

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2025

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, Marshall Davis, Ned Slocum, Wyoming County Examiner Correspondent Caitlyn Allaoui, and Rocket-Courier News Editor Warren Howeler.

On motion by Lisa Tesluk, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to approve April 3, 2025 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Finance and Administration Committee:

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to advertise the amended Sidewalk Ordinance with the intent to adopt June 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

PILOT: Wyoming County Historical Society \$600.00 for 2024/2025.

Police:

Mayor Stacy Huber: N/A

Chairman David Wiggins: N/A

Chief Carpenter delivered the summary of the Police Report for the Month of April. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department. Chief Carpenter Body Camera's Policy has now been approved by Solicitor Litwin. The Body Cameras will be purchased with the Wyoming County Drug Forfeiture Funds.

On motion by Lisa Tesluk, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve the Body Camera Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation and Streets Committee:

Chairman Mead reported the committee met on April 28, 2025. He has been working on the bid package for the salt shed, which was more involved than anticipated. He suggested hiring MEI. The Tunkhannock Area School District Maintenance Director John Shepulski will be replacing some of the school signs. The new refuse truck is here.

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to hire Milnes Engineering Inc. to do the specifications for the request for proposal for the salt shed. Motion carried unanimously.

Marshall Davis wanted to know if we considered other locations for the salt shed? He went on to say that a commercial salt shed in a residential area can lower property values and that it was also in a flood area. Chairman Mead explained how he received the grant and worked with DEP for approval. (No mention of the sewage plant across the road).

Building and Property Committee: N/A

Riverside Park Committee:

The Riverside Park Committee will oversee the summer concert series with the details to be worked out

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

The next meeting will be June 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemon Township building.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

Lisa Tesluk thanked Harris Paving for patching some much-needed areas of the road in Riverside Park.

Tabitha Holliday thanked the Chief and the Borough Police for their hard work keeping Tunkhannock safe as we were ranked #3 for the safest towns in PA.

Susanne Barziloski doesn't understand why residents put out garbage and recyclables for cleanup day.

On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Charles Mead, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:17p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager