

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 28, 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, Betty Figels, Adam Kocher and Mayor, Thomas Barrett.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**OTHER BOROUGH OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Secretary, Mileta Joe, Donna Lynn, Tax Collector and Ben Gilbert, employee.

Donna Lynn reported that many residents were making written errors in their check amounts and she must return their incorrect checks causing many to be late because she must follow the postmark on the envelope as date received. She would like to remind residents that they may place multiple checks in one envelope.

**VISITORS:**

45 residents were in attendance to the meeting. Names as follows: Diana Geedey, Bill Kling, Jan Little, Brittany Hauser, Robert & Hye Yong Martz, Steve Troutman, Dan Zettlemyer, Jim Nichols, Rob Derrick, Mr. & Mrs. Mazol, Eileen Povish, Michael Sechler, Dave Clifford, Melissa Hendricks, Merisa Hendricks, Sharon Bakowicz, Scott Ricketts, Jim Hendricks, Wayne Weaver, Kacie Engelman, Brett & Wendy Mutschler, Dean Kirkendall, Troy Geyer, Don Waltman, Dennis Swartz, Wesley Brown, Don Merrel, Paul & Julie Ruch, Theo Persins, Tom & Karen Beaver, Heather Wolf-Hans, Karrie Revert, Kailey Betz, John Yogodzinski, Harold Bender, Paul Franke, Matt Roslevich, Barry Anderson, Wayne Fry

Council began the meeting by addressing draft#3 of the Recreational Vehicles/Towed Vehicles Ordinance with the crowd in attendance. Many questions and concerns were raised by the residents of the borough and Council will take their suggestions under advisement and continue in good faith to create an ordinance that will protect each homeowners' interests while complying with state guidelines. Residents were invited to the meetings, they are always open to the public. It was also stated that following a final draft of any ordinance there is a 30-day review period the ordinance must be advertised before adopted.

Residents in attendance requested the ordinance on Recreational Vehicles/Towed Vehicles be read aloud so they may make comments. President, Christina Mensch read the first two pages for the residents.

Visitors suggested using the newsletter to inform residents of working/pending ordinances as well as the website, since many do not have computers.

Residents requested minutes be available for review. Minutes can be posted after Council votes to accept the minutes and could be placed on the website or made available at the office for anyone wishing to view the minutes.

Agenda will be posted 24-hrs. prior to meeting on the doors and agendas will be available for all those in attendance at any meeting.

**MINUTES:**

On the March 7th minutes Nathan Yoder requested one correction showing Vic Marquardt fee of \$50 per hour on zoning ordinance review.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Under the 448.11 part-time employee on QuickBooks listing, Ben Gilbert's income is \$3,204.50 and his wage will appear beginning March and the Jan/Feb. income will be added at the end of the year, so as not to mess up payroll.

Christina Mensch questioned the Berkone bill. bill reflects expenses from Tax Collector, Donna Lynn expenses and should be paid through the general account.

**BILLING INVOICES:**

Bob Lynn requested copies of the two grant bills from the solicitor be sent to his email for his records and review before payment is made.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Secretary is awaiting a response from PPL regarding the damages incurred on Christmas lights by CCG and place a work order to have damaged electric eyes replaced.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Reviewed the billing process for solicitor fees.

**COMITTEE REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Bob Lynn to increase the maintenance credit card limit amount to \$300 from the former amount of \$100. Motion carried.

Reminder that an opening still exists on the Zoning Hearing Board.

It was suggested that if any residents wish to participate in the reviewing of the ordinances to contact committee chairperson, Christina Mensch.

Residents suggested that instead of using the borough employees to patrol for ordinance violations that a code enforcement officer would be a better solution. Council member Nathan Yoder asked if any residents in attendance was interested in the position and Mike Sechler raised his hand.

**BUILDING/EQUIPMENT:**

**STREETS:**

Barry Garverick of PennDOT submitted a project estimate sheet on the Paradise Street work. Tabled for later discussion.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

## **EMERGENCY MGT.:**

## **CARNIVAL:**

Permits from PennDOT were received for the Pet and Community Parades scheduled in June. It was noted that the carnival committee donated \$5000.00 toward the playground project (25-111).

## **RECREATION:**

## **GRANTS:**

Paperwork was submitted to DCNR for possible additional funding on the Walking Path Grant (26-161) and council should get a reply around April 20, 2022 if awarded any funds. It was noted that council will need to accept or reject the current bids for the Walking Path project at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. If rejected all grant money must be returned and some expenses will be incurred by the borough or accept a bid and proceed with the project and the borough assume the balance of the project not covered by grant funding/donations.

## **MEETING DATES:**

**COG: 4/19      COMMUNITY HALL: 4/19      TCC: 5/4      FIRE DEPT.: 4/14**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Christina Mensch and her committee will begin the process of reviewing the fence ordinance and work on improving the wording.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

One local homeowner requested borough address the water damage occurring on her property on Paradise St. stating she thought it was because of a damaged underground pipe.

A discussion of Portable Storage Container, Revision-2 was another topic the residents in attendance brought up to Council. This is also a work in progress and will be continued over the next several meetings with residents invited to attend any of the public meetings.

Christina Mensch mentioned that at a recent COG meeting a company KPN, Keystone Purchasing Network, a co-op might be helpful in the grant/bid portion when searching for bidders on various projects. She will get additional information if council is interested, and report back at a later date.

## **MAYOR:**

Received a letter of resignation effective March 12, 2022 by new mayor Thomas Barrett. A motion was made by Steve Snyder to accept the resignation with regrets, and was seconded by Adam Kocher. One vote not to accept was made by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL:**

Steve Snyder reported that Ben Gilbert and Jeremy LeBarron have both received certification on their Dirt and Gravel training. They may now apply for grants that will assist in the repair of certain streets/alleys in the borough.

Ben Gilbert was also approved for additional training that includes: Asphalt & Road Maintenance; Equipment/Safety; Paving-all through LTAP and free; and Flagger training at the fee of \$75.

Steve Snyder made a motion for executive meeting to discuss employee 90-day review and motion was seconded by Nathan Yoder and to have secretary in attendance at 9:10 p.m.

Steve Snyder informed council the handbook states a new employee gets a review 90 days after employment. Ben Gilbert started his job Dec. 1, 2021. Council was happy with Ben Gilbert's work and a motion was made by Steve Snyder to increase his raise from \$13.00 to \$13.25 and motion was seconded by Nathan Yoder. Motion carried.

Steve Snyder made a motion to create a clothing allowance of \$300 for Jeremy LeBarron and \$200 for Ben Gilbert. Motion was seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

It was suggested by Christina Mensch that the employees turn in a glove list for borough to purchase for their use and to inspect their reflective vests to make sure they are in good condition.

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Nathan Yoder to adjourn executive meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Bob Lynn made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 pm. and second by Betty Figels. Motion carried unanimous.

Next Council meeting is April 4, 2022 at the Turbotville Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mileta Joe  
Secretary