

TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2023

OPENING:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

President, Christina Mensch, Councilmembers: Betty Figels, Steve Snyder, Paul Franke and Adam Kocher.

ABSENT:

Pat Betz and Nathan Yoder

OTHERS:

Donna Lynn, Tax Collector; Mayor Ben Gilbert, Jeremy LeBarron, Supervisor and Mileta Joe, Secretary.

VISITORS:

Sherri Bakowicz, Scott Ricketts, David Brown and Hestia Brown

PRESENTATION:

Dave Brown, a representative for the local fire dept. spoke on behalf of the fire company with a possible request that the borough include some equipment requests to be submitted with the application form to Northumberland County in hopes of receiving additional ARPA fund that are currently available. Council was informed that any donations or ARPA grant monies could be earmarked for ambulance repairs; money toward the new firetruck; and volunteer needed equipment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion to accept the minutes of March 6 & 27, 2023 was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Steve Snyder. Motion carried.

Secretary also mentioned after looking into 411.45 under the Quickbooks regarding fire services that Quickbooks has subdivisions under this number to accommodate firemen's workman's comp, hydrants and equipment. Though hydrants come from fire tax account, there needs to be transfer accountability.

FINANCIAL:

Betty Figels made a motion to accept the current financial report and was seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

Steve Snyder made a motion to pay all bills and this motion was seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

Secretary notified council that Centre Communications Inc. has sent two payable bills. With Council permission she will send a letter explaining the bills will be paid once all installation is completed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Reports

MAINTENANCE:

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Betty Figels reported that three mower bids were submitted and suggests the 52”, zero turn for \$9,111.00 be for purchase. A motion was made by Steve Snyder to purchase the 52” zero turn mower and was seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

Betty Figels will continue to review options on the replacement of the damages Christmas lights.

Council decided at the last meeting date to eliminate the purchase of the 14’ door for the storage building. Council decided to move the cinders and rock salt to the same building and items stored in the building will be placed at the opposite end of the building. A chain link fence will be installed around the salt/cinder opening.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Two applications to fill the zoning hearing boards vacant positions and/or alternate(s) has been reviewed and Christina Mensch made the suggestion to appoint Tessa Bieber as member and Theo Persing as alternate.

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Paul Franke to accept Tessa Bieber as new zoning hearing board member. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Paul Franke to name Theo Persing as zoning hearing board alternate member. Motion carried with one opposed vote by Adam Kocher.

Council reviewed zoning hearing board fee and a motion to set the fee at \$500.00 was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Steve Snyder. Moton carried.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Steve Snyder to accept the cost of road projects submitted by PennDOT and motion was seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried. Dates were set for bids submissions by May 1, 2023; Start date of projects June 19, 2023; and the completion date of all work to be done by Sept. 15, 2023. Jeremy LeBarron will contact Barry Garverick to begin the bidding process.

Jeremy LeBarron reported that Pennsylvania American Water co. contacted him regarding their decision to replace the manhole on 1st St. It was suggested that the work should be done curb-to-curb. Cost will be that of the water company.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCES:

MEETINGS:

COG:	Community Hall	TCC	Fire Dept.	Carnival
Apr 18	Apr 18	Oct	Apr 13	Apr 17

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Nathan Yoder presented council and the Borough of Turbotville with a “Deed of Dedication” for a section located southwest of lot #1 of a subdivision prepared by Mid-Penn Engineering Corp titled “Wellington Estates Subdivision” recorded as Map Book 50, Page 75 &76 in the Northumberland County Courthouse along with the agreement that Yoder Development Group, Inc. will donate up to \$4500.00 for sign and landscaping and borough will be responsible for maintenance from completion of the work.

Borough Solicitor has a list of suggestions that need completed to make this a legal exchange.

1. Council needs to write a resolution and vote on the resolution and file in resolution book.
2. Council President must sign the official copy
3. Address needs to be included on documents
4. Deed must be recorded
5. A civil agreement between all parties on the fund allotment and the turning over the upkeep responsibilities to the borough.

MAYOR:

Mayor Gilbert strongly suggests that Council consider acquiring a grant writer to apply for the many available grants that we could have access to, if we had a grant writer.

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

ARPA

Application deadline is April 14, 2023 for the additional available funds. Since no estimates were turned in for the completion of the application, council decided not to apply for the ARPA funds.

CARNIVAL:

Parade routes were approved and all entertainment has been secured.

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

Betty Figels made a motion to adjourn at 7:50p.m. and was seconded by Steve Snyder. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully Submitted by
Mileta Joe
Secretary