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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

The THM Board of Directors met March 2, 2026 at City Hall at 6p.m.

- 1. Summer Camp:** We are happy to announce we will be hosting a 3-day summer camp this June, from the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Students will get a chance to learn about Tontitown history through crafts, games, food and get a chance to explore their own history through a guided ancestry activity. Please see our social media or email [museum@tontitownar.gov](mailto:museum@tontitownar.gov) for more details.
- 2. Digitization Project:** Staff are working on textile photographing, this includes wedding dresses, Queen Concordia dresses, vestments, early settler clothing, blankets, flags and banners.
- 3. Visitors:** 131 (including 97 from the Rollins 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip), 2025: 18
- 4. New Exhibits 2026:** The America250 display is open, this display covers the early years of Tontitown history to Incorporation and our first election in 1910. There are highlights on our first business, the families that were not Italian that settled here in those early years like the Bash, Haney and Strabbala families; and some reproductions that guests can handle.
- 5. Translations:** Staff are working on translating an Italian cookbook that was written by Rosa Martinelli Bersi, this will be a long project as we decipher the writing and the language, we will be working with AI and the an Italian language expert to show students how translating works from AI, using online translators, and then with a native speaker/reader.
- 6. Heritage Day:** Save the date for Tontitown Heritage Day, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy an afternoon in the park and explore the museum and all the new exhibits. More details to come next month on food and activities!

**Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm**

THM Board will meet on April 6th Chambers at City Hall at 6p.m.

### Board of Directors

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Committees: All Committees have a 1 Year Rotation

HR Committee – 3 board members: Kara, Heather & Allyson

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