

Planning Commission

January 20, 2026

The meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January at 7:00 p.m. in the council room of the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda PA.

The meeting was called to order by Shane Mize at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Shane Mize, Vice Chair Kevin Doupe, Mark Christini, Kelly Shay, Erin Groves, Roger Hatch

Absent Members: William Kovalcin, Carol Westafer, Scott Hauser

Others: Leigh Vargason Borough Secretary, Fred Smith Solicitor, Barry Thrush Code Officer

Visitors: Mr Bradford

Public Comments: No Public comments or concerns.

Minutes:

The minutes from the September 16, 2025 meeting were approved, 1st motion M.Christini and 2nd S.Mize

New Business

Beyond Addition Recovery and Treatment Center, did not submit necessary paper work, including a zoning application. They do not have a lease agreement, or ownership of the building.

Vacant store front properties- K.Doupe collected and compile artist contact information from Facebook sign-up (names and phone numbers) to display Art on a 90 days cycle rotation in the down town vacant store front windows.

Ongoing Business

Mr Smith introduces the draft Ordinance on Solar Energy, concerns on ordinance wording, suggesting it could be open to commercial use and lacks specificity on scale and intensity. Discussion on the need for clear definitions and restrictions to prevent expansion and ensure residential compatibility. Discussion on the need for clear language in the ordinance to avoid confusion and ensure compliance.

Agreement was made to revise the Solar Energy Ordinance to incorporate the PA license/Architect language (Section 3B)

Motion to move Revised Solar Ordinance to Borough Council 1st Motion R. Hatch, 2nd motion S. Mize

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next Meeting schedule for February 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Lattimer
Borough Secretary