

TUNKHANNOCK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 2, 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, Tabitha Holliday, Dan Gay, Jennifer Harvey, and Assistant Manager Heather Bliss.

Present via speakerphone: Glenda Shoemaker Absent: Linda Hulslander

Others present were: Keeler Newspaper News Reporter Mauri Rapp, Constance Kintner, Tunkhannock Rotary Fireworks Chair member Mike Markovitz, Gloria Pasternak, and Andre and Susan, owners of new dessert shop, Sweets on 6.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to amend and approve the June 4, 2026 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Dan Gay, to accept Jason Milliron as the new Ward 4 council member. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Susann Barziloski, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, to approve Debbie Ogozaly as part-time secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Privilege of the Floor:

Tunkhannock Rotary Fireworks Chair Mike Markovitz updated the Council on plans for the 250th Anniversary of America fireworks display, including recommendations on the optimal start time for the event. He outlined key logistics such as overall costs, anticipated donations, and coordination with the police department for post-event cleanup.

Constance Kintner provided updates on the Memory Garden project and raised concerns about parking issues on Main Street. She noted that businesses may need to clean their sidewalks if street sweeping is not feasible. She also expressed interest in converting Warren Street to a one-way street; however, the Chief of Police informed her that the recently completed traffic study determined a one-way configuration is not feasible. Additional frustrations were expressed regarding PennDOT's removal of signage and questions about responsibility for drain maintenance.

Finance and Administration Committees:

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to replace security cameras with borough building. Choosing provided estimate of \$6,000 for receiving eight cameras, with on-site network video recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Tabitha Holliday, seconded by Susann Barziloski, move to authorize a solicitor to draft resolution implementing certification fee increase from \$12 to \$15. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Committee: N/A

Police Chief Keith Carpenter presented a summary of the Police Report for June 2026. Note: A copy of the report is on file in the Police Department.

Police Chair Tabitha Holliday announced upcoming July 14, 2026, police committee meeting to discuss part-time staffing for new Police Academy graduates.

Transportation and Streets Committees:

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, to advertise with intent to adopt August 6, 2026, the revised stop sign ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Building and Property Committees:

Riverside Park Committee:

Planning & Zoning Committees: N/A

Council of Governments (COG):

Chair Barziloski reported the next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemon Township Building.

Council Privilege of the Floor:

Susann Barziloski and Ben Barzoloski give a warm welcome to new business owners, Sweets on 6.

Ben Barziloski announces the Dirt and Gravel grant to fix the Riverside Park drain pipe has been granted.

On motion by Dan Gay, seconded by Tabitha Holliday, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bliss,
Assistant Borough Manager