

# AGENDA

## TAMAQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2024.
6. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A.
  - B.
7. BOROUGH MANAGER: KEVIN A. STEIGERWALT
  - \* Bid Results for Heating Oil Contract
  - \* Resolution for Local Share Account Grant
  - \* Resolution for Demolition of 35-39 North Railroad Street
8. CHIEF OF POLICE: MICHAEL HOBBS
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A. PUBLIC SAFETY:

**Ritchie Linkhorst - Chairperson**  
Jay Hollenbach Jr.  
Robert Amentler

    - \* Motion to approve a request to send Patrolman Douglas Springer to Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Training in Scranton, PA on December 16, 2024 at a cost of \$225.00.
    - \* Motion to approve a request to send Police Chief Michael Hobbs to the 2024 Rural LISC Seminar in Little Rock, AR on December 3-4, 2024 at no cost.
    - \* Motion to allow the Tamaqua Police Department to participate in a Co-Responder Program through the Center for Community Resources.
    - \* Motion to adopt a resolution amending the Tamaqua Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to include an Employee Timesheet Submission Policy.

**B. FINANCE, WAGE & SALARY:**

**Ron Bowman – Chairperson**  
Ritchie Linkhorst  
Kathy Kunkel

- \* Motion to retain John Leinthall as a full-time Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator effective October 28, 2024.

**C. NEIGHBORHOODS, DOWNTOWN & HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**Jay Hollenbach Jr.– Chairperson**  
Mary Linkevich  
Kathy Kunkel

- \* (See minutes from the HARC meetings held on September 23, 2024 and October 7, 2024.)

**D. RECREATION & YOUTH:**

**Mary Linkevich – Chairperson**  
Ritchie Linkhorst  
Kathy Kunkel

- \* Motion to award a contract to Pro Max Fence Systems LLC for improvements to the North and Middle Ward Playground at a cost of \$53,016.80.
- \* Proposals for Pool Consulting Services.

**10. MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Nathan Gerace

**11. ANYONE FROM THE FLOOR WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL?**

**12. BOROUGH SOLICITOR: ANTHONY ODORIZZI**

- \* Motion to adopt Ordinance #744 authorizing the Borough’s Guaranty of the PennVEST loan in the amount of \$7,792,299 and the filing of all required proceedings with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).
- \* Motion to authorize the filing with DCED of the Report on Self-Liquidating Debt prepared by Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC pertaining to the Borough’s Guaranty (lease rental debt) as to both the Authority’s PennVEST loan and the Authority’s Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2024.
- \* Motion to approve the Third Supplemental Agreement of Lease between the Tamaqua Borough Authority and the Borough, and the Assignment of Third Supplement Agreement to Fidelity Bank.

**13. REPORTS:**

A. FIRE CHIEF

B. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ZONING OFFICER

C. CHIEF OF POLICE

D. TAX COLLECTOR

E. TREASURER

F. BOARD OF HEALTH

G. TAMAQUA COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

15. BILLS AND CLAIMS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Optional)

18. ADJOURN