

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2023**

OPENING:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Nathan Yoder, Christina Mensch, Pat Betz, Steve Snyder, Paul Franke, Adam Kocher and Betty Figels

ABSENT:

Mayor

OTHERS:

Donna Lynn, Tax Collector, Mileta Joe, Secretary and Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor

VISITORS:

Tom Barrett

PRESENTATION:

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Council reviewed the minutes of 10/2/23 and will vote at the Nov. 6 meeting date to accept.

FINANCIAL

Financial Reports & Balances as of 10/27/23 was reviewed and was noted that small CD was cashed in on 10/20/23. Council will vote to accept at next meeting.

A motion was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Nathan Yoder to purchase a new 13/month CD re-investing the \$20,000.00 from the recently cashed in CD and place the \$1,110.56 interest made on the CD into the general fund.

A short discussion on whether to re-invest funds or check money market was suggested by Nathan Yoder. Guest Thomas Barrett spoke up regarding US Treasury bills with a 5%+ interest return. Council not sure if municipalities may use this avenue. Yoder will investigate this option.

Listing of bills was reviewed and Paul Franke had one question and was answered by secretary. Council will vote to accept at next meeting.

Council went through the budget and will finalize the numbers at the Nov. 6th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council advised secretary to contact Linda Sterling with the list of grant ideas and see what she thinks she can handle for the borough.

Regarding the Warrior Run Fire Dept. request on Act 35 Council agreed to request a fire company representative attend a meeting in early 2024 with information on how many members would qualify for this tax relief from Turbotville Borough? Council will contact fire company following our re-organization meeting on 1/2/24.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Accepted Robert Benion letter of resignation. He will attend the last meeting in December. Mr. Benion gave several names as possible replacement as the Borough Solicitor. Secretary will contact these names and report back Council next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Reports

MAINTENANCE:

Jeremy made the request to post temporary "No Parking" signs on Main St. to allow him easier access to the leaves on the street. A motion was made by Nathan Yoder to allow sign posting and was seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Nathan Yoder is working on bathroom repair estimate.

Jeremy questioned what he should do with the old railroad ties stored at the back of the building? Both Adam Kocher and Paul Franke volunteered to take the ties and or discard what they cannot use.

Jeremy brought up the question on what he should do regarding the removal of approx. 10 signs at the old elementary school? Council informed Jeremy to remove all signs at his convenience.

Jeremy made the request to install a new underground electric line out front of the municipal building to allow electricity for the new 14' Christmas tree and the snowman family decoration.

Pat Betz thought that there was a line available from when the fire company resided in the current municipal building Pat Betz and Jeremy LeBarron will look for this electric location and is usable, if not Jeremy has permission to install a new electric line.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Council reviewed the paperwork on Senate Bill 191 and House Bill 1128 that would relieve municipalities under 2,500 residents of subsurface drainage repair costs on state highways. The House bill would expand eligibility to towns with fewer than 400 residents per mile on state highway. Secretary will be on a virtual Municipal Leaders Meeting at 10am, Oct. 31 and will attempt to get additional information and report at the Nov. 6 meeting, so Council can vote to support these bills and forward Borough support via government representatives.

Council noted that the fire hydrants were no longer the responsibility of the borough but that of Pennsylvania American Water Company but, if residents see the hydrant needs cleared of dirt/debris that they may do so in case of fire.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCES:

Council made a motion to proceed with magistrate filing on 244 Main St. Motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

Donna Lynn brought forward her concerns on 92 Paradise St. not acquiring all their permits as per their zoning appeal approval. She claims the owners are proceeding to fix up the interior of the building and they have no permits. Also, they are living in a trailer on weekends as they work on the interior of the building. Council has no legal right to enter the building and see if they are working on the interior of their property. Code Inspections also has no just cause at this time.

MEETINGS:

COG: Oct. 17	Community Hall Oct. 17	TCC Oct. 4	Fire Dept. Oct. 12	Carnival Oct. 16
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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

Grant 25-111 can now be closed out and funds placed in the general fund.

Grant 26-161 can now be closed out and the funds placed in the general account.

A motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Steve Snyder to close-out both grant accounts and place funds in the general account amounting to \$70,000.00.

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

Multi-Modal Grant – We should hear on the multimodal grant by November 2023.

CARNIVAL:

Carnival Committee will be hosting its annual Christmas Party from 2-4 pm, December 3 at the Community Hall

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried. Council members Paul Franke left the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and Pat Betz retired from the meeting at 8:24 p.m.,

Next meeting Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mileta Joe, Secretary