

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2021

President Nina Chrzanowski called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order with the Pledge of Allegiance on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., via remote teleconferencing.

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for Frank Martino, who was a longtime resident and former councilman. He passed away at the age 88. Jesse Hill was the founder of Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans and was part of our annual Memorial Services every year since 1974. He passed away at the age of 72. Please keep Frank and Jesse and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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
Dan Doyle, Police Chief /Emergency Management Coordinator
Dan Pasciullo, Fire Marshal/Interim Borough Coordinator
Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes—Approval

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Council meeting, 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; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$48,109.15 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; the motion carried.

OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN APRIL, 2021

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the other expenses for April, 2021 in the amount of \$193,918.37, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

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.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the reconciliation statement for April, 2021, 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; the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Marks advised that the Savvy Citizen App is now active. This app allows residents to receive notifications and alerts immediately on their mobile devices. We are in the process of setting it up. You can download the app from the App Store or Google Play. Savvy Citizen is in the process of preparing marketing materials and images and we should have them in the next couple of days.

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Volunteer Accident Insurance Policy—Consideration

Mrs. Marks advised that we received a renewal for the Volunteer Accident Insurance Policy from Brown and Brown through Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company. The yearly premium is \$300.00 and covers up to 100 volunteers.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the renewal of the Volunteer Accident Insurance Policy in the amount of \$300.00, 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; the motion carried.

**b) Approval of Medical Marijuana Use Zoning Ordinance Amendment—
Consideration**

Mr. Walsh advised that this is the Public Hearing to obtain public comment on the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that creates two new uses for the medical marijuana dispensary and the medical marijuana grower/processor. The Ordinance was advertised and we have the proof of publication from the April 24, 2021 and May 4, 2021 edition of the Courier Times. It was also submitted to the Bucks County Law Library. If the public has any comments, this would be the opportunity to make them prior to the Council voting on adopting the Amendment.

Mr. Shellenberger asked if there was any liability to the Borough since marijuana is still illegal in the Country. Mr. Walsh replied Ordinance just provides where these facilities can be located in the borough. For zoning purposes, the Borough is good under State Law. Whether the sale of marijuana is legal under State or Federal law, will not impact the Borough. There were a few interested parties that inquired several months ago but that never materialized.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the Medical Marijuana Use Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 401, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

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.

**c) Renewal of yearly website maintenance agreement with BizProMedia—
Consideration**

Mrs. Marks advised that the annual agreement with BizProMedia is due for renewal. This is the company that hosts our website, updates software, and helps with updating changes to site. The annual fee is \$1,950 which is the same as last year.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the yearly maintenance agreement for BizProMedia in the amount of \$1,950, 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; the motion carried

d) Council Vice President position—Consideration

Mr. Shellenberger announced that he was formally resigning as Vice President of the Council as of this date.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Shellenberger as Vice President effective today, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

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.

Due to the fact that no nominations for Vice President were forthcoming, the matter was tabled until the next Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cutchineal announced that the annual Memorial Event will be held on Saturday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Monument at Main Street and Fallsington Avenue. Committed to participate are: Father Di Iorio from St. Mike's, Congressman Fitzpatrick, Senator Santasiero, Tullytown Fire Department, Billington VFW, Bagpiper Ken Hillegas, Marge Swider, and Dan Fraley from the Bucks County Veteran's Affairs.

Mayor Cutchineal reminded everyone that Election Day is one week from today. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Please come out and vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walsh advised that last month Council approved the pension obligation loan. Shortly thereafter, Bond Counsel submitted the application to DCED for approval and we have received preliminary approval. Closing is scheduled for May 26th. We have all the paperwork and everything is slated to go that day.

INTERIM BOROUGH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pasciullo advised last month we had a heating service person come in. His name is John Flannigan from Yardley. He was recommended by Councilman Shellenberger. We had Robaire come in previously and they recommended calling Trane, whose equipment is in our boiler room. We had a quote from Trane of about \$8,000 for the repairs. Mr. Flannigan came in and issued a quote to do the same repairs as Trane for \$5,308. Mr. Flannigan was originally involved in the design of the system. He will also offer a yearly maintenance contract for heating and air conditioning. Mr. Pasciullo asked for a motion to proceed with this work under the direction of Mark Snyder before next winter.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to proceed with hiring Mr. Flannigan to do the work on the heating system for \$5,308, 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; the motion carried.

Mr. Pasciullo advised that Professional Pet Services retired in March. He spoke with some wildlife trappers. We also no longer have an animal control officer in the Borough. Chief Doyle is trying to get an agreement with Falls Township or Bristol Township for animal control and is still working on it. Animal control takes care of dogs and cats. The three wildlife companies that he called said they do not normally quote to a township or borough. It is the resident's responsibility. In the past we had Mike Day of Professional Pet Services for wildlife control.

Miss Slemmer suggested that Mr. Pasciullo should research the issue further. Mr. Pasciullo suggested that Mrs. Marks poll the Bucks County Consortium and see what other municipalities are doing for the wildlife issues.

Mr. Pasciullo advised that Tullytown is entitled to receive \$215,631 in Federal Funds under the American Rescue Plan for COVID relief. This will be issued in two installments. One half will be issued in June, and the other half will be issued next year. There are some guidelines on how these funds can be spent.

Mrs. Kettler is looking for grants to upgrade the playground equipment. Mr. Pasciullo and Mrs. Marks are working on this.

Resident, Rich Hart, 50 Stream Lane, asked Mr. Pasciullo for an update on the crack sealing. Mr. Hart asked if there is a plan to address the cracks where the street pavement meets the curb. There are issues everywhere with crack sealing near the curb. On his street, there has never been crack sealing between curb and asphalt. Mr. Pasciullo will have Mark Snyder check out the problem tomorrow.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Council received a copy of his monthly report.

Chief Doyle announced that Walt Disney Elementary School has started a food pantry. A list of non-perishable items that are being collected will go on the website and Facebook and other social media.

Chief Doyle announced that the winning bidder through Municibid for the 2016 Ford Explorer was made by Alex Sherman, Pittsburgh PA, for \$10,100.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to accept the bid for from Al Sherman for \$10,100, seconded by Mrs. Kettler.

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.

Chief Doyle advised that he would like to accept the third highest bid for the 2008 Ford Expedition because the first and second highest bidders declined. The 3rd highest bid was for \$6,000. First highest bid was \$6,300 and the 2nd highest bid was for \$6,200.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,000 for the Expedition, 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; the motion carried.

Chief Doyle advised that currently we have Comcast internet service for the police department. We do have Verizon Fios already run into the building and he would like to switch from Comcast as the internet provider to Verizon Fios for the police department. For uploading dash and body cam videos a faster internet service is needed. The suggestion was made to table the issue and have Chief Doyle bring back figures to the next Council meeting for upgrading both the police side and administrative side of the building.

Chief Doyle announced that consistent with state guidelines, his recommendation is to reopen the municipal building on June 1st, from an Emergency Management Coordinator perspective, since Governor Wolfe has lifted most of the restrictions as of May 31st. We will still have to follow the other State mandates such as masking. His recommendation is to follow the State guidelines, as we have been doing during the pandemic.

Chief Doyle advised that the Officers are continually training and retraining in de-escalation and diversity. They are using the Police One Academy, which is an online virtual training resource that the Borough is providing for them. The Safety Committee meetings are continuing to meet regularly and this will help avoid Worker's Comp exposures. He is getting quotes on replacing eight body cameras. He would like to use some of the money from the sale of the vehicles because the cameras are starting to break, getting error codes, and the batteries are not staying charged the whole shift. It is great technology but technology needs to be replaced and upgraded. It has saved us many times just from a liability and transparency point.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council received Mr. Pasciullo's monthly report. On April 8th Mr. Pasciullo installed a bed shaker smoke detector. We do have a resident in Stonybrook that is totally deaf. He contacted him and he was more than happy to accept it. We are able to obtain them from the Red Cross free of charge. It is about a \$600 unit. It looks similar to a clock radio, it goes on the bedside, and there is a disc that is attached to it and it goes under the pillow or mattress. When the smoke detector in the house goes off, it picks up that signal and vibrates the bed and wakes the person up. If we know of anyone in the Borough that needs one, let him know.

Mr. Pasciullo advised that he picked up our allotment of free smoke alarms from 6abc Save a Life. We have about 98 smoke detectors on hand.

On April 14th Mr. Pasciullo took delivery of the new fire marshal vehicle and said he is continuing to order investigative equipment that needs to go into it. He thanked Council for their support. This will still be covered under the capital funds we budgeted for the year. He has resumed fire inspections and has completed ten. With COVID restrictions being lifted, he will continue to do fire inspections.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Cutchineal mentioned that while he and Mr. Pirolli were campaigning, one of the residents mentioned a missing million dollars. Does anyone know what that is about?

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 and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary