

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2024

President Ben Barziloski called the Monthly Meeting of the Tunkhannock Borough Council to order in the Borough Building, 126 Warren Street, Tunkhannock, PA at 7:00 p.m. He led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Stacy Huber; Council Members: Ben Barziloski, Susann Barziloski, Tabitha Holliday, Linda Hulslander, Charles Mead, Lisa Tesluk, Glenda Shoemaker, David Wiggins and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Mark Monsey, Ned Slocum, Roger Hadsall, Michael DiStadio, Marshall Davis, and Wyoming County Examiner Editor Jessica Harker.

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to approve November 7, 2024 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Susann Barziloski, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Marshall Davis asked why the 2025 Appointments were changed from historically being done in January's reorganization meeting. He also wanted to know why the Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority's (TBMA) reappointment wasn't on the list. President Barziloski said because the letter from TBMA asked that the reappointment be put on January's agenda. Manager Welch reported that appointments have been done in December in the past. Marshall Davis then asked the Council to put TBMA's reappointment on the agenda. President Barziloski asked Council if they would like to make a motion to put TBMA's reappointment of Michael DiStadio on the agenda. After a lack of a motion, it was not added to the agenda.

2025 Appointments

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Charles Mead, move to appoint the following:

Riverside Park: Robyn Wiggins 12/31/2025
Vacancy Board: William Gaylord 12/31/2025
Shade Tree Commission: Jenny Pitkus 12/31/2028
Wyoming County Parks & Trails: Sam Elias 12/31/2025
Zoning Hearing Board: Carlos Penedos 12/31/2027
Civil Service Commission: Catherine Franko 12/31/2027

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Administration Committee:

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to adopt the 2025 Newsletter/Holiday Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Susann Barziloski, seconded by Charles Mead, move to give zero increases for the retired police officers 2025 COLA. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by David Wiggins, move to send a letter of support for the Tioga Street Project for the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce.

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to send a letter of intent for the EMS Feasibility Study. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Lisa Tesluk, move to give EMS Staffing Program \$1,500.90 which is 5% from the Act 13 Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Mayor Huber: N/A

Chairman David Wiggins: N/A

Chief Carpenter passed out the summary of the Police Report for the Month of November. Note: a copy if the report is on file in the Police Department. Chief Carpenter reported that Williams was offering grants again and asked if he could apply for equipment.

On motion by Linda Hulslander, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve for the Tunkhannock Borough Police Department to apply for a grant from Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation and Streets Committee:

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement between Wyoming County, Tunkhannock Borough Municipal Authority, and Tunkhannock Borough for a grant the County received. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committee:

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Charles Mead, move to approve to hire Giovino's Flooring to install carpet for the former "A Better Today" rental offices. Motion carried unanimously.

Riverside Park Committee: N/A

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

The Reorganizational Meeting will be February 11, 2025.

Council Privilege of the Floor: N/A

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by David Wiggins, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager