

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2025

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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

Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Rick Adams, Jr., son of former Councilman Rick Adams and brother of former police secretary, Sandi Adams Flesch and for all the victims of the California fire.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. Pearl made a motion to amend the agenda to move the hiring of the chief of police to the first item on the agenda, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.
All of Council was in favor, the motion carried.

Hiring of Borough Chief of Police—Consideration

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to appoint Nate Aldsworth as Chief of Police, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—abstain
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.

After the vote, Nate Aldsworth was sworn in as Chief of Police by Judge Frank Paranteau.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelli Donlen 10 Lakeside Drive, stated that the Borough has lost a lot of committees, and events such as the Memorial Day parade. There has been no discussion on what is happening, and no information is being shared with the tax payers.

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive, explained that she submitted a right to know for labor attorney bills and over \$100,000 was paid for the past year. Mr. Servis asked the Borough Secretary to itemize bills from labor attorney. Mr. Sacco explained that some cases are not covered by the insurance company.

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2024 Council Meeting

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Council meeting, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 21,887.37, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

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 NOVEMBER

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the other expenses for December, 2024 in the amount of \$5,688.92, 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 December, 2024, 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.

Authorize Transfer of Funds \$100,000 via Resolution #518

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the transfer of \$100,000 and Resolution #518, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Vacancy Board Chair Appointment/Resolution #519—Consideration

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to appoint Sue Servis as Vacancy Board Chair for a term of one (1) year and approve Resolution #519, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain

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

b) Planning Commission Appointments—Consideration...Mrs. Marks

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to appoint Sue Servis to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years, 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.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to appoint Wilhelmina Conca to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years, 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.

c) Zoning Hearing Board Appointment and Resolution #520 —Consideration

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to appoint Diane Beri to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five (5) years and approve Resolution #520, 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.

d) Authorize Advertising of Clerk Position—Consideration

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the advertising for the hiring of a part time clerk, seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Mr. Servis explained that another meeting will be held next week with the union.

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.

e) Approve Pay Raises for Non-Union Employees—Consideration

Mr. Pirolli asked if part time police officers were included and Mr. Servis stated that they were included. Mr. Pearl stated that the salary for the Fire Marshal would not be included in the raises.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve a raise for all non-union employees in the amount of 3 %, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—abstain

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Servis—abstain

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

g) Hiring of Building Inspection Agency—Consideration

Mr. Pearl stated that found a company to assume the duties and is reliable. 35 different municipalities use this Agency. He explained that they will handle code, construction inspection, code enforcement, electrical, zoning, code legislation, as requested. They will take over as soon as it is voted on. Mr. Pearl felt there were things the current agency should be doing that they did not do, and he wants to go in a different direction. Mr. Pirolli asked if there were any complaints. Mrs. Chrzanowski asked if fire inspections were being done by the new company.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to appoint Keystone Municipal Services, contingent upon review of the contract, to handle all building inspections for the Borough, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—against

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that on December 21st he swore in the officers of the fire company. The Mayor read a memo from Sgt. Bunda outlining the results of a recent traffic detail held on January 10, 2025 with the Pennsylvania State Police and their commercial vehicle enforcement unit.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco advised that there are currently two assessment appeals – one by Walmart and one by another company. The school district does the heavy lifting in these cases. He will update as needed.

Mr. Sacco stated that for the appointment of Chief Aldsworth, council can submit the Chief to civil service for a non-competitive examination.

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to submit Chief Aldsworth to the Civil Service Commission for a non-competitive examination, 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.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the Engineer's Report

CHIEF'S REPORT

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to hire Albert Rod as a part time police officer, 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 stated that the company that provided the maintenance contract for the Fire Company generator provided an assessment for the Borough building and garage emergency generators. He has quotes for both generators for a 2-year service contract from MLE Generator Service.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to approve the 2-year maintenance service contract for the building and the garage emergency generators from MLE Generator Service LLC in the amount of \$3,248.61, 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

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Servis stated that the fire marshal vehicle was turned over to the police department in order to turn it into a police vehicle. Emergency Accessories and Installations in Cherry Hill, NJ provided a quote for transforming the vehicle for \$14,303.59.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve quote from Emergency Accessories and Installations in the amount of \$14,303.59, 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. Shellenberger questioned the concrete barriers in the shopping center that were supposed to be temporary. Mr. Pearl explained that the DLC manager was fired 2 months after the barriers were placed. The new manager said other guy dropped the ball and they are aiming for this spring to make changes in the shopping center.

Mrs. Donlen commented that she went to see State Representative Jim Prokopiak about the truck traffic and speeding on Main Street. Representative Prokopiak said if he doesn't hear from council about the problem, they can't do anything.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion for Council to send an official letter to Representative Prokopiak concerning the speeding and truck traffic on Main Street, 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.

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 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary