

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2023**

OPENING:

Meeting was opened by Council President, Christina Mensch at 7:07 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christina Mensch, Betty Figels, Pat Betz and Adam Kocher.

ABSENT:

Nathan Yoder, Steve Snyder and Paul Franke

OTHERS:

Mileta Joe, Secretary and Ben Gilbert, Mayor

VISITORS:

Mike Sechler and Charles Ricketts

Charles Ricketts had two concerns to address as follows:

He asked if it was possible for council to post on our website the minutes of the past year for residents to view.

Council will check with PSAB on clarification of this request and report back at the next meeting 8/28/23.

Second concern by Charles Ricketts was regarding the small chicken processing plant to open at 53 Main St. His concerns were in areas where former chicken plants were allowed, that property values greatly decreased; and as the plant(s) expanded it not only took up valuable land but also caused, in one case wherein a 10-block area was ruined because of such a plant; and lastly concerns for smell.

Council responded that no resident(s) placed an appeal within the thirty-day notice, so the process may continue. Council did note that the next several steps would involve the planning commission and possibly the zoning board to address off street parking; loading/unloading areas and Land Development

Mr. Ricketts final concern was where do the borough residents have the opportunity for input on this project?

Council reply was through Code Inspections.

PRESENTATION:

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion to accept the minutes of 7/10 & 7/31 was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher to approve the use of grounds for the Warrior Run Youth Football league from 84 thru late October.

FINANCIAL

A motion to accept the Financial Reports & Balances of 8/4/23 was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Betty Figels to pay all July bills. Motion carried.

At previous meeting Nathan Yoder made council aware that the small CD (5 yr. at 2.70%) will mature on 10/20/23 and suggests the funds be placed in the general fund. A vote was taken at this time

The continuing discussion on SAM Renewal issues, Secretary was advised to call Nathan Yoder on Wed., Aug. 3 and together they may break the code on entering and completing the application. Application work continues.

The Warrior Run Area Fire Dept. submitted expense list on repairs to their three current ambulances and what the cost of their new ambulance would be. Their total expenses were approx. \$154,000.00. The fire company is asking the borough for a donation. Kocher and Betz suggest the sum of \$15,897.91 that covers the repairs to the three current ambulances while Mensch and Figels suggest a donation of \$10,000.00. Finally, a motion was made by Adam Kocher to donation the \$15,897.91 and was seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received a letter of interest from Bassett Engineering Inc. on offering their professional grant writing services. Council can review the information and discuss at a later date. Penn Strategies will contact borough at a later date to present their ideas.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Reports

MAINTENANCE:

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Recreation Committee will present their playground list for its signs at the next meeting on 8/28/23.

Betty Figels presented her findings on the purchase of a 14-foot lighted Christmas tree at the cost of \$1974.00 to be placed at a location within the borough limits and have the mayor attend a tree lighting ceremony and perhaps get live reindeer for resident viewing during the holiday season.

A motion was made by Adam Koher to purchase the lighted tree and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Adam Kocher will acquire estimated for an ADA compliant door into the social hall area and gets figures for electric door locks at the same time and report his findings at the 8/28/23 meeting.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Noted that Tar & Chipping would take place Aug. 9-10, weather permitting. Signs will be posted for residents.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCES:

Council discussed updating cost of zoning hearing board meeting to reflect a cost of \$600.00 as the resident fee, to be paid prior to the hearing and if expenses reflect a lessor sum, money will be refunded to the party having

requested the zoning hearing. A motion was made by Pat Betz to accept this fee amount and was seconded by Adam Kocher. Moton carried.

MEETINGS:

COG: Aug. 15	Community Hall Aug. 15	TCC Oct.	Fire Dept. Aug. 10	Carnival Sept. 18
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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

Grant 26-16 nearly complete for final approval.

Grant 25-111. Approved for payment upon completion of documentation. Nathan and Secretary will work acquiring final letter from Leslie Hauck and completion of documents.

Secretary reported that in order to finalize either grant that additional paperwork is needed from both of the contractors having completed the project work. Council suggested that the secretary contact both contractors and acquire the needed paperwork to complete the submission to DCNR.

Multi-Modal Grant – The Grant application has been completed, \$100 fee was paid and re-signing of the revised Resolution has been completed and Cheryl Delsite has officially submitted our Multimodal grant application.

An individual attending the meeting knows of a possible local person for grant writing and will call the borough office with the information in the near future.

CARNIVAL:

Augustfest is scheduled for the 19th along with firework at 9 p.m., Food vendors will be available and “The Billtown Blues” will be the live entertainment. A communitywide yard sale is on tap all day.

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Moton carried.

Next meeting Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mileta Joe, Secretary