

# **TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **September 7, 2022**

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

Present at the meeting  
Mayor Cutchineal  
Councilman Pirolli  
Councilwoman Chrzanowski  
Councilman Shellenberger – absent  
Councilman Czyzyk  
Councilman Saunders  
Councilman Servis  
Councilwoman Gahagan

Also present:

Russ Sacco, Solicitor  
Sergeant Andrew Bunda  
David Pearl, Fire Marshal  
Sean R. Torpey, Pennoni, Borough Engineer  
Joseph McPadden, Borough Treasurer  
Patricia Marks, Borough Secretary and Interim Borough Coordinator

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Cutchineal asked for a Moment of Silence for Lee Cutlet of Lakeside Drive. He was our zoning officer in the early 80's. He passed away at the age of 79. Also, for Fred Leham, who was an employee of the Lower Bucks Water Authority, passed away at the age of 60. Please keep them in your thoughts.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelli Donlen, 10 Lakeside Drive – It had been suggested that the girl scouts do the street numbering in Tullytown. The girl scouts are going to pass on the request due to safety concerns for the girls. She also wanted to thank Sgt Bunda for his quick response to the safety issues in the school zones – speeding through the area and going through stop signs.

Janice Fleagle, 337 Main Street - Her biggest issue is with TJ Auto who is her neighbor. They block the street, and she cannot get in or out of her property. Something needs to be done with them. They go over every other day and say something to them. Mr. Sacco advised that if they are working on cars in the street,

it is a zoning matter. If they are blocking the flow of traffic, it is a police matter. He feels we need to attack it from both sides.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made motion to have Solicitor investigate filing a complaint in the Court of Common Pleas against TJs Autobody, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **August 3, 2022 Council Meeting**

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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 monthly bills in the amount of \$44,177.97, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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. Saunders made a motion to approve the other expenses paid in August 2022, in the amount of \$230,082.68, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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 August 2022, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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 \$200,000 VIA RESOLUTION #482**

Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the transfer funds in the amount of \$200,000 by Resolution #482, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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**

There were no communications for the month.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Renewal of Dental Insurance—Consideration

Mrs. Marks indicated that there was no increase in the cost of dental insurance from last year. The annual cost for 2022 is \$13,294.08.

Mr. Servis made a motion to renew the dental insurance with United Concordia for 2022 in the amount of \$13,294.08 annually, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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.

### b. Proposal for Video Gold for 911 Service—Consideration

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the proposal for video recording by Video Gold for the 911 Service on September 11, 2022, in the amount of \$1,295.00, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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.

### c. Authorize Advertisement of Property Allocation Check Ordinance #404

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the property allocation check in the amount of \$1,500 per household, Ordinance #404, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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. Resolution #483—Min. Mun. Obligation (MMO) Police Pension Plan 2023—  
Consideration

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve Resolution #483 and the certification of the 2023 MMO Obligation for the Police Pension Plan, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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. Resolution #484—Min. Mun. Obligation (MMO) Non-Uniform Pension Plan—  
Consideration

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve Resolution #484 and the certification of the 2023 MMO Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan, seconded by Mrs. Chrzanowski.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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) One Appointment to Parks and Recreation Committee—Consideration

Mrs. Marks advised that Kelli Donlen has expressed interest in being appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee. She would be appointed to a vacancy on the committee and the term will expire July 2024.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to appoint Kelli Donlen to the Parks and

Recreation Committee, seconded by Mr. Pirolli.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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. Appoint Acting Police Chief—Consideration

Mr. Servis made a motion to appoint Ed Wallace as Acting Police Chief and start the process for hiring a permanent chief, seconded by Mr. Saunders.

Sgt. Bunda commented that he is the Sergeant of the department, the only supervisor of the department and the highest-ranking police officer within the department. He has been with the department for 16 years, with half of those years being sergeant. He does all the administrative work of the department and knows all the ins and outs of the department. Sgt. Bunda asked why he wasn't considered for the position of acting chief. Mr. Servis replied that there were numerous complaints over the past year, and they were going in a different direction. Mrs. Chrzanowski asked why there was no executive session to discuss the issue and whether the Mayor had been consulted. The Mayor confirmed that he was not consulted on the decision. Mr. Sacco advised that the Mayor oversees the police department.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—abstain

Mrs. Chrzanowski—abstain

Mr. Czyzyk—for

Mr. Saunders—for

Mr. Servis—for

Ms. Gahagan—for

The majority of Council was in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

## **BOROUGH REPORTS**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor thanked Chief Doyle for 25 great years of service to Tullytown. He will be remembered fondly by the residents. He also wanted to thank everyone who planned and participated in the Relay for Life and the National Night Out Events. Both were very successful. The mayor mentioned that he has received many calls about the low flying helicopters. We were advised that they are inspecting electric lines along the tracks. The Annual 911 service will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This years' service will be a little different because we will be dedicating the monument. September 11th will also be remembered with a 9 a.m. mass at Christ the King Church. The public is invited to attend.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no solicitor's report.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Council has a copy of his report. Mr. Torpey mentioned that they finalized the mapping for the robotics program and in the next week or two, they will drive the roads and start to put together the road assessment.

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to award the intersection striping proposal for the intersection of Fallsington Avenue and South Bristol Pike to Zone Striping in the amount of \$8,537.50, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Council has received a copy of the Coordinator's Report.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Sgt. Bunda mentioned that there is an old police car in the parking lot that was previously used as a commercial vehicle. He would like to keep that vehicle and use it as a commercial vehicle. Sgt. Bunda also mentioned the staffing crisis currently in the department and he would like to get a meeting with the police committee to discuss changing shifts. Lastly, school is back in session, and he had officers at Walt Disney and St. Mike's to address violators in the school zones

today. It puts the message out to drivers to slow down and allow more time for your morning commute. Pennsbury put cameras on their school buses and violator's licenses are being captured and sent to police departments. Mr. Servis indicated that the police committee will meet next Wednesday with Sgt. Bunda.

### **FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

Council has received a copy of the Fire Marshal's Report.

There is an Ordinance requiring house numbers on the house. Mr. Sacco advised that notices can be sent to residents and give them a certain period of time to comply with the ordinance. It can also be put on website. The 911 Service is a go for Sunday, 7 P.M.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Council has received a copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's Report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Mrs. Chrzanowski asked about next steps for residents with delinquent taxes. Mr. Sacco stated that he recommends filing claims with the district justice because it is a quicker approach and will get more of a response than filing with the Court of Common Pleas.

Mrs. Chrzanowski made a motion to file complaints with district justice for delinquent taxes, seconded by Mr. Servis.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Pirolli—for

Mrs. Chrzanowski—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 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marks  
Borough Secretary