

# **TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **April 9, 2024**

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sacco advised that there was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues and ongoing litigation.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal  
Councilman Pirolli  
Councilman Pearl  
Councilman Shellenberger  
Councilman Czyzyk  
Councilman Saunders  
Councilwoman Gahagan  
Councilman Servis

Also present:

Russ Sacco, Solicitor  
Sean Torpey, Engineer  
Acting Chief Aldsworth  
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for two Tullytown residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Bockhorn, 661 River Road, stated that she inquired with the Borough Secretary about becoming part of the tow duty rotation. They would like to be of service to the Borough.

Jim Shellenberger, 236 Kenwood Dr. On April 20<sup>th</sup> we are having a Clean Up day, from 10 to 2. They are still looking for volunteers. He has flyers if anyone would like one.

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive. She saw on Brian Fitzpatrick's website that the grant for Tullytown Borough was approved by the senate. She asked what the plans were for the grant funds. Mr. Servis responded that Council would sit down and discuss the plans for the money. Mrs. Chrzanowski also inquired as to whether

Council would begin the process of hiring a Chief of Police. Mr. Servis responded that they were not pursuing a police chief at this time.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **March 12, 2024 Council Meeting**

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—abstain

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

The majority of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$15,502.09, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

## **OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN DECEMBER**

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to approve the other expenses paid in March in the amount of \$60,083.03, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for, with exception of labor attorney invoice

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

### **RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for March, 2024, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Marks read the resignation letter of the Borough Coordinator, Lynn Haines.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to accept the resignation of Lynn Haines as Borough Coordinator, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **a) Co-Responder Program Renewal—Consideration**

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion approve the Co-Responder Program renewal for one year with Tullytown Borough assuming 25% of the cost, at a cost to the borough of \$52,500, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger. Mr. Pearl asked if this amount was in the budget. Mr. Servis explained that it will be taken from the general fund. Acting

Chief Aldsworth explained that it is a good program. The program is designed to deal with people with mental health issues and they are trained to help police in certain circumstances.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

b) Authorize Advertising of the Ordinance No. 410, Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Shed Construction—Consideration

Mr. Sacco explained that this amendment eliminates the requirement in the current ordinance that if the shed is above 144 ft, the resident needs to apply for conditional use. The ordinance eliminates that provision and, if the shed is under 500 ft and meets the requirements of the remainder of the ordinance, they can proceed. The restriction on the number of sheds is also eliminated if you have sufficient impervious surface.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the advertising of Ordinance No. 410, an amendment to the zoning ordinance for the construction of sheds, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

c) Authorize Advertising of Ordinance No. 411, the Amendment to the Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance—Consideration

Mr. Sacco explained that this amendment is for the non-uniform pension ordinance. The amendment would revise the ordinance to allow for early retirement. Members will be permitted to retire after their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and the completion of at least 5 years of service. The pension administrator will need to do a cost study for the change, and this will take 2 to 3 weeks.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the advertising of the Amendment to the Pension Ordinance and have Mr. Sacco request a cost study from Foster and Foster, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

d) Leightronix Video on Demand Subscription Renewal—Consideration

Mrs. Marks explained that the yearly renewal for the subscription to host and stream the video on demand service and for recording and playing the council meetings is \$1,788.00. This is the same as it has been for the past several years.

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the renewal of the Leightronix Video on Demand subscription for one year in the amount of \$1788, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—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**

Mayor Cutchneal advised that the primary election will be held this year on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no solicitor report.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Torpey stated that he submitted his report to Council and asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Saunders mentioned large potholes on Fallsington Avenue that PennDOT has not addressed. Mr. Torpey will reach out to PennDOT and provide the Borough with some additional contacts for PennDOT.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the hiring of a part time police officer, Paul McManamon, who will serve as evidence custodian, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

All of council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the hiring of a part time police officer, Joseph Dragon, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Acting Chief Aldsworth commended Officer Wallace for helping the kids involved in the shooting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

Council received a copy of the report. Mr. Pearl mentioned that the quote to film the 911 Memorial was \$1,495. He believed that since the cost was high, he would suggest not to move forward with it this year and would propose to film it every five years.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Mr. Shellenberger wanted to thank the street department for doing a beautiful job at Canal Park.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Czyzyk 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks  
Borough Secretary