

**TIONESTA BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2025**

Being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Council President, Dennis W. O'Toole with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited. Those in attendance were:

Dennis W. O'Toole, President	Judith M. McDaid, Mayor - Via Phone
Thomas L. Mohny	Bernadette K. Holzer
Christine A. Hendryx	Cindy Crytzer, Secretary
Mary Ann Stanziano, Admin. Asst.	

Also in attendance was resident Bryan Gorman.

Public Comment: Ambulance Board Report – Matt Haslett: Not in attendance. See the reports portion of the meeting.

Main Street Matters Grant Application: Moved to the beginning of the meeting; Resolution to apply for the grant reviewed. Bernadette Holzer moved to adopt Resolution Authorizing an Application to the PA Main Street Matters Program 2025-6, 2nd by Christine Hendryx. Roll call vote as follows: Tom Mohny, Aye; Christine Hendryx, Aye; Bernadette Holzer, Aye; and Denny O'Toole, Aye. Motion carried and Resolution 2025-6 adopted.

Public Works Report: None.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Mohny to approve the August 7, 2025 Council meeting minutes as amended, 2nd by Christine Hendryx, motion carried.

Financial:

- Account Balances 7/31/25: Reviewed.
- Revenue & Expense Statement 7/31/25: Reviewed. Bernadette Holzer moved to accept the Revenue & Expense Statement and Account Balance Sheet as presented, 2nd by Tom Mohny, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Letter from KINBER to the Borough dated 8/1/2025 re: a Letter of Support for the COVID-19 ARPA Digital Connectivity Technology Program Grant Application submitted by Cindy in May, 2025. KINBER was awarded a grant of 200 laptops. These laptops will be distributed to underserved communities throughout the state, with a focus on reaching those most impacted by a lack of digital access. The Tionesta Library will receive laptops this fall.

Old Business:

- **Enforcement Notices:** 204 Sherman St. – House was demolished today. Cleanup in process; 103 May St. – Demo in process; 626 Elm St. – Awaiting a response from the owner (9/2/25 preliminary deadline); 142 Elm St. Old Curiosity Shop – fill is needed to level the ground, otherwise all is complete; 424 Elm St. – Repairs in process; 108 South Elm St. – Demo permit issued 6/16/25. Demo slated for September after the gas line is relocated.
- **Dale Street Ext. Water Project:** Email from Terra Works dated 8/19/25 stating a crew will be on site the last week of August. Both projects will be completed by the same crew and the paving will be completed last.
- **Library Stormwater/Sewer Project:** Email from Terra Works dated 8/19/25 stating a crew will be on site the last week of August. Both projects will be completed by the same crew and the paving will be completed last.
- **Creekside Park Upgrades & Maintenance:** Fill around the Merry-go-Round has been addressed and rubber mulch will be placed.
- **Davis Bldg. Demo:** No update.
- **Library Renovation Project:** Cindy spoke with Brent Taylor this week. He expects to have the exterior project completed by September 1, 2025.
- **Landfill Remediation:** In process with the US EDA.
- **Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP):** In process with DCED
- **Main Street Matters Grant Application:** See above after the Public Comment Section.

New Business:

- **Appointment to Planning Commission:** Bernadette Holzer moved to appoint Kathy Hall to the Borough Planning Commission, 2nd by Christine Hendryx, motion carried.
- **CD Maturing 8/26/25:** Reinvest at the best short-term rate - Tom Mohney moved to reinvest for the best length at the best short-term rate, 2nd by Christine Hendryx, motion carried.

- **Sign on Lower May Street Requested:** A resident requested a “Watch for Children” type sign because kids are playing near the street and cars seem to be traveling too fast. Cindy was directed to get a price on a sign/post and report at the next meeting.

Executive Session: None.

Reports:


- **Mayor:** Mrs. McDaid thanked the TCA for another successful Indian Festival, and Denny O’Toole as emcee for the parade. Congratulations to the TCA staff and volunteers. She also reported that Ray and Sheri Cook are working with the History house on the cemetery at the library.
- **President:** Denny thanked Bernadette for her extraordinary efforts and those of the TCA members and volunteers on the Indian Festival.
- **Committees:** None
- **Sheriff:** None
- **Library:** Cindy reported that there was vandalism of the air conditioning units at the library. The fan blade in one of the units was torn and the freon was emptied from both units. Ted Whitney Heating & AC replaced the damaged fan blade, inspected the units and refilled the freon. Cindy reported the vandalism to the State Police and the Sheriff’s office. The library will be installing an additional camera to monitor that area of the building.
- **EHB:** None
- **COG Report:** None
- **TCC Committee:** None
- **Zoning Hearing Board:** None
- **TMA:** None
- **Planning Commission:** None
- **Ambulance:** Cindy presented Matt Haslett’s report from the 8/18/25 meeting. 3 fundraising raffles in process. The board is advertising on Indeed and by word of mouth to fill more EMT positions. Trista is in the process of applying for a Proper Grant for a new AED for QRS services.

Roundtable: Bernadette reported that the TCA is moving to close on the purchase of two small parcels next to the downtown ballfield on 9/10/25. The TCA used the new picnic tables that were purchased with Proper grant funds. She also thanked Denny for his help with the electrical issues he addressed prior to the festival. There

were approximately 80-85 vendors. The Foam gun provided by Dream Works was a blast for the kids on Saturday. The chain saw contest was a huge success. During the Indian festival board members noticed several things that need to be addressed. There is a pile of dirt and a roller next to the tennis court that needs to be removed. The Sewer Treatment Plan is looking a bit shabby and could use a paint job. Cindy to address and report at a future meeting. If equipment is not used, then it needs to be sold or disposed of instead of piling up.

Tom Mohny moved to adjourn, 2nd by Bernadette Holzer, motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;



Cynthia S. Crytzer, Secretary