

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2022

President Mary Ann Gahagan called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Monday, March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal
Councilman Pirolli
Councilwoman Chrzanowski
Councilman Shellenberger
Councilman Czyzyk
Councilman Saunders
Councilman Servis
Councilwoman Gahagan

Also present:

Russ Sacco, Solicitor
Dan Doyle, Police Chief
David Pearl, Fire Marshal
Sean R. Torpey, Pennoni, Borough Engineer
Joe McPadden, Borough Treasurer
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary

Mayor Cutchineal requested a Moment of Silence for all the people in Ukraine that have lost their lives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chip Vandine, President of Tullytown Fire Company, requested the release of funds collected through taxes as they are received monthly. Mr. McPadden advised there was currently \$12,000 collected to date. It was agreed that the Treasurer will send a check to fire company each month as the funds are collected through taxes.

COMMENDATION

Chief Doyle made a special presentation to Officer Nate Aldsworth. On Nov 24, 2021 Officer Nate Aldsworth was dispatched to respond to a medical emergency for a five day old baby that wasn't breathing. Officer Aldsworth arrived on scene and within 3 minutes assessed the condition and began CPR. I am happy to report that due to Officer Aldsworth's actions, baby Zachary is alive and well today. On behalf

of the Mayor, Council, and the citizens of Tullytown Borough, I wish to present this Life Saving Award for outstanding performance.

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2, 2022 Council Meeting

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$76,595.92, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Mr. Saunders asked about the invoice from Advanced Innovations for yearly maintenance.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

OTHER EXPENSES PAID IN FEBRUARY

Mr. Shellenberger had questions for the Treasurer regarding several of the bills on the list of paid expenses.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the other expenses paid in February, 2022, with the exception of #4025, in the amount of \$257,889.58, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement for February, 2022, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS VIA RESOLUTION #479

Mr. Servis made a motion to adopt Resolution #479, authorizing the transfer of \$250,000 from the investment firms to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Chrzanowski asked if anyone had been in touch with the gentleman who came in and asked about Borough Property. Joe McPadden will call him and see what he can find out.

GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Zoning Hearing Board Discussion—460 Lovett Avenue

Mr. Sacco advised that the applicant is looking to obtain a variance for a front yard setback and to add an addition. The applicant explained that he was not aware of any neighbors that had an issue with the addition as there is plenty of property for the addition and the variance is for the front yard setback. Mr. Saunders is a neighbor 2 doors down on Lovett Avenue. He advised that the applicants are good neighbors, the addition is for a bedroom on the first floor, and he is good with the addition.

b. Zoning Hearing Board Discussion—17 Laurel Lane

Mr. Sacco advised that the applicant is asking for a variance for impervious surface coverage to add a shed.

c. Maintenance Garage Roof Repair—Consideration

Mr. Servis made a motion to turn over the matter to the borough engineer to generate specifications for the repairs that need to be done on the garage roof, seconded by Mr. Shellenberger. Mr. Torpey advised that he met with Mark Snyder, reviewed the previous plans for the building and discussed some of Mark's concerns. Mr. Sacco advised that any work over \$21,900 needs to be publicly bid.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

d. Hiring of Borough Clerk—Consideration

Mrs. Marks requested the approval of Council to hire Denise Gorry as a part time Clerk for the Borough, advising that she has been interviewed and passed a background check.

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the hiring of Denise Gorry as a part time Borough Clerk at a rate of \$17 per hour, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

e. Code Responder Program—Consideration

Chief Doyle explained that 3 agencies, Bristol Borough, Bristol Township and Tullytown Borough, along with the Bucks County government, went in together to see if we could get a grant for a program for dealing with people with mental health issues within our community. We were able to get a grant. If we enter into this agreement, its no cost for the first two years. During the first two years, the three agencies will work together to see what the cost will be going forward. We also have an option to pull out from this agreement so it wouldn't bind us financially if we decide not to continue with this program.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to approve the Code Responder Program, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

f. Permission to Use Tullytown Park for Oldies Music Show—Consideration

Chief Doyle asked for approval for the Bucks County FOP to hold a free Oldies concert in Tullytown Park on September 17, 2022.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion to approve the use of Tullytown Park for an Oldies Concert on behalf of the FOP, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

g. Permission to Solicit Funds for Memorial Day Parade—Consideration

Chief Doyle asked for permission to solicit funds from local businesses for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to approve the solicitation of donations for a Memorial Day parade, seconded by Mrs. Chrzanowski.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

h. Grant Writer—Consideration

Mr. Servis made a motion to table this issue until next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOROUGH REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor had the honor of swearing in 2022 Fire Company officers last week. He mentioned some complaints he received about the telecast through Verizon. He was advised that it was on our end and Verizon was in and fixed the issue.

The Mayor mentioned that many residents told him they want to have the Memorial Day parade this year. They need more help to run the parade this year. The next meeting will be Monday, March 7th at 3 P.M. Any resident that wants to come and help is welcome.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sacco reported that he did file a lien on the property at 36 Laurel Lane for the invoice for cleanup work for high weeds and grass. The notice was sent to the property owner on July 21, 2021 and the work was completed in November. The invoice was sent to the Borough and the Borough paid the invoice. The next step is to file a lien to recoup the funds. The lien was filed a week after the last meeting in February.

Mr. Shellenberger asked the solicitor about pursuing action against the former HVAC company for not installing the system properly and to recoup the cost of the repairs. Mr. Sacco indicated they would have to identify what the issue is, when it arose, and whether it is covered under warranty. Mr. Sacco indicated that he could investigate.

Mr. Shellenberger made a motion for the solicitor to investigate the issue and report back next month, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McPadden read the report from the Street Department Foreman, including a reminder that there is still a considerable mold issue in the ceiling on the police side of the building.

Mr. Servis made a motion to have the engineer investigate the mold issue and get quotes, seconded by Mrs. Chrzanowski.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—for

Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for

All of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

Mr. Shellenberger mentioned the problems with the right-hand turn lane at Levittown Parkway and Route 13. He wanted the engineer to investigate and see if there is a way it can be made safe. Chief Doyle advised that he will try to have PennDOT attend the next Council meeting to discuss the issue.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Council received a copy of his report. He has a 2016 Ford with 116,413 miles that he wants to advertise on Municibid to sell the vehicle, with a bid starting around \$2500 because it has mechanical issues. Due to the high prices on used cars, Council directed Chief Doyle to get prices on fixing the car with a transmission and torque converter to get more money for the used vehicle. He will bring the information to next month's meeting.

The Chief advised at Old Route 13 at the old cross over, vehicles going southbound are hitting the guardrail and there have been accidents. There are no flashing signs that indicate that the road dead ends. At night and in the fog, you cannot see it. They have taken videos and photos. He is trying to get PennDOT to come out at night and show them. He is trying to get PennDOT to do something before someone is killed. He is looking for flashing lights and a sign that says "road dead ends".

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Council has his report. Mr. Pearl advised that he has distributed Covid tests to all municipal employees and Council, as directed by the County, and still has quite a few left.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Servis made a motion to hire Beau Fleming as an assistant for Bob McTague to help with code enforcement at a rate of \$25 an hour, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mrs. Chrzanowski—for
Mr. Shellenberger—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—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. Servis 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks
Borough Secretary