

TULLYTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2010

President Gahagan called the meeting of the Tullytown Borough Council to order on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Cutchineal—absent due to family obligation
Councilman Pirolli
Councilman Adams
Councilman Servis
Councilwoman Gahagan
Councilman Fox
Councilman Czyzyk
Councilman Armstrong

Also present:

William Salerno, Jr., Esq., Borough Solicitor
Thomas Naylor, Assistant Treasurer
Patrick Priore, Chief of Police
Nancy Conner, Secretary/Interim Coordinator

Ms. Gahagan clarified the events of the Reorganization meeting. She advised that the new incoming majority did exactly what the former majority did at their own takeover in January, 2008. She added that they stated that when a new majority of Council comes in it is their prerogative to change professionals. Ms. Gahagan advised that she has financial documents from 2006 through 2009 and read the breakdown of legal and engineering expenses for those years. Ms. Gahagan advised that the new majority feels that very little was accomplished for the very large jump in expenses and feel they can cut costs for the Borough while increasing efficiency. She added the legal fees were mainly a result of the presiding majority suing our employees. She explained that the engineering fees were mainly a result of the roadwork that was done and they are aware that many residents are not happy with the road program.

Regarding the coordinator position, Ms. Gahagan commented that Mr. Pirolli advised Mr. Shellenberger that he may be replaced—we did not just fire him. She added that we are keeping him on as the landfill inspector with his health benefits. She advised that Mr. Shellenberger resigned today for health reasons. Ms. Gahagan advised that Nancy Conner has been performing a lot of the coordinator duties since Mr. Shellenberger only worked part-time and they offered her the chance to make a little more money until they can advertise and place a new coordinator.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pirolli to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Adams. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—abstain—he was not present at that meeting
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

The majority of Council voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 special meeting of Council, seconded by Mr. Pirolli. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—abstain—he was not present at that meeting
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

The majority of Council voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to approve the monthly bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for, with the exception of Roseberry Lanctot and abstain on Invoice #9426 as he does business with that company
Mr. Adams—for, except for Roseberry Lanctot invoice of \$11,309.25
Mr. Servis—abstain
Ms. Gahagan—for, with the previous condition of the Roseberry Lanctot
Mr. Fox—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

Majority of Council voted in favor to pay the bills; however, there was no majority vote to pay the invoice of Roseberry Lanctot. Mr. Salerno advised that he will review the bill to see what the objections are and if resolved it can be voted on at the next meeting.

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Mr. Servis made a motion to approve the Reconciliation Statement, seconded by Mr. Armstrong. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

The vote of Council was unanimous; the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Conner advised that she received a phone call from resident Al DiGiovanni who thanked Council for the property allocation gift check that was given in December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Shellenberger, 229 Kenwood Drive, S, Levittown, asked that with the changing of the Borough Engineer, will there be a problem regarding the new recreation complex in Levittown. Ms. Gahagan advised that a transition will be made between engineers and that the Borough will still follow the plans the Park & Recreation Board have established. Mrs. Shellenberger advised that the Park & Recreation Board is meeting in January.

Hal Lefcourt, 16 Stonybrook Drive, Levittown, welcomed the new Council this evening and welcomed Mr. Servis.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION—APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH GILMORE & ASSOCIATES

Ms. Gahagan advised that Gilmore & Associates has been contracted with the Borough for our storm water management. Mrs. Conner advised the cost has not increased. She advised we have contracted with Gilmore for the last 5 years and they have kept us compliant.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to retain Gilmore and Associates for our storm water management, seconded by Mr. Servis. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

The vote of Council was unanimous; the motion carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH BOROUGH MANAGER ORDINANCE #316

Mr. Pirolli made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the proposed ordinance to abolish the Borough Manager Ordinance #316, seconded by Mr. Adams. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—against
Mr. Czyzyk—against
Mr. Armstrong—against

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gahagan advised that Council will recess into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Ms. Gahagan advised that Council met in executive session to discuss certain personnel issues.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mr. Adams made a motion for adjournment. There was no second to the motion; therefore, the motion failed.

Ms. Gahagan advised that there is a new Personnel Committee and Finance Committee that will get in touch with AFSCME and will start negotiations for the new contract.

Ms. Gahagan advised they want to change the locks in the Borough building. Mr. Servis made a motion to change the locks in the Borough building, seconded by Mr. Pirolli. Mr. Pirolli commented that we should not be handing out a bunch of keys. Ms. Gahagan advised that the coordinator and police chief will have keys to the front door. She added that occupants of each office will have their own key and coordinator will have a copy. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—for

Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

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

Mr. Pirolli commented that Council should consider replacing the computers because of what has happened in the past. Mr. Pirolli asked Mrs. Conner to obtain some prices on computers.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Armstrong to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fox. The vote of Council was as follows:

Mr. Pirolli—for
Mr. Adams—for
Mr. Servis—for
Ms. Gahagan—for
Mr. Fox—for
Mr. Czyzyk—for
Mr. Armstrong—for

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Conner, Secretary