

Mayor – Angela Russell  
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni  
City Attorney –Justin Eichmann  
Law Firm–Harrington-Miller  
City Engineer–Garver Engineers



Ward 1 Position 1 – Misty Piazza  
Ward 1 Position 2– Amber Ibarra  
Ward 2 Position 1–Daniel Montez  
Ward 2 Position 2–Larry Ardemagni  
Ward 3 Position 1- Mike Washkowiak  
Ward 3 Position 2– Tim Burress

**City Council**  
**August 15, 2023**  
**Minutes**

**The Tontitown Public Hearing and City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
at Tontitown City Hall and via Zoom and YouTube visit <https://zoom.us/j/97053037337>**

**Meeting ID: 970 5303 7337# or join by phone at +1 (312) 626-6799**

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**City Council**

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call  
All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Tim Burress motioned to approve the agenda.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the July 18, 2023, City Council Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of the July 31, 2023, Special City Council Minutes

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Financial Report  
Reference the city's website for detailed report.
8. Department Reports
  - A. Museum  
No report available

B. Police

**Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month:**

**July 2023 Calls for Service – 1033**

**Accident Reports – 16**

**Warrants Served – 78**

**Warrants Outstanding – 1159**

**Warrants Amount - \$ 1,524,551.50**

**Training Hours (YTD) – 1687**

**Citation Total - 285**

**Speeding Citations - 22**

**(Other) Traffic Citations - 177**

**Criminal Citations – 28**

**Improper Driving (City Ordinance) – 58**

**Warning Total - 654**

**Speeding Warnings – 222**

**(Other) Traffic Warnings – 432**

C. Fire

Mark Ramsey is stepping down as Fire Chief. His last day is September 03, 2023, we wish him the best. The city is looking for his replacement.

**Fire Department Report July 2023**

**Total Calls: 59**

**EMS 26**

**FIRE 9**

**MVA 14**

**FALSE ALARM 3**

**SERVICE CALL 3**

**MUTUAL AID 4**

**Calls within city limits of Tontitown.**

**July 2023: 346 calls for service**

**July 2022: 264 calls for service**

**Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 17 seconds.**

**Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 23 seconds**

**Code Enforcement opened 53 new cases and closed 41 in July. Most of these cases involved business license renewals.**

**The fire department completed over 350 training hours in July.**

**Three new cadets started in July. They have completed Intro, PPE, BLS CPR and Wildland.**

**Battalion Chief Buchan traveled to Washington D.C. to observe the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department volunteer program.**

D. Public Works

Reference the city's website for detailed report in a new format.

E. Building Report

Mark Latham will be doing this report along with the street projects. Mark will bring a draft of the 10-year Plan to the Next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Reference the city's website for detailed report.

F. Planning

**August Agenda:**

**1. Zuplo Rezone -The applicant is requesting to rezone 4.338 acres from A-1 (Agriculture) and R-3 (Residential) to R-E (Residential Estates, 2-acre minimum lot size) located at 1064 North Barrington.**

**2. Zuplo Rezone - The applicant is requesting to rezone a track split from A-1 (Agriculture) to R-2 (Residential Estates, 1/2-acre minimum lot size) located at 1076 North Barrington.**

**3. Taldo Rezoning - The applicant is requesting to rezone 1.561 acres from C-2 (Commercial) to C-T (Trades and Services) located at 290 South Barrington.**

**4. Neighborhood Storage - The applicant is requesting approval of a Large-Scale Development at the end of Pozza Lane to construct 94,610 square feet of self-storage on 6.122 acres.**

**5. MH Backhoe - The applicant is requesting approval of a Large-Scale Development at 630 West Henri de Tonti Blvd. to construct a 8750 square foot warehouse building.**

9. Comments from Citizens

Jerry Smith with Privcon Development said his company was the low bid for the Wildcat Creek Project, but another company Goodwin and Goodwin was chosen. Mr. Smith said the company's qualifications and imbalance due to rock removal was an issue and he disputes the claims and is asking that the council reconsider his company for the project.

10. Approval by City Council Members to Waive the 3 Reading Rule for All Ordinances on Agenda

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.  
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- A. Approval of a resolution authorizing the mayor to submit an application to the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Angie/Mark Latham

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval of an ordinance to rezone approximately 9.60 acres located at 1530 Kissinger Ave – Angie/Planning

Misty Piazza motioned to approve and address change 1380 Kissinger.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Daniel Montez Voted- NO  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES  
Tim Burress Voted- NO  
Misty Piazza Voted- YES  
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES  
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

2 Votes- NO  
4 Votes- YES

Motion Passes

- C. Approval of a resolution approve the water and wastewater impact fee study – Angie/James

Tim Burress motioned to approve to adopt the study.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the bid submitted by Goodwin and Goodwin Inc

Larry Ardemagni motioned to TABLE to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Second by Daniel Montez

Daniel Montez Voted- YES  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES  
Misty Piazza Voted- YES  
Mike Washkowiak Voted- NO  
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

1 Votes- NO  
5 Votes- YES

Motion Passes

E. Quarterly performance report <informational only> - Angie/Mark Latham

The council is to review and contact Mark Latham with any questions.

### 13. Comments from Aldermen

Mike Waskowiak

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked Mr. Smith for his comments.

Tim Burress.

1. The Burress family welcomed their baby girl Scarlet.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for the services at the Grape Festival.
2. Thanked Mark Latham for stepping up.

Misty Piazza

1. Reminder of the September 16 Bocce Tournament, the Pickleball Tournament is rescheduled for the spring.
2. Volunteers are needed.
3. Five Food Trucks will be in attendance.
4. Reminder Shop with a Cop.
5. Blessing box needs stocked.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Best of luck to Mark Ramsey.
3. The Grape Festival was great.

### 14. Comments from Mayor

1. A Bench Drive for the park is being held for \$1500.00 each and only 15 will be accepted, contact Luann or Leslie.

### 15. Comments from City Attorney- None

16. **Adjournment-** All in Favor