

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2024**

Swearing in of Mayor performed by Notary Doris Lawton.

Call to Order –Began at 7:14 p.m., with Mayor Ben Gilbert swearing in of new councilmembers: Steve Snyder, Tom Barrett, Paul Franke and Adam Kocher

Call for nominations for President and Vice President as follows:

Nominations:

President: Christinas Mensch. A motion was made by Pat Betz to nominate Christina Mensch as president and seconded by Steve Snyder. No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Adam Kocher. A motion was made by Christina Mensch to nominate Adam Kocher and motion was seconded by Steve Snyder. No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn nominations was made at 7:17 p.m. and official meeting opened at 7:17 p.m. with President Christina Mensch leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments: Code Enforcement. Holding off to review options.

Fire Co. Representative: Ben Gilbert, for 5 yr. term-vote 2022-2027. A motion was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Paul Franke to appoint Ben Gilbert as Borough Fire Company Representative. Motion carried.

TCC Representatives: A motion to appoint Christina Mensch & Betty Figels and Proxy Rep for Anthony Twp, Limestone Twp. Watsonstown Boro and WR Sch. District was made by Paul Franke and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

COG Representatives: A motion to appoint Pat Betz as borough representative with Christina Mensch as alternate was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

Solicitor – A motion was made by Paul Franke and seconded by Betty Figels to acquire Jonathan DeWald, Esq. as the borough solicitor. Unanimous vote.

Zoning Hearing Board: Abigail Appleman, appointed 1/2020; Dennis Engel, appointed 10/2022; Tessa Bieber, appointed 4/2023; & alternate Theodore Persing, appointed 4/2023

Planning Commission, John McDermott 2024-2029; Harold Bender 2020-2025 and Nathan Yoder 2024-2029. A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher to appoint John McDermott to another five-year term and Nathan Yoder as a new member of the board. Motion carried.

Paul Rapp, SEO #04119. A motion was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Betty Figels to appoint Paul Rapp as borough SEO, as needed. Motion carried.

Harrison Hans – EMA. A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz to retain Harrison Hans as borough EMA. Motion carried.

Auditor – A motion to accept Herring, Roll & Solomon as borough auditors was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Steve Snyder, Tom Barrett, Christina Mensch, Adam Kocher, Paul Franke, Pat Betz, Betty Figels and Ben Gilbert

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor; Donna Lynn, Tax Collector and Milet Joe, Secretary

VISITORS: Colleen Franke and Doris Lawton, Notary

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Minutes –A motion to accept the December 4 and December 18, 2023 was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried

FINANCIAL:

A motion to accept Financial Reports and Balances End of Year was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

A motion to pay all billing invoices was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received Ethics forms

A fire company representative will attend the Jan. 29th meeting for a Q & A on Act. 35.

SOLICITOR:

Jonathan DeWald will be attending our Feb. 5th meeting date

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Reports

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

A motion to purchase 15 additional stall blocks was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Paul Franke to name leaf pickup dates for 2024 between Oct. 1 through Dec. 6. Motion carried.

Create a defined budget for streets/projects will be discussed at the work session meeting on Jan. 29th.

Barry Garverick of PennDOT submitted two estimates on possible street projects. Secretary was advised to send these estimates to Linda Sterling and see if there are any available grants.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Council requested secretary contact Code Inspections and get a current rate sheet to compare between several other company options before selecting a firm.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Apr. '24	Jan. 11	Jan. 15

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee will begin working on selecting a sign design and get quotes from several sources for later discussion.

Jeremy LeBarron will investigate options for placing underground electric for Christmas decorations in front of municipal building

No progress report on bathroom quote

Awaiting proposal on new computer

NEW BUSINESS:

Select names for various committees for next meeting date.

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

Harrison Hans is looking into updating one additional radio and will report his findings and cost at another meeting date.

PERSONNEL:

Steve Snyder made a motion to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. and was seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

A motion to reconvene at 7:47 was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Adam Kocher.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:47 p.m. by Pat Betz and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.