

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2020

President Nina Chrzanowski called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for our former Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick who recently passed away and for Nick Radyshevsky, who recently passed away.

Present at the meeting:

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

Also present:

Thomas J. Walsh III, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer
Dan Pasciullo, Fire Marshal
Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Robinson, 418 Main Street, Tullytown, asked Councilwoman Kettler if she owns the home at 412 Main Street, Tullytown. Mrs. Kettler commented that she will not answer any questions on that topic. She added that people are entitled to their privacy as residents of any town and Borough.

Ms. Robinson advised she is speaking on behalf of Walter Trout and commented people think that 412 Main Street is a recovery home. She asked how that got passed.

Ms. Robinson asked if the Borough has any ordinance against recovery homes. Mr. Walsh commented no, not specifically. Ms. Gahagan commented another recovery home came in and it was shot down and had to go through the zoning

hearing board and they shot it down. Mrs. Chrzanowski advised that was a commercial property.

Ms. Robinson said if they didn't do that in the proper channels, that's not fair. She added she does not have a problem with people having a second chance—she is all for it—just done the right way. She feels things are being done but not the right way.

Miss Slemmer commented that there are recovery homes in Lakeside, Pinewood, and Stonybrook. Miss Slemmer added that they didn't go through Council's approval either. Mrs. Chrzanowski commented that Council does not have the authority to approve that. She added that is a zoning issue. Ms. Robinson asked if the fire marshal inspected it. Mrs. Chrzanowski advised that it is a private residence and the fire marshal is not permitted to inspect that. The fire marshal confirmed.

Mr. Walsh advised the permit application was reviewed by the building inspector and zoning officer. He added that he was advised that this met the zoning requirements and a use and occupancy permit was issued.

Ms. Robinson asked if they could see that public document. Mr. Walsh advised yes—they have to file a formal request to obtain that document.

Chris Shellenberger, 229 Kenwood Drive South, commented on a black minivan which she believes is abandoned near Wal-Mart and asked if this could be checked out. Mr. Walsh advised that there are ways the police can enforce abandoned vehicles on private property. Mr. Servis commented there is someone living in a camper there as well moving back and forth to different areas. Mrs. Chrzanowski commented that our Chief of Police will check that out.

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2019 Council Meeting

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

The motion passed with the majority of Council in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$28,586.49, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain due to no participation

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

The vote was 6 in favor; 1 abstention. The motion carried.

OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN DECEMBER

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the other expenses for December in the amount of \$688,105.37, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

The vote was 6 in favor; 1 abstention. The motion carried.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for December, 2019, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

The motion passed with the majority vote of Council in favor.

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #431

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to adopt Resolution #431, authorizing the transfer of \$300,000 from the investment firms to the General Fund, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain; no input

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

The vote was 6 in favor; 1 abstention. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DCED ECONTRACT/STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT \$19,625.00

Mr. Walsh explained the Borough was awarded a matching grant from DCED for our participation in the strategic management planning program. He added that in November Borough Council awarded a contract to the Pennsylvania Economy League to assist with the management analysis that will take place this year with a cost of \$39,250.00 which DCED offered to pay for half of that expense.

Mr. Walsh advised he reviewed the contract and it looks acceptable

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the contract of DCED to accept the grant, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

VIDEO GOLD PRODUCTIONS PROPOSAL--CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Conner advised that we received a proposal from Video Gold Productions. She advised Video Gold sent an email along with the proposal stating the increase was basically a rate of \$3.00 per hour.

Miss Slemmer made a motion to accept the proposal of Video Gold Productions. Mr. Pirolli seconded the motion.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Mary Ann Gahagan to the Planning Commission, seconded by Miss Slemmer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to appoint Sue Servis to the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mrs. Conner advised that Diane Beri's term expired as a regular member of the Zoning Hearing Board and she is interested in being re-appointed.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to re-appoint Diane Beri as regular member of the Zoning Hearing Board (Resolution #432), seconded by Miss Slemmer.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

Mrs. Conner advised that Phil Antolino is an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. She added that his term also expired and Phil is interested in being re-appointed.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to re-appoint Phil Antolino as alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board (Resolution #433). Ms. Gahagan seconded the motion.

Mr. Servis asked if that was a full-time appointment now. Mrs. Conner advised this re-appointment is for alternate member of the board.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

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

Mrs. Conner also mentioned that regarding the Borough's Planning Commission, we still have a vacancy on that board as Bruce Goulet has resigned. She advised that she will post notice of this vacancy. Mrs. Chrzanowski commented if anyone is interested to please contact Nancy Conner.

RESOLUTION – HERITAGE CONSERVANCY CIRCUIT TRAILS—CONSIDERATION

Mr. Walsh advised that the Heritage Conservancy has asked Council to adopt this resolution which supports the 750 mile trail network that will connect the 7 trails; namely, D & L Heritage Trail, Liberty Bell Trail, East Branch Perkiomen Trail, Route 202 Trail, Neshaminy Creek Trail, Newtown Rail Trail and Lower Delaware/East Coast Greenway. Mr. Walsh advised he read the resolution and it is basically supportive in nature—there is no financial commitment. He added it did mention the Borough will help put up signs if and when completed.

Mr. Shellenberger asked if there is anything in the resolution mentioning opening up across the Levittown Parkway. Mr. Walsh commented that it does not mention that.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to adopt Resolution #434, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mrs. Kettler—for

Miss Slemmer—for

Mr. Pirolli—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—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

Mayor Cutchineal expressed his deepest sympathy to the Radyshevsky family and to the Fitzpatrick family. He had no other report for the evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walsh advised he had no report for the meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

No Report

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Mr. Pasciullo advised he submitted his monthly report as well as his yearly report and reviewed some items regarding the yearly report. A copy of both reports will be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Pasciullo thanked the Fire Department, the chief and the officers for welcoming him to Tullytown and working along with them. He commented they are getting a lot accomplished regarding fire prevention.

Mr. Pasciullo also thanked Jessica Kligerman who has pretty much managed the office of the fire marshal.

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 Miss Slemmer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary