

A meeting of the Towanda Borough Police Civil Service Commission was held on August 19, 2026 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building located at 724 Main St, Towanda PA. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Commissioner Ryan Eberlin.

Present were Commissioners Alec Garden, Mark Henery, and Ryan Eberlin; Police Chief David Lantz.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 6, 2025 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Mark Henery, seconded by Commissioner Alec Garden. Motion passed to approve the minutes.

New Business

New Patrol Officer Position & Request to Advertise for Applicant Pool

Officer Anthony Carpenter has resigned from the Towanda Borough Police force, therefore, creating an opening in the department.

After discussion, Commissioner Ryan Eberlin made a motion to open the application period from August 24, 2026 to September 11, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Mark Henery. Commission secretary will arrange advertisement for those periods.

Old Business – General discussion

Chief Lantz mentioned some changes to the physical fitness testing and removing the swim requirement; he understands the philosophy of the former Chief on the swim. No decision was made and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chief Lantz will confirm the opening dates of the next police academy in Scranton, PA. The Towanda Borough Council has considered sponsoring the candidates for the Academy. Commissioner asked if those interested and being sponsored by the Borough, do we still test them up to a point; Chief Lantz answered yes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission shall be on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie L. McGuire
Recording Secretary