

Towanda Borough Council
October 6, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Towanda Borough Council held its regular meeting at the Towanda Borough Municipal Building on Monday Oct. 6, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Council Members Present: President Ryan Eberlin, Vice President Mark Christini, Jean Miller, William Kovalcin, Jonathan Schulze, Joe Saring and Gary Parks.

Council Member: Telecommunication: Michelle Hatch

Council Member Absent: Philip Roof

Others: Mayor Garrett Miller, Borough Solicitor Fred Smith, Sergeant Lantz, Borough Manager Stacy Schoonover, Borough Secretary Leigh Vargason, Charolette Parks Kali Mission, Mr Bradford, Daily Review Reporter

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Charlotte Parks from Kali's Mission provides an update on their progress in spaying and neutering cats. Since starting, they have prevented 20,688 cats from being born homeless in six years. In Towanda Borough alone, they have prevented 8,880 kittens from being born homeless. They request continued financial support from the borough, upcoming fund-raising events like the pumpkin roll and a Rabies Clinic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve Sept. 2, 2025 minutes was made by M. Christini, seconded by J. Saring. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire board member Sheets reported

- Aug. had 14 calls, no major incidents.
- Discussion on the tanker issue, with Chief Sheets mentioning ongoing efforts to secure funding and explore grant options.

FIRE BOARD REPORT

- The need for a tanker is emphasized, especially for major fires in the townships.
- Trade in value of used tanker is fluctuating.

MAYOR REPORT

- Excitement for the upcoming fireman's Annual Halloween Parade, Pumpkin Roll and Trick or Treating in the Borough.
- Potential mural project for the bridge abutment, talked with Courtney about creating a patriotic mural to coincide with the borough's 250th birthday next year.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Sergeant Lantz

- Stations camera system no longer working, SCT computers will provide the new more advance system with better quality and capability. Will need a new big screen monitor.
- 2023 Patrol vehicle computer is being resolved.
- Updates in new officer room, and supervisor rooms are near completion. Will need to order two metal doors and desk.
- Proactive patrol efforts are highlighted, with officers finding a lot of illegal activity.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Called for Executive meeting at 7:26 for personnel matters
Back in session at 7:48

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

LIBRARY REPORT

Elevator repairs have started. Next meeting Oct. 9

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by W. Kovalcin. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Vargason
Towanda Borough Secretary