

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2024

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal
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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Damiani President of Tullytown Fire Company thanked all Borough residents who came for the trunk or treat. The next event will be held on Sunday December 1st and is a comic book collectible show. The cost is a \$5 entry fee, age 10 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the fire company. The Santa run will be on Friday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. and will start at the Macintosh. The Fire Company will be collecting food and toys.

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive. At the September council meeting the acting chief held up a file he claims he had on her. On September 26th she received a Right to Know response from the Borough that it was denied since there was no file. On October 3rd the Borough filed a sworn affidavit that the file does not exist. She wanted to make it public that there was no file.

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 2024 Council Meeting

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 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 \$22,211.33 seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Mr. Pirolli questioned the Offit Kurman bill that states that there are issues with the Mayor. Can anyone explain what that is for? Mr. Sacco stated that the personnel committee met with labor counsel to discuss ongoing issues with personnel. Mr. Pirolli asked if Mr. Sacco would handle an issue with authority of the Mayor and the Chief of Police. Mr. Sacco stated that since it is a labor issue, labor counsel would handle. Mr. Pirolli asked about a meeting held in Bensalem Township. Mr. Servis stated that the meeting was held in Bensalem because labor counsel was there.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for, with the exception of the Offit Kurman invoice

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 OCTOBER

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the other expenses for October, 2024 in the amount of \$4,865.49 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.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for October, 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 #516

Mr. Saunders made a motion to adopt Resolution #516, authorizing the transfer of \$770,000 from the investment accounts to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

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) PennDOT Winter Services Agreement and Resolution #514—Consideration

At the last meeting, Council approved the agreement for snow removal on PennDOT roads, with the provision that PennDOT provide funds for salt. The Borough contacted PennDOT and PennDOT stated that they do not provide the money for salt. Mr. Sacco stated that the Agreement needs to come before Council again for a vote since PennDOT will not provide for salt.

Mr. Saunders made a motion approve the Winter Services Agreement and Resolution #514, 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.

b) Public Hearing-Property Allocation Ordinance #413

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve Property Allocation Ordinance #413, and check in the amount of \$500, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—against

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

c) 2025 Tentative Budget—Authorize Advertising

Mr. Sacco advised that the tentative 2025 Budget must be advertised for 20 days and displayed at Borough Hall. We need to advertise by Tuesday of next week so that it can be considered at the meeting on December 10th. Council is permitted to increase a department or line item by 20% or increase entire budget by 10% after it has been advertised. Otherwise, the budget needs to be readvertised. It was

decided that the personnel committee will meet with the department heads prior to the next meeting to work on the budget.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the advertising of the 2025 tentative budget, 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

The local Girl Scouts stopped by to learn about local government. The Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Friday December 6th at 6 pm. The Mayor provided an update on the Randall Avenue bridge. Phase 1 is completed. There is no timeframe for the start of Phase 2.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the report.

Mr. Torpey explained that the Green Light Go grant program to upgrade intersections is currently open. He suggested looking at the grant for upgrades to the intersection at the Levittown Center South and the Levittown Parkway at St. Michael's. This intersection has some antiquated signals for ADA accessibility. It is a PennDOT road, but the responsibility falls on the municipality. The issue with this grant is that the municipality must match 20%. We have 2 to 3 weeks to get the application in. The cost to put the grant application together would be \$1000 – \$2000. Mr. Torpey asked if there is any value in putting the application together.

Mr. Shellenberger made motion to have Pennoni put together a grant application for the Green Light Go Program, 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. Torpey also mentioned a grant that provides an opportunity to purchase vehicles. He just heard about it and will find out more information.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Acting Chief Aldsworth stated that on November 1st around 11 p.m., they received a call from St. Michael's. The officers responded and found a subject in the closet after hours. They took him into custody and when he was fingerprinted, it turns out he was in country illegally.

Mr. Saunders asked how we did when State Police came in for one day. Acting Chief Aldsworth stated that they did give out citations, along with Borough Officers. Mr. Saunders stated that people are tired of the trucks on Main Street. Acting Chief Aldsworth explained that Officer Wallace is back and has issued 10 citations. The right hand turn at the light at Fallsington Avenue and Main Street is causing major issues. Tractor trailers are making illegal right hand turns. Mr. Saunders stated that we need this to be a priority because the people in Old Town are tired of the truck traffic. Mr. Saunders asked if this is because the acting chief does not have the authority to do the scheduling.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to have the chief to do the scheduling for a 3 month period, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. Mr. Sacco stated that the Mayor has the authority to override.

The Mayor stated that the person who has been doing the scheduling has been doing it for the past 10 years and there has been no issue.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—abstain

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive, questioned the number of officers patrolling Main Street.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Pirolli mentioned that the turning radius to the sidewalk on the Fallsington Bridge is too tight to get a scooter up over the bridge. When the state put in the ramp, they just covered up stairs. Can we look into grants to get this fixed? Kelli Donlen, Lakeside Drive, asked if we can do something with the entrance way to the municipal building to make that accessible for the handicap. Mr. Torpey will investigate both issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Saunders to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary