

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2022**

OPENING:

The meeting of borough council was called to order by President Christina Mensch leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Christina Mensch, Nathan Yoder, Paul Franke, Pat Betz and mayor, Ben Gilbert.

ABSENT:

Betty Figels, Steve Snyder and Adam Kocher

OTHERS:

Donna Lynn, Tax Collector, Mileta Joe, secretary and Jeremy Lebarron maintenance employee.

VISITORS:

Tom Barrett, Diana Geedey, Bill Kling, Betsy Watts, Dennis Swartz, Sherri Bakowicz and Charles Ricketts.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ben Gilbert performed the swearing in service for new Councilmember, Paul Franke.

Betsy Watts spoke on behalf of the Turbotville Community Hall announcing their 100th year events in conjunction with the annual carnival. Many WWI & WWII memorabilia will be on display and several nights from 6-8:30pm. there will be special programs and speakers for the community to enjoy.

There will be a clean up day May 31 and volunteers are needed.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Minutes of May 3 were reviewed, Council will vote at next meeting.

FINANCIAL:

Financial report reviewed and secretary brought to light an error in general budget reporting and one with Fire Tax report. Revised copies were supplied to all councilmembers.

Billing Invoices- A motion to pay all invoices was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Pat. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request was made to Northumberland Pride to correct the mayor's name on their proclamation in order to vote on the issue next meeting. June has been designated Pride Month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Secretary will contact Bob Benion to prepare satisfaction paperwork on the Charles Johnson lien that has expired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE:

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Will review the complaint submitted on 92 Paradise St. and report back at next meeting.

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Nathan Yoder volunteered to look into a voice over system and/or other options regarding telephone service.

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:

It was agreed by Council that the Ordinance Committee should create a code enforcement outline of policies to allow Jeremy and Ben clear guidelines when writing tickets for violations of Ordinances. This motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

Signed new resolution regarding code enforcement.

MEETINGS:

COG:	Community Hall	TCC	Fire Dept.	Carnival
June 21	June 21	not until Sept.	June 9	June20

Council is looking for a replacement representative to attend fire company meetings.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Maintenance was advised to purchase and install three “No Overnight Parking” signs. After discussion Jeremy/Ben to submit wording to the Ordinance Committee for approval. Carnival signs will go under the no parking signs, prior to carnival week.

Jeremy LeBarron has spoken with someone on the crumbling edge issue on Adam St.

Steve Snyder will discuss the roadway condition with the crew erecting the new sewer plant construction and report back to council later.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Will review the complaint submitted on 92 Paradise St. and report back at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance committee recently met and discussed options to invest and get good returns on our investments by purchasing government backed bonds. Council agreed to further investigate the possibilities and report back to council in the near future.

A motion was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Adam Kocher to approved the resolution allowing both Jeremy Lebarron and Benjamin Gilbert, as Enforcement Officers to write tickets for infractions to Borough Ordinances. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding the train station issue with water run-off Nathan Yoder suggested placing an additional gutter to help balance the flow of the water at the train station. Nathan Yoder volunteered to investigate gutter pricing and set-up and will report back his findings at the next meeting.

MAYOR:

A motion to appoint Benjamin Gilbert as mayor of Turbotville was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried. Ben Gilbert will assume his duties effective May 23, 2022 following his oath of office.

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

The Borough of Turbotville has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Under consideration for use of these funds is to improve the drainage of the old baseball field/carnival grounds.

A Pre-construction meeting for the Playground Project (25-111) has been set for Wed., May 24, 8 a.m.

PennDOT will move their electric pole after June 20th when the playground project will begin.

A revised quote has been approved by council from Robert C. Young, Inc. on the Tennis Court Project (26-161): Total cost of project will be approx. \$109,000.00. The original bid was \$114,374.50. Contractor will provide an updated contract reflecting the changes to the project for signing.

Following a discussion on the train station shrubs it was decided to remove them and purchase 2/3 scoops of dbl. ground, dark oak mulch and the maintenance guys will supply the labor.

Cost to replace the 12' fence around the playground is approx. \$22,000.

The Borough has been awarded an additional \$20,000 grant and the letter stating the award should arrive next week.

Nathan Yoder presented to Council the various grants received and how the money can be used appropriately. He made several suggestions after consulting with DCNR and ARPA on proper use of the grant funds. Council agreed to have Nathan Yoder proceed with acquiring pricing of materials, presenting his plan on the projects and present at the next council meeting. A motion was then made by Pat Betz and seconded by Christina Mensch to have Nathan Yoder submit a letter to Justin and the county level to approve the various changes.

Wage interviews need to be completed regarding the tennis court grant project.

CARNIVAL:

It was suggested that a carnival committee representative attend council meeting whenever a project is in the works.

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Paul Franke at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting, will be the work session scheduled for Monday June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted by,
Mileta Joe
Secretary/Treasurer