

# TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## September 27, 2023

President Mary Ann Gahagan called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present:  
Russ Sacco, Solicitor  
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelli Donlen 10 Lakeside Drive, she just wanted to share this. She has a person in her house who has cognizant decline and unable to get out of the house by himself. I reached out to the police department, and they referred me to Chief Martin. They were able to set up an emergency alert. If we call 911 and someone was dispatched to my house, they know that my loved one needs help – cognitively and for ambulation. It is a service that she was unaware of, and she wanted to make the public aware of it. Mrs. Donlen also mentioned that she noticed that a lot of things are missing on the Agenda. She asked if there was a reason why these things were missing. All the reports are gone. Ms. Gahagan responded that is a catch-up meeting from the beginning of the month. She advised that they were going to put the Relay for Life on the Agenda. Mrs. Donlen advised that she noticed that the hiring of the part time police officers is gone and all the Borough reports are gone. Ms. Gahagan explained that we will do it next month. Mrs. Chrzanowski asked why it isn't being done this month. She asked the solicitor if it needed to be done every month. Mr. Sacco responded that the President decides what is on the agenda. Ms. Gahagan responded that they are trying to get this over with and pay the bills.

Mr. Pirolli stated that they need officers and asked why the two part time police officers were taken off agenda. Mr. Servis stated that the Chief's report stated that the are graduating from the Police Academy on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Ms. Gahagan

stated that they will hire them at the next meeting. Mrs. Chrzanowski asked what happens if they get another job. People are being hired from the Academy all the time. Mr. Sacco advised that the part time police officers could be hired before they graduate the Academy but would not be able to start until after graduation.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to amend the agenda to hire 2 part time officers, seconded by Mr. Pirolli. Mrs. Chrzanowski commented that she did not understand why this meeting was different. It seems strange to her. Ms. Gahagan stated that it was not strange to her.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—against

Mr. Czyzyk—against

Mr. Saunders—against

Mr. Servis—against

Ms. Gahagan—against

The majority of Council was against the motion, the motion did not carry.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to amend the agenda to hire a full-time officer, seconded by Mrs. Chrzanowski. Mr. Pirolli commented that the full-time officer left over a month ago and he wants to start the process to hire a full-time officer to replace the one that left.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—against

Mr. Czyzyk—against

Mr. Saunders—against

Mr. Servis—against

Ms. Gahagan—against

The majority of Council was against the motion, the motion did not carry.

Matthew Goulet stated that he was speaking on behalf of his father, Bruce Goulet. Mr. Goulet provided all of Council with a copy of his speech. His son read his letter. My name is Bruce Goulet and a resident of Tullytown Borough for 37 years. He listed all of the committees he served on. He built a shed and has a permit that has expired. He must now apply for a new permit. He has always had trailers on his property and uses these trailers to store miscellaneous supplies. Recently he replaced the 2 trailers with one large trailer, and he spoke with Tullytown Zoning Officer, Sally Bellaspica. She indicated that since the trailers have remained on the property since the 1980's, the trailer should be grandfathered and no permit should

be required. His property is zoned for light industrial. His father feels that the code enforcement officer is attacking him. He is being fined for weeds that are not even on his property. It has become a nuisance for someone who has served this community for so long. He is retired and wants to enjoy the life he has spent building in this community. Russ Sacco advised he believes that Mr. Goulet is asking for a waiver and his son confirmed that they are asking for a waiver of the permit for the trailers that he already had grandfathered in the past and a waiver of the permit for the shed. Mr. Sacco advised that the issue did go before District Justice Hughes, who heard the case and ruled in favor of the Borough. He can gather from Beau Fleming a quick summary of the case and provide it to Council at the next meeting.

Debra Henry, 52 Lilac Lane, asked if under Borough Ordinance Boroughs are required to discuss certain things at every meeting. Mr. Sacco advised that Council is required to have a meeting once a month and required to have on the Agenda things that have to be voted on such as paying bills, land development, zoning hearing board intervention. Ms. Gahagan stated that they did do that. Ms. Henry asked how many police officers are on staff right now. Mrs. Chrzanowski stated that there are 7 part time, 4 full time. Ms. Henry asked how many more do we need? Mrs. Chrzanowski replied that she would have to ask the Chief. Ms. Henry stated that she was wondering why the chief was sitting in the back. Ms. Gahagan responded that Council had his report. Ms. Henry asked why no one was answering her as to why the Chief was sitting in the back. Mr. Pirolli stated that is why he asked why the hiring of the part time police officers was taken off the agenda. Mrs. Chrzanowski responded that she and Matt are on Council, and they have no idea either. Ms. Gahagan responded that they supply them with a copy of their reports. Ms. Henry asked again why the Chief is sitting in the back. Ms. Gahagan explained that they did not meet in early September. They were just going to meet in October but there was so much argument about it. Ms. Henry said it seems like there is a lack of structure and transparency.

Mr. Pirolli said he is being asked about the chief being fired and he has no idea what is happening. He asked Ms. Henry if she heard the same thing. Ms. Henry stated that she has heard that, as well. Mr. Pirolli said people are asking him why he doesn't know since he is on Council and he states that we have never had a meeting about it. Mrs. Chrzanowski stated that people in other townships are hearing it. Mrs. Chrzanowski stated that the Chief's report states that they need more officers. Ms. Henry asked if he was still the Chief. Ms. Gahagan responded she thinks so. Mr. Saunders replied that he is the sitting chief. Ms. Henry asked why they won't hire part time police officers. Ms. Gahagan replied that they have not graduated yet and in two weeks they will be hired.

Ms. Henry stated that if someone sees something and someone else sees something, if two more people see something and say the same exact same thing.

Ms. Henry stated what are the odds that all 4 of those people are wrong. She stated that she had high hopes for the chief but since he is sitting in the back, he is on his way out.

Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive, stated that we all need to work together. The disrespect that goes on is ridiculous. People need to respect the residents. You are elected officials and should have respect for all residents. Do what is best for all residents and not just for yourselves. Mrs. Donlen stated that Council asked everyone to wait until they hired a chief. She said the Chief is fabulous and does a great job and it is a shameful the way things are being done.

Jesse Walters, 188 Kenwood Drive South, wanted to say thanks for the signs in the park and thanks to Mr. Conallen and Mr. Fitzpatrick for securing the grant. Anything for Tullytown is a good thing and it is appreciated.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### **August 2, 2023 Council Meeting**

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—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 \$34,204.70, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—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 AUGUST**

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the other expenses paid in August, 2023, in the amount of \$218,836.46, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—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. Servis made a motion to approve the reconciliation statement for August 2023, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

### **Authorize Transfer of Funds \$185,000 via Resolution #499—Approval**

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$185,000 to the general fund and Resolution # 499, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—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

### a) HVAC System Repair—Consideration

Mrs. Marks advised that there is a quote for repair of the HVAC system on the admin side from Flanagan Mechanical for \$19,622.50.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the repair of the HVAC system by Flanagan Mechanical in the amount of \$19,622.50, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

### b) Resolution #501—Min. Mun. Obligation (MMO) Police Pension Plan 2024—Consideration

Mr. Sacco advised that every year Council must approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pensions. There are two pension plans. We are skipping Resolution 500. Resolution 501 is the MMO for the police pension for 2024. Attached to the Resolution is the actual amount for the MMO, which is \$38,953.22.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to approve the MMO for the Police Pension for 2024 and Resolution #501, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

c) Resolution #502—Min. Mun. Obligation (MMO) Non-Unif. Pension Plan 2024—  
Consideration

Mr. Sacco advised the next Resolution for consider is Resolution 502, which is the  
MMO for the non-uniform pension for 2024 in the amount of \$17,608.22.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to approve the MMO for the Non-Uniform  
Pension for 2024 and Resolution #502, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—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**

Council has a copy of the Mayor's Report.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no solicitor's report.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

#### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Council has received a copy of the report.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Council has received a copy of Chief Martin'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. Servis made motion to amend the agenda to consider the Large Event Application for the ACS Relay for Life, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

Mrs. Donlen advised that Relay for Life is an event that has been held for the past 2 years in Tullytown Park. We just got word that the last event raised \$99,755. All of the money that they raise goes to the American Cancer Society which supports our local area. It helps with research and a program called Road to Recovery. If someone is going through cancer treatments and cannot get a ride, we help them get a ride. There is also a place called Astra Zeneca Hope Lodge that is like a Ronald McDonald House for cancer patients. You and a care giver can come and stay for free and everything is provided for you if you live too far away for your cancer treatments. It has been a wonderful event here and has saved us thousands of dollars and it has been fabulous to work here and we appreciate it.

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the Large Event Application for the ACS Relay for Life, contingent upon receipt of a certificate of insurance, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

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

Mrs. Chrzanowski stated that last month we hired a person for treasurer. She asked if this person started and what is going on. Mr. Shellenberger said she has chosen not to take the position because of the hostility on council. Mrs. Chrzanowski asked if she didn't take the job because she wasn't qualified. Mr.



Shellenberger responded that she was qualified. She didn't take the position because it was so ridiculous, and it was a circus. Mr. Pirolli commented that it was ridiculous because we have a treasurer.

Mrs. Chrzanowski asked about the executive session before the meeting next month. She asked what was the executive session for? Ms. Gahagan responded that it was for personnel issues.

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive and Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive, announced they are doing a write-in campaign for the November election.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Servis to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks  
Borough Secretary