

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2024**

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

ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Jonathan DeWald, Solicitor and Noah Roux, Asst. Solicitor

VISITORS: Rick Dandes, Daily Item Reporter; Ashely Reasner; Michael Sechler and Betsy Watts, Turbotville Community Hall Corp.

PRESENTATIONS:

Betsy Watts, of the Turbotville Community Hall Corp. requesting council rescind its copy fees of \$25.00 from its monthly billing. Siting they are a community-based organization to serve the community when and where needed. They have an upcoming project to replace the current roof and replace with a new metal roof. Betsy invited all to stop by and take a tour of what all has been done to improve the conditions of the building and grounds. Council also reminded Betsy that the borough donates \$4000.00 annually toward their expenses. Council will discuss and inform Betsy of its decision.

Donna Lynn, Tax Collector reported on a recent phone conference she, Mileta Joe and Diane Miller participated in regarding the process of transferring to Keystone from Statewide for delinquent tax collection. A contract with Keystone would be for (3) three years, with zero commission charges, and all that would be needed is signatures on Resolution Act 192 that was adopted by Northumberland County. A break-up letter will need to be sent to Statewide informing them of the decision to select keystone rather than Statewide. This needs to be done 90 days prior to beginning with Keystone. The letter will be drafted and council can review and approve at the Feb. 26 meeting.

Donna Lynn also voiced her opinion regarding Mayor leaving during the meeting of Feb. 5, following Susquehanna Solar LLC attendees and then returning to the meeting. She felt this was unprofessional and should be addressed by Council.

Ashley Reasner: Local resident, questioned council on what was the borough's Mission Statement? Council President, Christina Mensch stated that Council must follow all state and local laws that best protect the community residents.

Solicitor interjected that Commonwealth codes dictate what communities must follow.

Mr. Reasner also stated that the Dog Warden was of no help and that they can only enforce Pennsylvania laws only. Paul Franke suggested Mr. Reasner attempt to get pictures as the violation occurs and then perhaps, he would have some leverage with his complaint.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Tom Barrett to accept the minutes of 1/2/24 & 1/29/24. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

A motion to accept Financial Reports and Balances as of 2/2/24 was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Steve Snyder. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Billing Invoices as of 2/5/24 was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Linda Sterling, Grant Writer will be attending our Feb. 26 work session meeting for a Q&A.

SOLICITOR:

Jonathan DeWald our new solicitor introduced himself and his Assistant Attorney Noah Roux. Jonathan requested following regular meeting he would like to go into executive meeting for the discussion of any legal issues council may have.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report

Finance committee will meet and report back to council in near future.

Ordinance committee will meet and review dumpster ordinance and report back to council.

Recreation Committee will meet to discuss Welcome to Turbotville” sign and report back to council with prices.

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Steve Snyder and Jeremy LeBarron reported on the cost of putting new catch basin on Virgin Lane. Currently there are two small catch basins that is not adequate to handle current water run-off issues. They propose to replace the two small catch basins and install one new catch basin and supply 200 ft. of 15” pipe with total cost of the project being \$12,300. Cost could be a little less depending on materials used. Bill Moore will do the labor and it is hoped that this job can be coordinated with the Queen St. catch basin work, thus possibly lowering costs. A motion was made by Steve Snyder to do the work and was seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

Steve Snyder discussed the King St. tar and chip project at an estimate of \$40,000.00. There are possible grants available to help with this expense and if the borough teams up with the surrounding townships costs could be less. Council decided to discuss this at the work session meeting, Feb. 26.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Discussion on who to select was deferred until the Feb. 26th meeting.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Feb. 20	Feb. 20	Apr. '24	Feb. 8	Feb. 19

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee report on Welcome to Turbotville sign

Progress report on bathroom quote

Cole Yoder submitted a quote for new computer. After several question and answers a motion was made by Adam Kocher to purchase a new computer with funds up to \$1400.00 and was seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

PERSONNEL:

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Pat Betz to go into executive session for legal counseling at 7:35pm. to be followed by Personnel Executive session. Motion carried. Executive session on legal issues ended at 8:05pm.

A motion was made by Betty Figels to adjourn executive session on personnel at 8:19pm and was seconded by Adam Kocher.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Adam Kocher to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and was seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, Feb. 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.