-11 VIGIL

Mrs. Conner advised that Men of Harmony will be participating in the 9-11 Vigil on September 11th and has submitted a contract for approval by Council. She added the amount for their services is \$200.00.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to authorize Council President to enter into contract with Men of Harmony, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Miss Slemmer--for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Johnson--for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Reports

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

In Mayor's absence, he asked Chief Doyle to advise the following:

Senator Steve Santarsiero's satellite office is up and running and will be open in the Tullytown Borough Municipal Building on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to noon.

Chief Doyle said Mayor wanted to remind the public of the Town picnic on September 7th, September 11th is the 9-11 Vigil that we are hosting, September 14th is the Tullytown Fire Co 100th Anniversary Parade, October 12th will be a free concert in the Park from 3 pm to 6 pm—Pennsbury's class of 69, Sonic Falcons performing.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walsh advised no further report this evening.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Andy Warren advised there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for Senator Santarsiero's office last week which was reported in the newspapers. He mentioned that one of the newspapers reported that Senator Santarsiero's staff cleaned up the room for his office; however, Mr. Warren clarified that the Borough staff actually cleaned up that area since the Senator was going to have his satellite office set up there.

Mr. Warren also mentioned that our Street Department worked on removing the shrubbery and trees which have overgrown the sensor for emergency vehicles. Mr. Warren commented that instead of calling PennDOT and waiting for months most likely, the Street Department cleaned it and cleared it. He commented they did a great job.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Doyle advised that the 2nd annual "Camping with the Cops" will be held this year on August 24th.

Chief Doyle also discussed the Bucks County Police Assisting and Recovery program. He advised the program will be launched this evening—will go on social media, and website. He explained the program that they are trying to give Tullytown residents who may have an opioid addiction to come into Police headquarters, ask for help—they will assign an Officer to have them complete paperwork and take them to Gaudenzia (off of Bath Road) and get them started in their process of recovery. Chief Doyle added that

Borough Council and the Mayor asked him to look into this program as it will be beneficial to residents seeking recovery.

Chief said the 9-11 vigil, concert in the park and camping with the cops has been sponsored by Wal-Mart who graciously donated funds to cover the cost of those events.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Fire Marshal's report distributed to Council earlier.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous Council business.

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 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary