

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2024

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting:

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

Also present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Goulet, 1 Mill Lane, expressed concerns over the issues with his property.

Michelle Grasso, River Road, following up their request to be added to towing rotation list. Mr. Servis said if there is a need Council will discuss and add to the list. They will make a motion in miscellaneous council business.

Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive, expressed congratulations for the grant check from Congressman Fitzpatrick. She suggested trying to bring back some of the committees and open up some new committees and bring in some new people.

Mr. Servis gave a shout out to Congressman Fitzpatrick for the \$1.2 million grant funds.

Debbie Henry, 62 Lilac Lane. She stated that some months back there was a dispute during the November 1, 2023 meeting. She thought the minutes were government records and a pertinent part of dialogue during the meeting was not made part of the official minutes.

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 13, 2024 Council Meeting

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—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

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$5,478.93, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—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 AUGUST

Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve the other expenses for August in the amount of \$3,958.88 seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—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. Saunders made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for August, 2024, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—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 #510

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to adopt Resolution #510, authorizing the transfer of \$250,000 from the investment accounts to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—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) Resolution #511—Min. Mun. Obligation (MMO) Police Pension Plan 2025—
Consideration

Mr. Sacco explained that the increase in the minimum municipal obligation for the police pension and non-uniform pension was due to the actuarial valuation done as of 1/1/23, which showed a significant market decline that occurred in 2022. The Police Plan showed a -14.7% return in investments and the Non-Uniform Plan return in investments was -13.2%. In addition, the Police Plan included a change in the normal retirement age from 55 to 50.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve Resolution #511 and the MMO for the Police Pension Plan for 2025, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

b) Resolution #512—Min. Mun. Obligation (MMO) Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2025—Consideration

Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve Resolution #512 and the MMO for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for 2025, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

c) Approval of 2023 DCED Audit—Consideration...Mrs. Marks

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the 2023 DCED Audit prepared by Lopez, Teodosio & Larkin, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

d) Public Hearing—International Building Code Ordinance #412

Mr. Sacco explained that this Ordinance adopts all of the current building codes.

The last time the codes were updated was 2009. The Ordinance adopts all current codes and changes and updates in the codes going forward without needing a new ordinance.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve Ordinance #412, the International Building Code Ordinance, seconded by Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

e) Tullytown Cemetery Maintenance—Consideration

Mr. Pearl stated that the situation is similar to what happened with the 911 Memorial. When the money ran out, the memorial was turned over to the Borough. Mr. Pirolli asked if the Borough was continuing to cut the parkway. Mr. Chase asked if the state is turning over money to the Borough for the grass cutting. Mr. Sacco said it needs to be in the form of an agreement if the Borough agrees to maintain the cemetery.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to not maintain the property, seconded by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Servis said they would revisit in the Spring of next year

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—against

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

4 in favor, 1 against, the motion carried.

f) Redevelopment Authority Cooperation Agreement—Consideration

Mr. Sacco explained that the Redevelopment Authority Cooperation Agreement establishes a relationship with the Borough if the Borough needs to blight a property in the future. If the Borough desires to move forward, we can follow up with a blight ordinance. Mr. Pirolli mentioned that he is against it because of the eminent domain provision. Several residents have expressed concern.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve the Redevelopment Authority Cooperation Agreement, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—against

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for
4 in favor, 1 against, the motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Presidential debate is on tonight.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco mentioned that all of his report was taken care of under General Business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council has a copy of his report.

Mr. Torpey asked for permission to file an application to Liquid Fuels to use the funds to pay for the balance of the road program. The Borough has received a bill for \$250,000 for most of the work but there is still due approximately \$50,000.

Council agreed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Mr. Saunders mentioned that trucks are speeding down Main Street. He doesn't see any police officers on this side of town. These are things we need to address. The dump trucks are flying past this building and asked if the police are doing patrols on Main Street. Acting Chief Aldsworth mentioned that he tried to make a change to the schedule, and he was shut down by the Mayor. Acting Chief Aldsworth said the answer he got from the Mayor did not make any sense. He wanted to move the new hire to day shift, Monday to Friday. Everyone has different strengths, and he believes this person's strength is traffic enforcement. He had a game plan to get more enforcement on Main Street. It was requested that the Mayor bring a report to the next meeting with a plan to control truck traffic on Main Street.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to hire John Crichton as a part time police officer, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—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 reminded everyone about the 911 ceremony tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to add Show Stoppers to the towing list, seconded by Mr. Saunders. All of Council was in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Saunders to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary