

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2023

President Mary Ann Gahagan called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting
Mayor Cutchineal
Councilman Pirolli
Councilwoman Chrzanowski
Councilman Shellenberger
Councilman Czyzyk - absent
Councilman Saunders
Councilman Servis
Councilwoman Gahagan

Also present:
Russ Sacco, Solicitor
Sergeant Andrew Bunda
David Pearl, Fire Marshal
Sean R. Torpey, Pennoni, Borough Engineer
Joseph McPadden, Borough Treasurer
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

Chief of Police Appointment—Consideration
Mr. Sacco advised that Council received a proposed employment agreement in accordance with civil service regulations and conducted a background check which came back with flying colors.

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Martin as Chief of Police of Tullytown Borough, approve the contract, and submit the police chief to the Civil Service Commission, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:
Mr. Pirolli—for
Mrs. Chrzanowski—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

Judge Peranteau administered the Oath of Office to Michael Martin, Chief of Police.

Presentations – Sgt. Bunda

Sgt. Bunda described a lifesaving event that occurred on March 18, 2023. A customer shopping in the Sherwin- Williams store collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. The store manager, Robert Freese, immediately called 911. Bucks County Emergency Services dispatcher, Kylie Mierzwa, answered the emergency call and assisted Robert with directions on how to perform CPR. First responders from the Tullytown Police department, Tullytown Fire department, and Levittown Fairless Hills Rescue Squad were promptly dispatched. Quickly, Officer Ismeal Ramos from the police department arrived and took over CPR. Firefighters, Robert Greiner, Frank Baker Jr, and James Collins arrived with an AED and applied it to the patient. Soon after, paramedic Chris Baker, AEMT Eric Gennaro, AEMT Mike Ritchie, EMT Moselle Conger, EMT Amy Siefker, and EMT Lister Austin arrived and performed emergency medical life saving efforts. Through these combined efforts, this male customer was revived at the scene. The actions and performance of all those who answered this emergency medical call directly resulted in saving this person's life. Sgt. Bunda presented Life Saving Awards to all of the individuals involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Franz, 320 Main Street, expressed concern over the application for 2 part time police officers at the last meeting. She has never heard of any part time police officer not being admitted to the police force. For the first person, there was a motion and a second, and everyone agreed. For the second person, there was a motion but no second motion and it went no further than that. She thinks it is a disgrace and feels no one should be judged on anything but their merits and what they can bring to the Borough.

Debbie Henry, 62 Lilac lane, Levittown. She wanted to welcome the new chief and hopes that he takes care of all the residents. Chief Martin assured her he has an open-door policy.

Judy Pearl, 109 Stonybrook Drive, advised that the letters she received from the campaign of Mrs. Chrzanowski and Mrs. Donlen were slanderous against her and her husband.

Chris Shellenberger, Kenwood Drive South. She wanted to address conduct of Councilwoman Chrzanowski against her after last month's meeting.

Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive said that there are two sides of every story and Mrs. Shellenberger was the one who went after Councilwoman Chrzanowski.

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 5, 2023 Council Meeting

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 29,473.46, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Mrs. Chrzanowski questioned Michael Callahan's bill. Mr. Servis advised that Mr. Callahan did secure a \$1 million infrastructure grant and is working on 4 more.

Jesse Walters, 188 Kenwood Drive South, thanked Council for voting for the grant writer.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN February

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the other expenses paid in April, 2023, in the amount of \$306,119.12, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for April, 2023, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications for the month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Conditional Use Hearing – 100 Main Street—Consideration

Mr. Sacco advised that the Conditional Use Application is for 100 Main Street, tax parcel number 46-001-001. It is currently zoned for light industrial and the applicant wants to operate a repair garage. Mr. Servis advised that the building is the old Art Kraft building in the light industrial area. The applicant went before the Planning Commission and Mr. Sacco gave the exhibits to the court stenographer. Notices went to adjacent property owners. The Ordinance prohibits working on vehicles outside and tractor trailers cannot be stored there. Mr. Sacco advised that the Planning Commission voted to recommend Conditional Use Approval for the Truck Repair Garage.

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the conditional use for 100 Main Street, in accordance with the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor thanked all the staff at Walt Disney School for inviting us to participate in their awesome leaders program. It was himself, Councilwoman Chrzanowski, School Director Chip Taylor and Officer Mike Dilanni. We fielded a barrage of questions from all 3 second grade classes for about an hour. There is no Memorial Day parade this year, but we still have services at the monuments on Saturday, May 27th, as well as a picnic at Canal Park starting at 3 p.m. Remember Election Day is May 16th. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Servis made a motion to present Sgt. Bunda with a Commendation for all the work he did while they were searching for a Chief and he did a good job, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco advised he received an email from the Treasurer he will be retiring at the end of May.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to accept the resignation of Joe McPadden as Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to approve the advertising for the position of Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

Mr. Sacco advised that two people must sign all checks and at the June meeting we need to authorize a second signer.

Mr. Sacco has been working with Beau Fleming, Code Enforcement Officer, and he has suggested, after looking at the property maintenance Ordinance, some regulations to create an amendment in the Ordinance to provide an abatement provision. After 30 days of fines and the property is not abated, the Borough has the ability to go in, abate the violation and put a lien against the property.

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the creation of an amendment to the property maintenance Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Chrzanowski.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council has received a copy of the Engineer's Report.

Mr. Torpey advised that the road program advertising starts tomorrow and goes live on Pennbid. If everything goes according to plan, we should have information at the next Council meeting on bid prices. Waste Management is in agreement that they will not issue new trash cans. They are in the process of creating a document to amend the contract to give the Borough a credit back. Concerning the Stormwater MS4 program, he reached out to the DEP for status as to where the Borough stands. He is hoping to have a meeting where they come out and take a look, see where we are and what we need to do to update our reporting and make sure we are in compliance with our reporting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Council has received a copy of the report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Council has received a copy of Sgt. Bunda's report.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council has received a copy of the Fire Marshal's Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Council has received a copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's Report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Shellenberger advised that he has been asked if we intend to expand the playground facilities in Canal Park. Mrs. Marks stated that we have been researching grants for playground equipment for Tullytown Park and can expand it to include Canal Park.

Mrs. Marks requested the solicitor investigate revising the Large Event Ordinance. It is very vague and does not include block parties and other similar events.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to have Mr. Sacco look into amending the Ordinance for Large Events, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Servis to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saunders. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary