

**TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 7, 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, Glenda Shoemaker, Lisa Tesluk, David Wiggins, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.**

**Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Wyoming County Examiner Correspondent Caitlyn Allaoui, Warren Howeler, Keeler Newspaper News Editor, Wyoming County Examiner Bureau Editor Eric Marc, Tom Hulslander, Dominic Talarico, Mark Monsey, and Michael DiStadio.**

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve July 3, 2025 and August 1, 2025 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Susann Barziloski, seconded by Charles Mead, move to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Appointments:**

**On motion by Linda Hulslander, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to appoint Glenda Shoemaker to the Riverside Park Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by Glenda Shoemaker, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to appoint Catherine Franko to the Civil Service Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2027. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Privilege of the Floor: N/A**

**Finance and Administration Committee:**

**On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to adopt the final STMP report. Motion carried unanimously.**

**On motion by David Wiggins, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to approve the 2026 Uniform MMO of \$128,135.00 and the Non-Uniform MMO of \$20,940.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Police:**

Mayor Stacy Huber reported that the Kiwanis Halloween Parade will be at 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2025, with Trick or Treating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chairman David Wiggins: N/A

Chief Carpenter delivered the summary of the Police Report for the Month of July. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department. He also noted the Northeastern PA Volunteer Fireman's Convention Parade will be September 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

## **Transportation and Streets Committee:**

The committee met on July 30, 2025. They received a quote from Northeast Signal for \$58,150.99 to purchase and install pavement markings for the intersection of SR6 Bypass and Bridge Street. The Department of Public Works with the assistance of the Borough Police will try to accomplish the line painting. Chairman Charles Mead who has been working with FEMA regarding the placement of a salt shed needs a letter of support to be sent by the Borough Council.

**On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to have Council approve the signing of the letter and permission to send it on behalf of Council. The letter is a request to FEMA to review and approve construction on a borough property with FEMA deed restrictions. Motion carried unanimously.**

Upon approval, a bid package from Milnes will be put out.

## **Building and Property Committee:** N/A

## **Riverside Park Committee:**

Chairman Talarico provided an update on Riverside Park. First, construction on the new playground, which was purchased through grant funding generously provided by the Tunkhannock Rotary Club. He extended a sincere thank you to the Rotary for their support of the community.

Construction is currently on hold due to few missing parts from the playground equipment. He is actively working with the supplier, Playground Boss, to have the missing components shipped as quickly as possible to complete the project.

A mini-grant from the Wyoming County Marcellus Legacy Fund for \$2,500.00 has been applied for. If awarded, the funds will be used primarily for mulch, particularly around the playground area and other sections of the park that are in need of it.

He also highlighted the success of the ongoing Riverside Rhythms summer concert series, led by the Riverside Park Events Subcommittee Co-Chairwoman Connie Kintner. Connie has done an

outstanding job organizing these free events for our community and have had fantastic turnouts. If you haven't been to a concert yet, there are two more Wednesday night shows scheduled for August: August 13<sup>th</sup>, Joe Statuto and August 20<sup>th</sup>, Justin Bravo & the Kind.

In addition, construction has continued on the new basketball courts with the installation of benches and the bases for the lights. Thank you to the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce for taking over this project and appreciation for their help and collaboration in bringing it to completion.

Then he addressed the weekend park closures.

He personally does not agree with closing public parks. He believes the parks should remain open for the public to enjoy. However, after a meeting with Chief Carpenter and Borough Council President Ben Barziloski; he understands why this decision was made. Unfortunately, fines, tickets, and even arrests have not been enough to deter the ongoing disrespectful and disruptive behavior that has been taking place at the park.

Because of this, and with great reluctance, weekend closures at Riverside Park will continue and be extended for the time being. The park will now be closed from 12:00 p.m. Saturday until 8:00 a.m. on Monday each week.

The committee is actively exploring solutions to the weekend closures and are open to ideas and feedback from the community.

**On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to adopt Resolution 3-2025 to temporarily close Riverside Park at 12:00 p.m. Saturday through 8:00 a.m. Monday. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Planning & Zoning Committees:** N/A

**Council of Governments (COG):**

The next meeting will be August 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemon Township building.

**Council Privilege of the Floor:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,  
Borough Manager

