

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2025

Vice-President David Wiggins 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 (arrived 7:07), 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, Keeler Newspaper News Reporter Michael Wintertmute, Jennifer & Michael Harvey, District Attorney Peters and State Representative Pickett.

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve November 6, 2025 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

District Attorney Peters presented Chief Carpenter a plaque for his 25 years of service. State Representative Pickett presented Chief Carpenter a certificate for his 25 years of service.

Finance and Administration Committee:

On motion by Ben Barziloski, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to adopt the 2026 Budget and 2026 Tax Levy Resolution 5-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Charles Mead, seconded by Ben Barziloski, move to not give 2026 Police Pension COLAs due to the pension deficit. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to approve the 2026 Newsletter and Holiday/Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Police:

Mayor Stacy Huber: N/A

Chairman David Wiggins: N/A

Chief Carpenter delivered the summary of the Police Report for the Month of November. Note: a copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Chief Carpenter reported that Officer Stevens is on his last step in a process to become certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officer. This is monumental because there is usually only one DRE officer per county and right now many counties do not have one. The police department is looking for funding to make it happen this upcoming year.

Chief Carpenter then thanked Council Police Committee Chairperson David Wiggins. “We have had many ups and downs, more ups than down; and although sometimes we do not agree, you have always been professional and respectful no matter the discussion. The respect you have shown everyone has allowed us to always work through things and accomplish our goals. Thank you, Lisa who was formerly part of the Police Committee, and sat through many hard topics of discussion. Thank you both for your service and it’s been a pleasure working with you.”

Transportation and Streets Committee:

Ben Barziloski thanked the Department of Public Works for the help fixing the light poles.

Building and Property Committee: N/A

Riverside Park Committee: N/A

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

The next meeting will be December 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemon Township building.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

All of Council and Mayor Huber thanked David Wiggins for 33 years plus service which ranged from the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and Council. They thanked Lisa Tesluk for her 10 years of service. Lisa and David, thanked everyone for their kind words.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager

