

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2023**

OPENING:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Nathan Yoder, Christina Mensch, Pat Betz, Steve Snyder and Betty Figels

ABSENT:

Paul Franke and Adam Kocher

OTHERS:

Mileta Joe, Secretary and Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor

VISITORS:

Mike Sechler

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion to accept the minutes of 11/06/23 & 11/27/23 was made by Pat Beta and seconded by Nathan Yoder. Moton carried.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Nathan Yoder to accept the Financial Reports and seconded by Betty Figels. Moton carried.

A motion to pay all November bills was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Steve Snyder. Motion carried.

Nathan Yoder made the suggestion that the secretary contact David Clifford and have his 2023 website bills submitted for payment before the end of the year.

A motion to accept the 2024 budget was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the 12-2023 tax resolution was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Warrior Run Fire Dept. responded to our invitation to attend council meeting date of Jan. 29, 2024 for a Q & A on Act 35.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Received one positive response for new solicitor, Jonathan DeWald, esquire of McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall. He will submit his proposal for review before Dec. 18th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Reports

MAINTENANCE:

Christmas lights are installed. New Christmas tree is also up in front of municipal bldg. Only one street decoration is not working on the corner of Main & Church Sts. in the area of the Turbotville Public House. This issue will be addressed.

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Discussion on the issue of tree limbs extending out onto Main Street. Jeremy contacted PennDOT and he was informed that this tree issue is the responsibility of each municipality, since each municipality has their own ordinances regarding tree height

It was brought up that a pile of tree limbs has been staked between local resident sidewalk and Main Street. This could become a safety issue with winter snows and individuals walking at night. Christina will discuss what action could be taken with the mayor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCES:

Following Code Inspections response to the violations at 244 Main St. civil action should proceed. Council decided on \$250.00 on each of the two violations and court costs. Code Inspections suggests that the borough should file the legal actions through our solicitor and we have the option to tear down the illegal structure or have the violator acquire a permit. The original violation sent to 244 Main St. on 8/15/23 was the fact that he did not acquire a permit. Our current solicitor is retiring effective 12/22/23 and cannot be the attorney on record with the filing. Council decided to table action until a new solicitor is acquired and then proceed in 2024.

Jeremy voiced his concerns on parked vehicles on streets while he is plowing. Who will be responsible for enforcement on parking violation? Christina Mensch will discuss this issue with Mayor Ben Gilbert.

ORDINANCES:

Council was given a detailed ordinance regarding dumpster procedures. The Ordinance committee will review and bring back to council in January for a vote.

MEETINGS:

COG:	Community Hall	TCC	Fire Dept.	Carnival
Dec. 19	Dec. 19	April 2024	Dec. 14	Jan 15

OLD BUSINESS:

When to begin work on the new entrance door of the social hall area.

Have the current computer revaluated for updates to system or if a new computer would be advised.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

ARPA: All funds must be obligated by 12/31/24 and all funds used by 12/31/26.

Multi-Modal Grant – Secretary reported that since the state budget was late in being approved, it will be several more weeks before we hear on the multi-modal grant.

CARNIVAL:

Carnival Committee reported they had 69 attendees at the annual Christmas party.

PERSONNEL:

Steve Snyder made a motion to pay employees overtime in the amounts of Jeremy-\$500; Mileta-\$200; Diane-\$150 and Ben-\$100. Motion was seconded by Nathan Yoder. Motion carried.

Steve Snyder handed out employee evaluation sheets and asked Council to have them returned to him by next meeting. It was also suggested that Jeremy fill out evaluation forms on Bob and Ben. Steve Snyder stated if he finds there are any issues will address Council with them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm with a motion made by Betty Figels and seconded by Nathan Yoder. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mileta Joe, Secretary