

TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2024

OPENING: Meeting opened at 7:02pm with Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL PRESENT: Pat Betz, Christina Mensch, Steve Snyder and Betty Figels

ABSENT: Adam Kocher, Tom Barrett, Paul Franke and Mayor

OTHERS: Mileta Joe, secretary and Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor

VISITORS: Erica Frey

PRESENTATION:

Erica Frey, representative from Watsontown Historical Society presented the idea of the Military Hometown Heroes Banner Program. She reached out to the Turbotville Historical Society which has a small membership and wanted to present to the Borough. There are several hurdles to overcome that include PPL permission to hang the banners on their poles and the height required by each municipality to hang the banners.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion to accept the minutes of 5/20/24 was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

A motion to accept the Financial Reports and Balances was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

A motion to pay all bills for June was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SOLICITOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Council decided to contact Andy Frontz to acquire an approximate cost to remodel the social hall restrooms. ARPA funds in the amount of \$7932.06 is still available to help

fund this project and ARPA funds must be designated by end of 2024. If the project comes under \$12,600.00 no formal bid will be required. If the project comes between \$12,600.00 and \$23,200.00, 3 written or phone bids will be required and if the project goes above \$23,200.00 then council must put the project out for bid.

Jeremy LeBarron reported that Keystone Communications did not show up for their appointed meeting with him and will hopefully have quotes and suggestions on where to place the cameras on the playground areas at next meeting.

The Proposal submitted by Aaron King for exterior, front door work has been signed and Mr. King expects to start the work in the next 2-3 weeks. Work as follows tear off aluminum and replace with vinyl all around the doorway and fascia work at cost \$1200.00.

Jeremy LeBarron and Steve Snyder acquired quotes on a new skid steer and reported their findings. After a discussion, Council approved the purchase of one Takeuchi skid steer from Medico of 1510 Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. at the cost of \$67,000.00 and the purchase will be made through Costars contract #4400027914. Jeremy reported that the new skid steer will be stored at the municipal building, at all times and the old skid steer will be stored at the lower building for use with salt. The motion to purchase this piece of equipment was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried. Jeremy was asked to also check on price of a snowblower for the new skid steer and report his findings at the next meeting.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Steve Snyder reported that street committee is awaiting a price from Wells Paving & Seal coating for a crack seal project.

Russell Standard Corporation, contracted for the King St. seal coat work should start sometime in July. Russell Standard will contact Jeremy LeBarron two weeks prior to the start date, to prepare for the street work. The funds for this project will be paid from the State Highway account in the amount of \$40,640.00 and all work must be completed by Aug. 15, 2024.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Council members present their own list of town violations and bring to next council meeting.

Susquehanna Solar LLC will be applying for a Conditional Use Hearing. It was decided that a public hearing should take place and Susquehanna Solar LLC will contact the Turbotville Community Hall to reserve a date for the hearing. Susquehanna Solar LLC will incur the cost of building rental, advertising the event, and legal expenses. Borough Council is the deciding factor on the approval or denial of this solar project.

No new action on the denied request for a variance on a commercial project.

Brian Schultz of Penn Core Consulting reported on the possible slate sidewalk ordinance issue in conjunction with the Borough Paradise St. project. The Borough can approve an alternate construction provided the slate slabs are leveled to match any new sidewalks.

Betty Figels reported on her findings of the placement of a “Welcome to Turbotville” sign on the entering of Turbotville. Cost of this project would be \$5950.00 and the quote does not include stonework. Betty is looking into alternative options and will report back at a future meeting. \$4500.00 was donated by Yoder Builders Inc. for this project.

Norfolk Southern Railroad was contacted regarding high weed violation and the need to repaint railroad crossing markings. Dan Grimmer will contact Jeremy LeBarron and look into this issue. The street painting might be the responsibility of PennDOT and not the railroad. Regarding the high weed, If the railroad will not address, then Pat Betz volunteered to weed wack the high weeds/grass.

MEETING DATES:

COG: July 16	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.: July 11	CARNIVAL
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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

Council advised secretary to contact Linda Sterling regarding possible grants available for a new dump truck, that comes up usually in July.

PERSONNEL:

Council reviewed one employment application for the position of “seasonal, as needed” help. A motion to hire Zackary Yetter was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Steve Snyder. Motion carried. This hire is contingent to proof of working papers and completion of all his clearances. Starting salary will be \$12.00/hr.

Rob Ryder will also need to complete all clearances before hired as a seasonal, as needed helper.

CARNIVAL:

It was reported that the carnival was a success.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pat Betz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm and was seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.