

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2025

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, March 11, 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
Chief Aldsworth
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

Moment of Silence

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for 4 people who recently passed away.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Bunda announced his intention to retire from his position as Sergeant of the Tullytown Borough police department and submitted his letter of intention to vest his pension with 15 years of full-time service. He expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and the residents.

Mike Sidoti, tax collector, wanted to follow up with regards to the Borough sending out a letter to all of the businesses explaining which taxes get paid to each tax collector. He is continually getting calls and he has told people to not send in their taxes until the letter is sent out. Mr. Sacco explained he is drafting the letter and he is waiting for a form from the special tax collector.

Chris Shellenberger, 229 Kenwood Dr. S, wanted to remind everyone about the cleanup day scheduled for April 19th from 10 to 2 in Tullytown Park, Canal Park and Levittown Lake. No registration is necessary.

Mike Sidoti, 53 Stream Lane, wanted to make it known that you cannot make a left hand turn into Penn Community Bank and would like to see that changed.

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Council meeting, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$3,938.41, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for, with the exception of the Keystone Municipal Services invoices

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 FEBRUARY

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the other expenses for February, 2025 in the amount of \$11,283.67, 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.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for February, 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.

Authorize Transfer of Funds \$100,000 via Resolution #522

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from investments to the general fund and Resolution # 522, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Large Event Application St. Michael's Car Show—Consideration

Mrs. Marks explained that St. Michaels Church submitted a Large Event application for a car show to be held on the grounds of the church on May 10th. The Chief of Police, Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer have signed off on the application.

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the large event application for St. Michael's car show, 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) Bucks County Recycling Grant Consultant—Consideration

Mrs. Marks explained that as an incentive for municipalities to maintain recycling programs, DEP pays a grant award each year. The grant is based on a formula that includes population, residential and commercial recycling tonnage. County compliance is required as well. It is a time consuming and labor-intensive process. She recommended hiring Hough Associates to handle the recycling grant program. The firm currently handles the recycling program for most municipalities in the County. Their fee would be 25% of the DEP grant.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to hire Hough Associates to handle the DEP Recycling Grant Program for a fee of 25% of the grant received, 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) Health Insurance Renewal—Consideration

Mrs. Marks stated that the medical plan for the employees is due for renewal. Independence Blue Cross is the current provider and their rates for the upcoming year increased 4.5%. Brown and Brown shopped other medical plan carriers, but the rate increase was much higher. They recommend renewing with Independence Blue Cross.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to renew Independence Blue Cross for the 2025-2026 year, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cutchineal congratulated Sgt. Bunda on his retirement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the Engineer's Report

Mr. Torpey mentioned that the Borough is getting grant funding and he would like to set up a meeting with Council to discuss the permitted uses and get some direction. It was decided that Mr. Pearl, Mr. Shellenberger and Mr. Saunders should be involved in that meeting. Mr. Torpey also reminded Council that there is a meeting scheduled for March 27th with the PennDOT representative about Fallsington Avenue.

Mr. Servis mentioned that Silvi has sign on their gate that says, "No right hand turn". This is why there is so much truck traffic coming through Tullytown. Bristol Township told him that the state made that decision. Mr. Torpey stated that while they have the PennDOT rep here, they can talk to him about it.

Nina Chrzanowski, 6 Stonybrook Drive, mentioned that the Borough needs to reach out to the state rep. before they can do something about the truck traffic. Mr. Sacco and Mrs. Marks will draft a letter.

Annette Nysse, 436 Main Street, said she would like to circle back to grant. Would there be chance to have input about what would be best for community? Mr. Servis responded that once they meet and determine what the grant can be used for, Council will have a workshop.

Mr. Saunders asked about an update on the Amtrak barrier. Mr. Torpey is trying to get further information from people with Amtrak that are part of community outreach. The Amtrak conversations are specifically for rail traffic.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Aldsworth mentioned that there is a need for substitute crossing guards.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to hire John Finby as a part time police officer, seconded by Mr. Pearl, with the contingency he passes all requirements.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to accept the retirement of Andrew Bunda, 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. Shellenberger 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 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary