

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2026

President Servis called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Shellenberger
Councilman Pirolli
Councilwoman Nysse
Councilman Saunders
Councilman Campanaro
Councilwoman Gahagan
Councilman Pearl
Councilman Servis

Also present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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Ms. Gahagan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

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 \$18,584.57 seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Mr. Pearl wanted to clarify the amount being approved for the Offit Kurman invoice. When he reviewed the statement, it shows \$18,262.50 as previously billed but still outstanding. This amount is listed on the check register as issued but not yet cashed. He wants to confirm that Council is only approving the \$13,374.00 on the current invoice.

Mr. Pearl also questioned 2 charges on Mr. Sacco's invoice for the fire engine grant for the Fire Company. Mr. Sacco explained that with respect to charge on invoice, an issue arose from DCED that needed a legal opinion from the solicitor. DCED took the position that it needed to go out to bid. There is an exemption that if you are purchasing from another volunteer fire company, you do not need to go through the bid process. Mike Conallen reached out to Mr. Sacco for the opinion and will submit the opinion with the grant application.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for, with the exception of the Offit Kurman invoice in the amount of \$13,374

Mrs. Nysse—for, with the exception of the Offit Kurman invoice in the amount of \$13,374

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—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 in the amount of \$22,158.71 seconded by Ms. Gahagan.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—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, 2026, seconded by Mr. Campanaro.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #538

Mr. Saunders made a motion to adopt Resolution #538 authorizing the transfer of \$75,000 from the investment firms to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Campanaro.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Marks read a letter from resident, Donna O'Rourke, 498 Lakeside Drive, who expressed concern about the "Ride out for Sammy" that occurred on Sunday, March 1, 2026 and asked Council to prevent it from happening in the future. She felt that with 75 kids on ATVs, motorcycles, scooters, and bicycles riding through Lakeside, it created a very dangerous situation.

Mr. Servis advised that the Chief and Mayor will take care of making sure this does not happen next year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Health Insurance Renewal—Consideration

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the renewal of the Blue Cross IBX health insurance for one year, seconded by Mr. Campanaro.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

b) Participate in Bucks County West Nile Virus Program—Consideration

Mr. Saunders made a motion for Tullytown Borough to participate in the Bucks County Department of Health's Mosquito Disease Control Program, seconded by Mrs. Nysse.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

c) Hire Part Time Clerk/Police Secretary—Consideration

Mr. Saunders made a motion to hire Candice Forbes as a part time clerk/police secretary, 30 hours per week, \$25 per hour with no health care benefits, seconded by Mr. Pearl.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pearl has a report on the financial committee and fire committee. At the last meeting we were approached by the fire company, and we discussed the situation, the fire tax and their needs. We met with the fire company again to discuss their needs.

Mr. Pearl explained that the treasurer tracks the amount collected from taxes on the on the first page of the budget and tracks what is paid out to the fire company on the last page of the budget so the treasurer will be able to keep track of what is paid.

Mr. Servis explained that instead of the fire company waiting for the tax money to be paid, we are paying them \$25,000 quarterly in March, 2026, June, 2026 and September 2026. The fire company will get the remaining taxes collected in December.

Mr. Sacco asked how the taxes are paid now. Mr. Pearl explained that they really don't get any tax money until the beginning of June. Mr. Sacco explained that the treasurer will have to be able to track this and approve this. He explained that the Borough cannot put itself legally in the position of paying more than the fire tax collected. Mr. Pearl explained that is why he went with \$75,000 because the Borough has never received less than \$75,000 for fire taxes. He was told to find a solution to the problem, and he believes this is a solution.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to pay the fire tax to the Tullytown Borough Fire Company quarterly in the following time frame: First payment in the amount of \$25,000 on or before March 31, 2026; second payment in the amount of \$25,000 on or before June 30, 2026; third payment in the amount of \$25,000 on or before September 30, 2026; last payment would be the total fire tax paid to the Borough minus the payments already made to the fire company, due on or before December 15, 2026; as long as the Treasurer approves it, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to get proposals for a forensic audit on the tax collection to find the source of the sudden decrease in collections being paid to the Borough and Fire Company; specifically, how much was collected and how much is not collected and how much was billed for from the County, seconded by Mr. Campanaro.

Mr. Pirolli suggested Mr. Pearl talk to Mr. Sidoti because he has all the records. Mr. Pearl said he has spoken with the tax collector. Mr. Servis said he believes the question is why we have a deficit in the real estate taxes.

Mr. Sacco clarified there is an audit every year. The difference between an audit and a forensic accounting is a professional accountant comes in. You need to get a proposal from the professional accounting service with the scope of the audit and the cost.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—against

Mrs. Nysse—against

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shellenberger stated that he received complaints about a vehicle on Main Street. It has been towed. He is looking at a grant to install cameras in the municipality. The Memorial Day event will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 9 AM.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco reported that the Code Enforcement Officer asked to have a UCC Code of Appeals Board active for the borough. He stated that the board will rarely meet and is made up of 3 people. If the code enforcement officer cites someone, they have the right to appeal to the board of appeals of the Borough. Members of the board are typically residents who have a background in construction. Mr. Servis asked Mrs. Marks to put out a notice on Savvy Citizen.

Mr. Sacco advised that both the Police Union and Non-Uniform Union Contracts expire at the end of year. Mr. Servis advised that the Borough received a notice from the Non-Uniform Union but nothing from the Police Union.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the Engineer's Report

Mr. Torpey provided an update on the Main Street improvement project. Now that the weather is good, they will start the survey the week of March 15th. Mark will coordinate to get cars off of the street. The grant writer was pulled into active duty and we will need to set up new dates for the meeting. Mr. Torpey will email Mrs. Marks tomorrow with new dates.

CHIEF'S REPORT

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

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

The Mayor asked the Chief how many tickets have been written. Chief Aldsworth stated that since January 1, 2026, 325 citations written to date.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council received a copy of the report.

Mr. Pearl wanted to point out we had one working fire and smoke detectors save lives. He also commented that as usual our team came through during the second snowstorm.

Mr. Pearl urged people to get the Savvy Citizen App. He posted on Savvy during both storms. Perhaps Mrs. Nysse, as chair of Senior Citizen Committee, can go over to the Macintosh and work with senior citizens to install the app.

Mr. Pearl reminded everyone that this year is the 25th celebration for 911.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Aaron Cohen, Chief of Tullytown Fire Company. He was home and started watching the Council meeting. It was brought up that the fire company had met with the finance committee and the fire committee. The fire company did not meet with anyone. He wished someone had presented this plan to the fire house because he does not know if it will work. His treasurer does not think the plan will work. He is not sure why this plan was brought up and why there was no meeting. He asked for a meeting with the finance committee and the fire committee. Chief Cohen said he met with Mr. Pearl but did not meet with everyone. Mr. Pearl explained that he is the chair of the fire committee. Chief Cohen stated he asked for a meeting with Mr. Pearl and the finance committee. Chief Cohen asked for the motion to be rescinded because he doesn't feel it will work for the fire company. The Chief said they need to sit down with their treasurer and the Borough so we can discuss what is going on with our tax money. Mr. Pearl explained that he is trying to get them paid throughout the year instead of when the money is collected.

Mr. Pearl made a motion to rescind the motion to pay the fire tax to the Tullytown Borough Fire Company quarterly in the following time frame: First payment in the amount of \$25,000 on or before March 31, 2026; second payment in the amount of \$25,000 on or before June 30, 2026; third payment in the amount of \$25,000 on or before September 30, 2026; last payment would be the total fire tax paid to the Borough minus the payments already made to the fire company, due on or before December 15, 2026; as long as the Treasurer approves it, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Nysse—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Campanaro—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

Mr. Pearl—for

Mr. Servis—for

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

Mrs. Nysee mentioned that on the Offit Kurman bill is Mr. Servis' personal email. Mr. Servis asked Mrs. Marks to contact Offit Kurman and have them remove his email address from future invoices.

Mrs. Nysse was reviewing Offit Kurman invoices. If this court case gets prolonged, and we continue to use them through the end of the 2026, the Borough could pay them a total of \$300,000 and she has concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Saunders to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pirolli. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary