

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2022**

OPENING:

The meeting of borough council was called to order by Nathan Yoder, acting Council President which began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Christina Mensch, acting mayor; Nathan Yoder, Steve Snyder, Betty Figels, Adam Kocher and Pat Betz.

ABSENT:

Robert Lynn

OTHERS:

Donna Lynn, Tax Collector, Mileta Joe, secretary, Jeremy Lebaron and Ben Gilbert, maintenance employees.

VISITORS:

Joel Spafford, Diane Geedey Brett & Wendy Mutschler, Dan Zettelmoeyer, Tom Barrett, Wayne Weaver, Don Merrell, Dave Clifford, Jim Nicholes, Patti Black, Eileen Povish, Jim Hendricks, Dan Gross, Melissa Hendricks, Scott Hendricks, John Kessler, Michael Sechler, Sherri Bakowicz, Charles Ricketts, Dean Kirkendall, Rob Derrick, Troy Guyer, Don Waltman, Wes Brown, Wayne Fry, Ben McBryan, Heather Wolf-Hans and Paul Franke.

Visitors had concerns regarding 1) Heritage Society, on train station basement water issues; 2) Fence ordinance; and 3) Adam St., road condition.

PRESENTATION:

John Kessler spoke on behalf of the carnival committee regarding upgrades to electrical services. John provided a detailed map with his presentation on what the upgrade project entails. The project is at the expense of the carnival committee and John Kessler himself and at times several of his employees donate their time and present no bill for their services.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

The minutes for March 28, April 4 and 25 will be voted on at the May 2, 2022 meeting.

FINANCIAL:

Financial Report & Balances as of April 20 will be voted at the May 2 meeting.

Billing Invoices- \$15, 248.92 will be voted at May 2 meeting date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE:

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Nathan Yoder made the request to move the funds received from the sale of the JD tractor and money from sale of pipes etc. to Williamsport Water Authority into the equipment fund.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Borough is still in need of an individual to fill the position vacated by Lester Miller on the Zoning Hearing Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCES:

A discussion on any ordinance regarding chickens within borough limits was brought up. Under zoning law 410 chickens are allowed if contained.

Residents in attendance had numerous questions/concerns on the two working ordinances. In order to discuss these ordinances Council had to vote to add ordinance discussion to the current agenda. Adam Kocher made a motion to open the floor for discussion and motion was seconded by Steve Snyder and motion carried. Topic of the ordinances proceeded. In conclusion the two ordinances came to a vote to discontinue and Steve Snyder made a motion to drop any further work on the two ordinances and motion was seconded by Adam Kocher. Council vote was 4-1 to drop with Pat Betz opposed.

Council agreed to focus on improving the current ordinances and asked for volunteers from residents to sit on the committee of Christina Mensch and Pat Betz to work on these ordinances. Mike Sechler volunteered to assist on this committee.

MEETINGS:

COG:	Community Hall	TCC	Fire Dept.
May 17	May 17	May 4	May 12

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

OLD BUSINESS:

Review a resolution that would allow both employees to issue tickets for violations in snow removal/parking tickets. Nathan Yoder will consult with Bob Lynn who was drafting a new resolution on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nathan Yoder read a letter of resignation effective April 21, 2022 from Bob Lynn as a council member after nearly ten years of service. Bob reported there are several reports due on the grants one 4/30 and another 7/20 and he will assist in the process to complete these two tasks. A motion to accept Bob Lynn resignation was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Betty Figels. A vote to accept went 4-1 with Pat Betz being opposed.

MAYOR:

A letter of interest submitted by Ben Gilbert for the mayoral position was read by Christina Mensch along with documentation that proves an employee of the borough may also hold the position of mayor as amended in 2018. Council had no issues and a vote will be taken at the May 2 meeting.

EMERGENCY MGT:

On the request to purchase the FCC Rules and Regulations for \$119.00. Secretary is to contact the solicitor and see if purchase can be made through the fire tax fund and approve at the next meeting.

GRANTS:

Christina Mensch will look into the suggestion made by a resident to contact GMC regarding possible funds for the Walking Path.

No report on the DCNR grant application.

The playground project (25-111) will begin May 1 with sidewalk/piping work and completion should be late May for the balance of project work.

A pre-construction meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. Friday, April 29.

CARNIVAL:

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Steve Snyder at 9:30pm. Motion carried.

Next meeting, will be the work session scheduled for Monday May 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted by,
Mileta Joe
Secretary/Treasurer