

# **TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **August 13, 2024**

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting:

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

Also present:

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

Moment of Silence

Acting Chief Aldsworth asked for a moment of silence for a former Tullytown Borough Police Officer, Kevin Bushnell, who passed away this morning.

Hire Full Time Police Officer—Consideration

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the hiring of Matthew Rink as a full-time police officer, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for  
Mr. Pearl—for  
Mr. Shellenberger—for  
Mr. Saunders—for  
Ms. Gahagan—for  
Mr. Servis—for

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

Judge Hughes swore in Matthew Rink as a police officer for Tullytown Borough.

Mr. Pearl presented Caring Citizen Certificates and Pins in recognition of a valuable contribution to your neighbor. The honorees assisted the family in crisis next door until the first responders showed up. They helped the family obtain clothing and also took care of the children and the first responders.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelli Donlen 10 Lakeside Dr. Mrs. Donlen wanted to commend the wonderful work of the first responders in the community.

Bruce Goulet, complained about the continued issues on the property at 1 Mill Lane.

Jim Chase, 653 Main Street, asked if Council has reached any decision on cutting the grass at the Tullytown Cemetery. Council advised it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **July 9, 2024 Council Meeting**

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$6,936.73 seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—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 JULY**

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the other expenses for July in the amount of \$ 6,277.27 seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—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. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for July, 2024, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

### **AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #509**

Mr. Saunders made a motion to adopt Resolution #509, authorizing the transfer of \$150,000 from the investment firms to the General Fund, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications this month.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### a) Presentation - Blighted Properties

Jeff Darwak, Executive Director, Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, explained the blight abatement program of the Redevelopment Authority. They have done work all through Bucks County and assist municipalities in taking control of vacant, blighted properties. They provide assistance and administer funds. The process begins with a cooperation agreement between the Borough and the Redevelopment Authority and enacting an ordinance.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to start the process to create and review a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

### b) Dental Insurance Renewal—Consideration

Mrs. Marks explained that the dental insurance costs remain the same. The renewal is for the next 3 years.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the renewal of the United Concordia Dental Insurance for the next 3 years, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

c) Approval Large Event Relay for Life—Consideration

Mrs. Marks explained that Relay for Life submitted a Large Event Application for permission to use the Tullytown Borough Park for the event on June 14, 2025. The event is always run well and there have been no problems at any prior event.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the Large Event Application for the Relay for Life at Tullytown Park on June 14, 2025, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

d) Authorize Advertising of International Building Code Ordinance—Consideration

Mr. Sacco explained that codes the contained in the current ordinances are outdated. We need to create an ordinance that incorporates the 2024 updates and all subsequent codes as they are adopted.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to prepare and advertise an ordinance adopting the 2024 international building codes and all subsequent revisions, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—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**

There was no Mayor's report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sacco updated Council on the ordinances he was asked to research.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Council has a copy of his report.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to send a letter to Waste Management and ask them to have their trucks rerouted to the truck route, rather than coming through Tullytown, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Mr. Saunders made a motion to direct that part time police officers are not permitted to work overtime, unless directed by the chief, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

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

Council received a copy of the report.

Mr. Pearl mentioned that the 911 ceremony has been scheduled and copies of the flyers are up on website.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Mr. Pearl commented that residents in Stonybrook have been complaining about a rat problem.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Gahagan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks  
Borough Secretary