

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 7, 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, Jennifer Harvey, Tabitha Holliday, Linda Hulslander, Borough Manager Dawn Welch, and Secretary Heather Bliss. Absent: Charles Mead, Glenda Shoemaker, and Dan Gay.

Others present were: Chief Keith Carpenter, Wyoming County Examiner Correspondent Eric Mark, Keeler Newspaper News Reporter Mauri Rapp, Bob Parr, Mark Monsey, and Constance Kintner.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Linda Hulslander, move to approve April 2, 2026, and April 15, 2026. 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:

Bob Parr discussed tree trimming, the replacement of 10 trees, and the placement of an equal number of honorary markers. Chief Keith Carpenter requested confirmation that street-sign visibility and safety considerations had been made.

Mark Monsey, Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association, reviewed plans for Founder's Day on June 27, 2026, including the car show at Sherwood's, kid zone, and live entertainment. He noted ongoing coordination with local EMS and Triton Fire Co. for safety.

Finance and Administration Committees:

President Ben Barziloski discussed possible performance bonuses for non-uniform employees.

On motion by Susann Barziloski, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, to approve performance bonuses. for non-uniform employees. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to approve Sondra Cusano as grant writer for Riverside Park. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Jennifer Harvey, moved to approve advertising the Riverside Park Ordinance with the intent to adopt June 4, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee:

Following proper advertisement, on motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Linda Hulslander, council adopted Ordinance 2026-2, amending Ordinance 1994-4 to change the retirement eligibility age from age 50 to 55. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stacy Huber expressed appreciation for the Police Department and acknowledged ongoing staffing challenges and years of service from 20-25.

Police Chair Tabitha Holliday reported 2027-2031 collective bargaining agreement was adopted on April 15, 2026.

Chief Carpenter presented the April 2026 Police Report, which is on file in the Police Department.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

A meeting was held on April 29, 2026, during which Performance Bonuses were discussed.

Building and Property Committees: N/A

Riverside Park Committee:

Concerns were raised regarding the Riverside Park boat launch, including the need for proper licensing for boats and kayaks, and the presence of vehicles during pickup regardless of licensing status.

Mark Monsey presented a layout for a family-friendly 9-hole disc golf course at Riverside Park. The project – including installation, equipment, and ongoing maintenance – will be funded and managed entirely by a volunteer Randi Nichols. The borough will retain minimal liability.

On motion by Linda Hulslander, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to approve the 9-hole Disc Golf to be funded by Randi Nichols. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chair Barziloski reported the next meeting will be on June 4, 2026, at the Lemon Township Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

President Ben Barziloski welcomed Secretary Heather Bliss aboard. Manager Dawn Welch reported that Heather is doing great!

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Linda Hulslander, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Welch,
Borough Manager
Heather Bliss,
Secretary