

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2026

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, Dan Gay, Jennifer Harvey, Tabitha Holliday, Linda Hulslander, Charles Mead, Glenda Shoemaker, and Borough Manager Dawn Welch.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Wyoming County Examiner Correspondent Caitlyn Allaoui, Keeler Newspaper News Reporter Michael Wintertmute, Laura Mead, and Constance Kintner.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to approve January 5, 2026 and January 21, 2026 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Finance and Administration Committees:

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to adopt the changes to the Civil Service Regulations application requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Dan Gay, move to advertise for the full-time patroman position based on the new requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Dan Gay, move to proceed with the application process for the MPOETC reimbursement grant. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Dan Gay, move to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an ordinance repealing the Borough's per capita tax, with the intended repeal to eliminate any per capita tax liability for tax year 2026, and to present the ordinance for consideration and possible adoption at a future public meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 18, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Transportation and Streets Committees: N/A

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee:

Constance Kintner reported that she had 10 restaurants that have signed up for the Souper Saturday to benefit Riverside Park will be held at the Nativity Hall in Tunkhannock from 11-2 p.m.

Police Committee:

Mayor Huber: N/A

Police Chair Holliday reported there was a Police Committee meeting on January 27, 2026. Discussions about Civil Service Regulations, Police Academy Reimbursement Grant, and Borough Police Contract.

Chief Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for the Month of January 2026. Note: a copy if the report is on file in the Police Department. Chief Carpenter said the DPW did an amazing job cleaning the streets during the latest snowstorm. He also thanked Council and everyone for working together.

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chair Barziloski reported the next meeting will be on February 10, 2026 at the Lemon Township Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

Charles Mead, along with his wife; voiced concerns over Tunkhannock Community Ambulance Association and public safety after an emergency call for his two-year-old son. He asked if the borough would entertain changing ambulance companies. Mead praised Officer Hildebrand for his quick response. Mead offered to assist Manager Welch with exploring other companies.

The Mayor and Council praised the DPW's response to the recent major snow event.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Charles Mead, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:16p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,

Borough Manager