

# AGENDA

## TAMAQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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 APRIL 16, 2024.
6. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
7. BOROUGH MANAGER: KEVIN A. STEIGERWALT
8. CHIEF OF POLICE: MICHAEL HOBBS
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A. PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

    - \* Motion to hire Phoenix Ritchie as a part-time police officer effective immediately.
  - B. PARKING & TRAFFIC:

**Kathy Kunkel – Chairperson**  
Jay Hollenbach Jr.  
Robert Amentler

    - \* Motion to approve a handicapped parking space application for 202 Center Street.
    - \* Motion to approve an agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, allowing the organization to park on borough property.
    - \* Motion to adopt an ordinance regulating dumpsters on public streets.

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

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

- \* Motion to hire Michaelene Trubilla as a part-time Utility Billing Clerk at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour.
- \* Motion to approve the transfer of Shane Young to the Mechanic/Street Worker position.
- \* Motion to approve the transfer of Lonnie Ahner to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Work Leader Trainee position.
- \* Motion to approve the transfer of Todd Macalush to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator position.
- \* Motion to approve the permanent transfer of Timothy Ziegler to the Borough Secretary/Treasurer position.
- \* Motion to approve the permanent transfer of Lori Patrick to the full-time Utility Billing Clerk position.
- \* Motion to retain Frank Staines as a full-time Building Custodian effective June 6, 2024.
- \* Motion to hire Zane Bynon, Gavin Clouser, Lauren Hill, Nathan Milkovits and Michael Styka as part-time maintenance workers at a pay rate of \$12.50 per hour plus \$0.25 per hour for each year of service.

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

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

- \* (See minutes from the HARC meeting held on May 6, 2024.)

**E. RECREATION & YOUTH:**

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

- \* Motion to hire part-time lifeguards at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour plus \$0.25 per hour for each year of service. (See attached.)
- \* Motion to hire part-time pool clerks at a pay rate of \$9.00 per hour plus \$0.25 per hour for each year of service. (See attached.)
- \* Motion to approve a lease agreement with Debra Sebelin for the pool concession stand.
- \* Motion to adopt a resolution accepting a \$60,000 grant from the John E. Morgan Foundation Inc. for pool operation and maintenance expenses.
- \* Motion to award a contract to H&P Construction Inc. for improvements to the North and Middle Ward Playground and South Ward Playground at a cost of \$99,799.11.

**F. CABLE FRANCHISE COMMITTEE:**

- \* Motion to adopt an ordinance granting a non-exclusive cable television franchise to Service Electric Cablevision Inc.

**10. MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Nathan Gerace

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

**12. BOROUGH SOLICITOR: ANTHONY ODORIZZI**

13. REPORTS:

- A. FIRE CHIEF
- B. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ZONING OFFICER
- C. CHIEF OF POLICE
- D. TAX COLLECTOR
- E. TREASURER
- F. BOARD OF HEALTH

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. BILLS AND CLAIMS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Optional)

18. ADJOURN