

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF TOPTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Borough of Tipton Borough Council was called to order by Council President Lorah at Borough Hall, 205 South Callowhill Street, Tipton, PA 19562 at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Biltcliff, Council Members C. Cook, A. Falcone, M. Kunkel, E. Polinsky, M. Lorah, E. Stoudt, M. Stoudt, Borough Manager Stacy C. Milo, and Courtney Corona.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CAPITAL PLANNING**

Council President Lorah commenced the meeting by explaining the purpose of this meeting to budget and plan for the next year. Ms. Lorah began with a discussion about the Tipton Memorial Pool. Ms. Lorah presented documents, data, and information regarding the cost of a new pool, starting at \$5 million based on a 2019 feasibility study, the cost of maintenance of a new pool and the lifeguard shortage, and the revenue that the borough would need to generate from the pool to maintain it. Ms. Lorah also discussed potential use of the grounds the pool currently occupies, if the pool does close, including ideas such as a skate park, dirt bike/pump track, and a splash pad, and possible types of funding. Ms. Lorah advised council that decisions on the use of the grounds will not be voted on at this meeting and future conversations about the potential use of the land will involve input from the community. Ms. Falcone reviewed and clarified the steps of closing the pool and using the land. Mr. Polinsky stated that he has received the suggestion of a multi-municipal pool. Further discussion occurred concerning the steps to take to use the pool property.

Mr. Polinsky made a motion to permanently close the Tipton Memorial Pool and repurpose the land. Ms. Kunkel seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Relations and Special Events Committee – (Kunkel)**

Ms. Kunkel had nothing to report. Mr. Polinsky recommended that Council try to gain more community involvement under this committee. Ms. Falcone suggests surveying the community about repurposing the pool property. A discussion occurred supporting including the community in repurposing the pool land.

### **Environmental and Quality of Life Committee – (Cook)**

Ms. Cook had nothing to report. Mr. Polinsky stated that a plan is needed for the Source Water Protection Plan and to streamline the Quality of Life enforcement process to make it timely. Ms. Falcone suggested that there are specific aspects of Quality of Life and other ordinances that Council should review for restrictive and discriminatory issues.

### **Personnel and Policy Committee – (Falcone)**

Ms. Falcone suggested that in the future Council should have a list from each employee to understand what they do, how they spend their time, and the qualifications they need for their position. Ms. Falcone suggested needing these prior to filling a position to enable Council to know the duties each employee does and what qualifications a new candidate should hold. Mr. Polinsky agreed with this suggestion, adding that this information could help Council decide fair compensation for employees.

### **Public Safety and Special Events Committee – (Lorah)**

Ms. Lorah explained that the continuation of the contract with Fleetwood Police will need to be budgeted. Currently, the Fleetwood Police are contracted for 40 hours per week of work in Tipton. This does not include time they spend on other things pertaining to investigation and time spent in courtrooms for such matters, etc. Mr. Polinsky recognized that this is a sensitive subject, so he encouraged residents of the borough to get involved and plan this for next year.

### **Streets and Property Committee – (Polinsky)**

Mr. Polinsky provided Council with a two-page handout regarding his proposal for roadway repair and maintenance, planning and development, traffic calming and control, and parking regulations for the Borough. He explained his list of prioritized projects. He disclosed that there is not a way to get meaningful road projects done without incurring debt. Grants are only given for certain projects, so there is no way to work on the streets and other related projects without a loan.

Ms. Lorah brought up the land at 229 Weis Street and the old basketball court and how we can make it useful to the public. She continued by suggesting a “*Welcome to Tipton*” sign in the lot on 229 Weis Street.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee – (E. Stoudt)**

Mr. Stoudt started by recognizing that we should be prioritizing our projects. He also brought up that softball and baseball have a need for lights, but both teams are doing fundraising for said projects.

### **Finance and Utilities Committee – (M. Stoudt)**

Mrs. Stoudt raised the question of what large projects we should be planning for so Council can thoroughly plan and budget for large projects in the upcoming budget.

Ms. Lorah commented on the opportunity to find a plan with one trash hauler for the borough. She recommended that if a conversation about this topic begins, we should make sure it is done the right way with options for the community within a singular trash hauler.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Christine Lottes, 239 East Smith Street, asked if there was a difference between Cherry Street and Cherry Alley in Mr. Polinsky's conversation. Mr. Polinsky explained that the two names are interchangeable and are describing the same street.

Deb Kirby, 58 Hoch Avenue, asked about the speeding on Hoch Ave and if any further discussions had been made about paving the road and/or adding speed bumps.

Nicole Schantzenbach, 22 East Weis Street, asked how Council decides which alleys get paved and which do not.

Frank Grate, 19 Spruce Street, offered his help and expertise in the areas of skateboarding and bike racing if something like that is voted on in the future to be put in place of the pool. He explained he and his family travel the area to visit recreation sites like these, he knows a plethora about building them and how to maintain them if necessary. He offered his expertise in the area. Council thanked him for the information and will reach out if the idea needs.

Melissa Sands, 107 South Home Avenue, expressed that there have been many complaints about the Fleetwood police. She asked who you should call if Fleetwood police is only contracted for a certain number of hours a week, and who will come if you need something and it is outside of Fleetwood's hours. Ms. Lorah reiterated that if you have an emergency, you should call 911. Ms. Lorah also explained that we are serviced by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) as well as Fleetwood Police. If Fleetwood is not on call at that time, PSP will respond. Ms. Lorah finished by stating that the dispatcher who answers your 911 call will know if Fleetwood is servicing us at that time or not, the dispatcher will call the correct person.

Nicole Schantzenbach, 22 East Weis Street, asked who services the "*School Zone*" signs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 08:36pm on a motion by E. Stoudt, seconded by E. Polinsky.

The next regular Borough Council meeting will be held on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 07:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney M. Corona