

**Towanda Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026**

The Towanda Borough Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday June 1, 2026 7:00pm at the Borough Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA.

Council Members Present: Mr. Roof, Mr Saring, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Kovalcin, Mr. Christini, Mrs. Miller Mr. Parks

Council Member Absent: Mr. Eberlin, Mrs Hatch

Others: Mayor Miller, Fred Smith (Borough Solicitor), Brian Bellows, Code Enforcement Barry Thrush, Fire Chief Bill Sheets, Mr Bradford, Daily Review reporter, Shane Mize, Roger Hatch, Andrea Mcklinko

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Roger Hatch from 101 York Avenue speaks on behalf of the Porch Fest, requesting road closures for safety on September 12. The request includes closing Watt Street between Houston and Anne for a vendor village and Fourth Street for traffic control. The police committee is in favor of the road closures, and Mayor Miller supports the decision. Motion to close Watts Street to Houston Street to Ann, North 4th Street from Wilmot to Ann Street Motion made by Mr. Kovalcin, 2nd Mrs. Miller. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve May 4, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Saring, seconded by Mr. Parks the motion carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Sheets reported

- May was a slow month with 6 calls
- Chief Sheets discusses the challenges of financing a new truck and the potential of grants.

FIRE BOARD REPORT

- The fire department did a good job handling a situation at the theater
- Still working on funding for tanker

MAYOR REPORT

- Worked with Officer Carpenter on crosswalk enforcement.
- Meant with Yale University student doing Natural Gas study.
- Volunteered at the Towanda all night graduation party
- Looking forward to the concerts in the park starting up June 11.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

- TBPd will be increasing enforcement for not only motor vehicle violations such as aggressive driving, speeding etc., but also E-bikes, motorized scooters.
- PennDot gave an updated laws on motorized scooter to TBPd the day after the Fatal electric motorized scooter accident.
- K9 Hades and Officer Hennessy participated in "Community Helpers Day" where he spoke with the Towanda Elementary students on the duties of police officers, SRO's and K9 handler

- MAC builders are providing an extensive review of repairs needed on the police building, they will return to inspect the old HVAC system, one of the most pressing needs at the building is the roof and HVAC system.
- Officer Campbell has returned to duty, Officer Hennessy will factor into schedule to schedule for summer, to help cover vacations.
- Officers Vermilya and Wills attended a highly recommended 2-day training at the 911 Operations Center.

POLICE COMMITTEE

- K-9 Hades is getting older, and they are working on getting a new K9
- Had a good meeting with Roger, and Porch Fest.
- New Police cars are still getting outfitted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- Park Mobile usage was a very standard month.
- Property maintenance conducted different, doing property maintenance by wards, will start adding if it's the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd violation for Quality of Life.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

- Spring Clean-Up was a success, total of 17 dumpsters.
- Main Street paving will be 9pm to 6 am, expected to finish July 16.
- PennDOT finished bridge light repair.
- Issues with Edmunds, will update will issues are not resolved.
- Request for Manager to get a traffic test completed at bridge light.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR SMITH

- Ongoing zoning and code enforcement issues.
- Planning hearing June 9 @7 pm, 11 North Mainn Street – Proposed use of structure, sports memorabilia card shop.

BOROUGH SECRETARY

- 2 Hand parking 10 North Main Street, Jan and Laurie Kapson
RESOLUTION 2026-08, motion made W. Kovalcin, 2nd J. Miller motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Application for Alcohol on public property draft to review, still being tweaked and fee to be determined.
- Discussed issues with Edmunds.
- Motion to pay Bills made by J. Saring, 2nd J. Schultz

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- No meeting
- Public Hearing for June 9, Proposed use of structure.

RECREATION REPORT

- Riverfest planning is coming together
- Concerts in the park kicking off June 11.

LIBRARY REPORT

- Reports, budget enclosed.

TMA/WTMA

- Minutes enclosed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by W. Kovalcin The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Lattimer
Towanda Borough Secretary