

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 2, 2016

President May Kucher called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a moment of silence for Bill Edwards and James Werner who recently passed away.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal

Councilwoman Grady-was absent due to working at the National Night Out

Councilwoman Kettler

Councilwoman Slemmer

Councilman Pirolli

Councilwoman Gahagan

Councilman Shellenberger

Councilwoman Kucher

Also present:

Michael T. Sellers, Esq., Borough Solicitor

Kurt M. Schroeder, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc, Borough Engineer

Alison Smith, Borough Coordinator

Judy Collings, Borough Treasurer

Nancy Conner, Borough Secretary

COMMENDATIONS – JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS – TULLYTOWN FIRE COMPANY

Mayor Cutchineal presented commendations to Amanda Johnson, Logan Sytnik and Aidan Dunbar for 1st place win in the “Gear Donning Competition” during the Keystone Firefighters Conference held at the Greater Philadelphia Convention center, Oak, Pennsylvania.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Sellers advised Council met into executive session prior to this evening’s meeting to discuss several of the business tax collection litigation matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Hart, 50 Stream Lane, Levittown, commented that this Borough does a lot for the residents, the 9-11 Vigil, Memorial Day Parade, National Night Out, Borough Picnic, etc. He advised one of our residents is battling Leukemia for quite some time. Mr. Hart commented

that this man always had a memorial outside his house for Veterans and always flew his flag on his flagpole. He advised that this man's flagpole was ruined from weather. Mr. Hart stated that the Fire Company came out on their own and replaced the flagpole that another resident purchased for the man.

Evan Darroch, 36 Silverbirch Lane, Levittown, commented that his project has been approved by the Council of Boy Scouts—he has all the materials and he is hoping to start and complete the project by the end of September.

COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016 Council meeting, seconded by Mrs. Kettler. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mrs. Kettler made a motion to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$44,461.04, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. Roll call vote was taken. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to approve the Reconciliation Statement for July, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Kettler. Roll call vote was taken. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Conner advised that she had no communications for the month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF SHADE TREE ORDINANCES

Mr. Sellers advised that this proposed ordinance rescinds the prior ordinances which established the Shade Tree Commission and approved regulations for those, returns authority to Borough Council, adopts regulations which Council will implement and have the Commission serve as the purpose of advisory only and not being charged with authority and enforcement responsibilities.

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to authorize advertisement of the proposed Shade Tree ordinance for hearing at the September meeting, seconded by Mrs. Slemmer. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council in favor.

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSALS—CARE OF TREES IN BOROUGH PARK

Mrs. Smith advised that at last month's meeting the survey of trees was discussed and she had indicated then the cost to remediate every issue was \$32,726 – to handle the most immediate safety issues was \$11,530. She added that Council asked her to obtain 2 additional estimates to handle immediate safety issues.

Mrs. Smith indicated the estimates as follows:

Shades of Green - \$11,530

SavATree - \$14,704

Bartlett - \$27,385

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the expenditure of Shades of Green in the amount of \$11,530, seconded by Ms. Gahagan. Roll call vote was taken with a unanimous vote of Council in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

AWARD BID COMMUNITY PARK—CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Smith advised that we advertised for the construction of our Community Park. She advised that bids were opened on August 1st, reviewed by our engineer, solicitor and herself.

Mrs. Smith advised that the major portion came in almost twice the price of the engineer's estimate and they are recommending that Council reject these bids and go back to do some analysis.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to reject all bids received for the Community Park and authorize it to be re-advertised. Mr. Shellenberger seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mrs. Conner advised that Penndot reimburses the Borough for snow removal of State roads such as part of Main Street, Fallsington Avenue, etc. She advised that if Council wishes, they can enter into agreement with Penndot for this reimbursement.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to enter into the 2016-2017 Winter Traffic Services Agreement with Penndot, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

LARGE EVENT APPLICATION

Mrs. Conner advised that an application was submitted for an event being held at Walmart on August 20th for the Children's Miracle Network. Mrs. Conner added that Chief Doyle has requested some additional information from the applicant such as certificate of insurance and traffic safety plan which have not been received at this time.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to grant conditional approval of the large event application if the insurance certificate and adequate traffic safety plan are provided within a week's time (August 9th) to Chief Doyle. Mr. Shellenberger seconded the motion. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

COMMENDATION TO PENNSBURY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Mrs. Conner advised that the Foundation has been providing financial help to Pennsbury graduates for about 60 years. She added they will be holding a banquet in November and asked if Council would provide a commendation to the Foundation. She advised that Mr. Sellers prepared a resolution for Council's approval.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to adopt Resolution #351, commending the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Shellenberger seconded the motion. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL—CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Conner advised that we have received the annual website maintenance fee from BizProMedia in the amount of \$2,300 which has not been increased since last year.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the annual maintenance fee with BizProMedia in the amount of \$2,300. Mrs. Kettler seconded the motion. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPERTY ALLOCATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Sellers explained the proposed ordinance and advised that if Council authorizes to advertise the proposed ordinance, they should indicate the amount of the improvement allocation in that advertisement.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Property Improvement Allocation Ordinance for hearing at the September meeting and set the amount of \$6,000 in the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Kettler seconded the motion. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

REQUEST FOR DONATION BY PENNSBURY LYFT

Mrs. Smith advised that LYFT is a program that has grown over the last 2 years from a small positive organization that helps kids at risk to one that is involved at all grade levels at every school on an almost daily basis. She added they are requesting \$2,500 donation. Mrs. Smith added that last year Council donated \$1,000.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Pennsbury LYFT, seconded by Ms. Cahagan. Roll call vote was taken with a unanimous vote of Council in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cutchineal reported that the next 9-11 Vigil meeting will be held on August 9th at 4:30 p.m.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Smith informed Council that a request has been made to replace a few swings in the Borough Park with a baby swing. Mrs. Smith advised that the Code states that we cannot have an older swing and baby swing in one bay so we would change out 2 swings with baby seats and replace the chains for the existing so the children can't jump as far when swinging which will be safer. She advised the total cost of \$245.40.

Mrs. Kettler made a motion to purchase 2 baby swings in the amount of \$245.40 payable to Swing Sets Stuff. Mr. Shellenberger seconded the motion. Mrs. Kettler asked when the swings will be installed. Mrs. Smith indicated they will be installed before the next meeting. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Mrs. Smith advised that the basketball backboard, posts and rims are rusted and cracked. She advised it would cost more to obtain parts than purchase new ones. She advised they are 14 years old and added we would purchase from the same brand, Goalrilla. She added the cost is \$2,500 to replace.

Mrs. Kettler made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,500 to Basketball Goal Store to replace the basketball equipment. Mr. Shellenberger seconded the motion. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sellers advised he has no report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Schroeder advised that they will be submitting the permit for the St. Mikes School flasher zone tomorrow if it has not already been done.

Mr. Schroeder also advised that with regard to the inlets and the highway occupancy permits we are trying to obtain from PennDOT, we received minor comments back and will be resubmitting. He added we are very close to receiving that permit and can proceed with the inlet repair work.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Ms. Gahagan discussed that the Pennsylvania Environmental Council is urging municipalities to oppose a House bill that is coming up which allows businesses to set up in our State parks—it would include office buildings, amusement parks, golf courses, other development that is contrary to the open and scenic quality of our public lands.

Ms. Gahagan made a motion to send a letter opposing House Bill 2013, seconded by Mrs. Kettler. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Slemmer. All of Council was in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner
Borough Secretary