

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2025

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 12, 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-absent
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 3 residents who passed away in the past month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Riley Lazeration, 1000 Easy Street. She asked for updates on cleaning up Martin's Creek. Ms. Lazeration mentioned they were told they cannot hire their own contractors to clean up. Council asked Mr. Torpey to look into the matter. She also asked for updates on the issues she brought to the Council meeting last month. She has left messages with the zoning officer and received no response. Mr. Servis explained that every agency has been down to the property. Mr. Sacco stated that she can file a right to know for permits at that address. Her other question concerns 498 Lovett Avenue. The rebar on the property has not been addressed. She asked what happens if she contacts zoning officer and he doesn't get back to her. Mr. Servis told her to get a hold of Mrs. Marks and she will contact Council.

Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive, asked about update on the outages and PECO issues. Mrs. Marks read an email from Ted Durand, External Business Manager from PECO, with an update on the situation.

Mr. Servis mentioned that Council did meet with PennDOT, Representative Prokopiak, and Senator Santarsiero to talk about the roads. The road repairs are slated for 2027 but before then, they did say they will do some patch work on Fallsington Avenue.

Mrs. Donlen asked the fire marshal where residents can find posts from emergency management. Mr. Pearl explained that he posts to Savvy Citizen, Facebook and the Fire Marshal Facebook page.

Robert Grasso has a towing business in Tullytown and was at the meeting last September to ask to be put on the towing list for Tullytown Borough. Mr. Servis explained there is no rotation or towing list. Everything is left at the discretion of the police chief. There have been no complaints about the current towing companies.

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 22, 2025 Council Meeting

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—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 \$13,046.25, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Ms. Gahagan—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 2025 in the amount of \$9,222.55, seconded by Mr. Saunders. Mr. Pearl mentioned a check on the bills list written to him in the amount of \$687.40, which was a reimbursement for a Foremost bill.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—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, 2025, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no general business items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco mentioned that he was hoping to have the appraisals back for Council's consideration, but the appraiser is waiting on the realtor for additional photographs.

He should have the appraisals for both properties – the vacant parcel and the commercial property - in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Sacco also mentioned that the House passed a blight bill that will provide the Redevelopment Authority with additional funds to loan to municipalities with blighted properties. The municipalities with existing regulations are going to get priority. The bill just passed the House and now has to go to the Senate.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the Engineer's Report

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Aldsworth stated that Corporal Rink passed the training for DOT. He will need to do an apprenticeship for about 6 months. The Chief will have him to come to a meeting to answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. Pearl stated that when acting Sgt Wallace was appointed, we said we would start the process for the test. Mr. Pearl asked Chief Aldsworth where we are on this. The Chief stated that he has not heard anything about that. Mr. Sacco stated that he contacted the civil service solicitor but thought they would have coordinated the testing by now. Mr. Servis asked Mr. Sacco to find out where things stand on the hiring test and the Sgt. test. Mr. Sacco said he will reach out, but once it is in the hands of the civil service, it is out of our hands. Mr. Pearl stated that he knows the old list for hiring a patrolman expires this month, so we need a new list.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the report.

Mr. Pearl mentioned he had another court date with the solicitor last week. He also mentioned the Ceremony on September 11th at 7 PM. This year is the 24th year and it is always held rain or shine.

Mr. Shellenberger asked if Mr. Pearl heard anything about the flooding area in the shopping center. Mr. Pearl stated that he feels they are not worried about it. We asked them to do what they did because we had our fire fighters and policemen going out at all times of the day and night every time it rained. They told us it was temporary. He contacted them numerous times and they are on their fourth person since we made the agreement. Mr. Servis suggested we get the solicitor and zoning officer involved. Mr. Torpey explained that if the shopping center is planning on addressing the issue and the stormwater problem, they need to hire an engineer. If they come up with a solution, they should have his office review the plans. Mr. Sacco stated that if they come up with a plan the engineer needs to review, he will come up with a professional services agreement. Mr. Pearl stated that there was a sit-down meeting between DLC Management, himself and Mr. Servis, where they actually showed us the plans. The gentleman said at the time

that they were going to do it next spring. That was 2 years ago. The gentleman that agreed to that is 4 managers ago. Mr. Sacco will send them a notice of violation.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Saunders mentioned that he met with Code Enforcement to contact Amtrak to clean up all the trash along their fence. He also mentioned that there was a meeting with the grant writer to see what can be done with the grant money and they will set up a meeting with public in the near future.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to hire Kathleen Silverman as a substitute crossing guard, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Mr. Saunders made a motion to appoint Jim Shellenberger to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five (5) years and approve Resolution #526, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—abstain

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to appoint Steven Grosscup to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five (5) years and approve Resolution #527, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Ms. Donlen asked about the status of the volunteer committees. Council agreed that anyone interested in serving on any committees should contact Pat Marks. At the next meeting, appointments and reappointments to the committees will be done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Saunders 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 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary