

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 7, 2022**

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Christina Mensch in the Turbotville Municipal Building with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Francis (Pat) Betz, Christina Mensch, Nathan Yoder, Robert Lynn, Steve Snyder, Betty Figels and Adam Kocher, who had to leave at 7:33pm, following a phone call.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHER BOROUGH OFFICERS PRESENT:

Secretary, Mileta Joe

VISITORS:

Ben Gilbert, Dennis Swartz and Ryan Frenya of PennCore

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of Jan. 3 & 31, 2022 was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Nathan Yoder. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A motion was made by Pat Betz to accept the financial report and seconded by Bob Lynn. Motion carried/

BILLING INVOICES:

A motion was made by Steve Snyder to accept bill payment and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was read by Christina Mensch, President from Greg Dibble, PennDOT regarding the inlets on Paradise Road, Turbotville as the responsibility of PennDOT and not the Borough of Turbotville with an agreement dated 1971 between the Borough and PennDOT. A date will be set for all parties (PennDOT, Borough representatives and John Gordner and Lynda Culver in late February.

SOLICITOR:

A motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels to proceed with the new resolution to include Gilbert with the ability to write tickets. Motion carried. Secretary will check with solicitor on how to proceed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Code Inc. verified no permit is needed for the demolition of an ag building.

The lien process on 244 Main Street is now in the hands of borough solicitor.

A letter was sent to Sara Moser, Sec./Treas. of the cemetery board regarding their responsibility to clear the sidewalks following snow/ice storms as mandated by borough ordinances on the cemetery on Church St. The sidewalks have been cleared. Any additional ordinances important to the cemetery board should be sent to Ronnie Sechler, Board president.

RECREATION:

Secretary was in contact PPL representative Ted Koppen on prices of electric eyes and awaiting his return call with prices. Contact will be made with Chris Grabill of CCG on the additional damages and cost for them to reimburse the borough.

GRANTS:

The order with PlayWorld has been signed and forwarded to George Ely of PlayWorld. A 50% down payment will be required once confirmation has been done

Ryan Frenya of PennCore addressed borough council on the bid results and notes the bids are valid for 60 days of opening.

Council discussed Grant 25-111 Playground project with the lowest bidder being Leslie Hauck Construction Inc. at \$50,057.82. Bob Lynn informed council that will the grant money allocated, local donations we are short approximately \$500.

A motion was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Nathan Yoder to accept the bid of Leslie Hauck Construction Inc. The vote went as follows: Christina Mensch-nay vote, all other council members voted Yea for a 6-1 vote to accept.

On Grant project 26-161 the Walking Path, we are around \$49,000 short. There were 3 options discussed as follows: 1.) Borough pays the balance to complete the project; 2). Apply for a DCNR grant for the additional funds and the paperwork for these funds must be completed this week for consideration by DCNR at the end of this month. 3.) Use ARPA funds to pay the balance of \$49,000. Council decided to investigate options 2 & 3 and proceed with the DCNR grant application and if funds unavailable to us, use ARPA funds as a back-up plan.

Under the Walking Path grant Robert C. Young was the lowest bidder at \$114,374.50 Awards were tabled until the Feb. 28, 2022 meeting date.

It was discussed that the project starts before April 27 or after June 20 because of the annual town carnival and the projects completed by late October 2022.

EMA:

A motion was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Bob Lynn to proceed with the payment on the new ten-year radio license. Motion carried.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

COG:

Feb. 15, 2022.

COMMUNITY HALL:

March 8, 2022

TCC:

March 2, 2022

CARNIVAL :

Feb. 21, 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder for Council to review in February the following Ordinances regarding Portable Storage Containers, Recreational Vehicles/Towed Vehicles and to bring their questions/concerns for final discussion at the 2/28 meeting.

Committee should meet to address the fence zoning ordinance before spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Steve Snyder to accept Thomas Barrett as the new mayor of Turbotville.

BUILDING/EQUIPMENT:

Jeremy LeBarron will report his findings on possible grants for dirt and gravel of road behind OIP.

Jeremy will get prices for area rugs at the borough building since contract with Dempsey expires 2/22/22 and report his findings at the Feb. 28th meeting.

STREETS:

Secretary has been in contact with Trooper Spangler regarding the recent accident at 87 Main St. that included damages to a stop sign and speed sign and posts that will need to be submitted to the insurance claim of the individual causing the damage. Awaiting his return call.

Council decided that cleaning the area around the fire hydrants is now the responsibility of Pa American Water Co. as they are the owners and not that of the borough.

Council decided to send Norfolk-Southern a fine for noncompliance with snow sidewalk removal ordinance.

A motion was made to purchase a new portable chest-mounted spreader by Steve Snyder and seconded by Nathan Yoder. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Discussion on borough purchasing clothing (pants and whatever is needed) for employees since Dempsey is no longer contracted for this clothing service.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Nathan Yoder to enter executive session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Nate Yoder and seconded by Steve Snyder to reconvene the meeting at 8:24p.m. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Pat Betz to give Jeremy LeBarron a \$0.50 cent raise. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Bob Lynn to give Mileta Joe a \$0.25 cent raise. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m. Unanimous.

Next Council meeting is February 7, 2022 at the Turbotville Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mileta Joe
Secretary