

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 11, 2023**

OPENING:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christina Mensch, Betty Figels, Adam Kocher and Paul Franke

ABSENT: Nathan Yoder, Steve Snyder and Pat Betz

OTHERS: Donna Lynn, Tax Collector, Mileta Joe, Secretary and Ben Gilbert, Mayor

VISITORS: Lynn Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Keyes, Anita Shultz, Tom Barrett, Charles Ricketts and Sherri Bakowicz

Lynn Watson spoke regarding his property located at the end of Queen St. He spoke that there is a low spot on the east end of his property where water has no way to exit and was asking the borough to consider placing stone to assist with his water issue since there is only one way in/out of his property. Mayor asked if Watson was aware of a second entrance/exit point? Watson replied there was at one time an alley which has since been abandoned and currently adjoining property owners have the right to claim the abandoned ground. Council suggested that Watson and the Street Committee meet at the site and talk over what can be done.

Steve Keyes discussed he has a similar issue with water run-off at his Queen St. property. There is a catch basin above his property but currently whenever it rains his driveway is eroded and was hoping the borough would consider another catch basin near his property. Council suggested that the Street Committee also meet with and review and discuss what can possibly be done. Mr. Keyes said Monday is the best day for him to meet with the Street Committee. Secretary will try to set up a date with Snyder, Betz, Franke and LeBarron to see what might be done to help the situation of both Lynn Waston and Steve Keyes.

Anita Shultz had questions regarding the small chicken processing plant proposed at 53 Main St. Her concerns were for large truck access on small alleyway; added truck traffic on Main St.; water usage by the plant and what can residents do to be better informed on the progress of this proposed plant?

*Charles Ricketts questioned the council progress on posting meeting minutes on our website, which council reported will begin in October and the entire 2023 will be available soon. Mr. Ricketts questioned the progress on updating the wording on borough ordinances? Council reported that ordinance reviews has begun and will continue. Mr. Ricketts asked when residents will have a say regarding the chicken plant as he has first-hand experience on how a chicken processing plant can destroy property and town. He asked if residents can consider a petition? **(There could be something put in ordinances about allowing residents to do petitions).***

PRESENTATION:

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion was made by Adam Kocher to accept the minutes of Aug. 7 & 28, 2023 was seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Financial Reports & Balances as of 9/7/23 was reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the bills as of 9/7/23 was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher. Moton carried.

Reported that Herring, Roll and Solomon will be submitting a proposal for auditing services.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Grant Writing - Christina is currently playing phone tag with Phil Trometter of Penn Strategies for Q&A time at 9/25 meeting date, but will continue to reach out to him. Following that presentation secretary will contact Bassett Engineering for their chance to present.

Vote on MMO with a motion made to accept by Betty Figels and seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Reports

MAINTENANCE:

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Betty Figels made a motion to purchase the playground sign of rules from Bradco at the cost of \$51.25 and motion was seconded by Paul Franke. Moton carried.

Received final bill from Russell Standard for Tar and Chipping work. There is a difference of \$613.45 due to additional work approved by council on the project. PennDOT will not need a change order on this project. A motion was made by Adam Kocher to pay the bill and seconded by Paul /Franke. Motion carried.

LED Christmas tree has been ordered at cost of \$1883.44 which includes shipping fees.

In absence of Nathan Yoder no quotes available on bathroom repairs.

Also, in the absence of Nathan Yoder, no final cost for exterior ADA door with electronic door locks was available to review.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Leaf agreement to be signed by Melvin Betz with Turbotville Borough for leaf dumping on his property.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCES:

Mayor reported three violations were reported and have been resolved.

MEETINGS:

COG: Sept. 19	Community Hall Sept. 19	TCC Oct.	Fire Dept. Sept. 14	Carnival Sept. 18
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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

Grant 25-111. Submitted final document needed and applied for final payment of \$25,000.00.

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 and borough received a letter of support for our multimodal request from Linda Schlegel-Culver and Michael Stender.

CARNIVAL:

PERSONNEL:

A request by Adam Kocher to go into executive session at 7:45pm was made and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 8:14 pm with the motion made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher.

Council asked secretary to contact Dave Clifford to begin the process of posting minutes from Jan. 2023 through Aug. 2023 appear on the website. Once this is completed the 2022 minutes can be posted.

Council requests only the balance sheet be available with the agenda and no carnival report needed.

Council requested that whenever an individual requests a vendor permit or soliciting permit that an email should go out to all council members so they are informed.

Council will begin working on the new budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mileta Joe, Secretary