

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2022**

OPENING:

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

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Steve Snyder, Christina Mensch, Betty Figels, Nathan Yoder and Adam Kocher who arrived at 7:30.

ABSENT:

Pat Betz and Paul Franke

OTHERS:

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

VISITORS:

Michael Sechler, Tom Barrett and Patty Black

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

A motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 12 & 26 was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels, motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels, motion carried.

A motion to accept the invoice as of 9/30/22 of \$2,039.16 was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Steve Snyder, motion carried.

A motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels to allocate the funds to the Volunteer Fire Relief Assoc. to the Warrior Run Fire Dept. in the amount of \$3,492.64 motion was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tax Collector, Donna Lynn voiced concerns regarding Northumberland County being backlogged on property assessment and the borough is losing out on tax revenue because of this. Donna Lynn expressed concerns regarding permits not being acquired by many residents and borough is losing out on that income.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE:

Received and reviewed monthly maintenance report.

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Nathan Yoder to a lease agreement for a new copier/fax machine through Topp Copy Solutions of Montoursville. Motion carried.

Nathan Yoder will donate ceiling tiles for the meeting room of the municipal building. Maintenance will handle the installation.

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:

Secretary noted she received from Code Inc. permit for 237 King St.

MEETINGS:

COG:	Community Hall	TCC	Fire Dept.	Carnival
Jan. 2923	Nov. 15		Nov. 10	Nov. 21

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Jeremy LeBarron suggested an alternate excavation plan at 205 Main St., rear location of Virgin Alley and he will contact Christian Rosini and discuss before work begins by UGI.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

It was suggested by Council that ordinance committee should revisit the excavation ordinance and make needed changes and an amendment would likely occur.

Committee has created a defined grass/leaf ordinance that council approved for publication and public input at the Oct. 24 meeting date with a vote to accept the amendment at the Nov. 7, 2022 meeting.

Guest Patty Black had several questions on burning and the use of firepits within the borough limits. Mayor Gilbert addressed her questions and the suggestion that the ordinance committee will review and possibly re-write the burn ordinance in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels to allow the Lion's Club use of the municipal building parking lot Oct. 26-28 for apple butter making. Jeremy LeBarron will open and close the building each day to allow members use of water/restrooms. Motion carried.

Reminder that Laidacker's Disposal agreed to donate and upkeep three dog waste receptacles within the borough limits. Jeremy LeBarron suggests following the final inspection of the two grant projects that he would contact Laidacker's and decide where to place the waste containers.

Council discussed the need to post signs that no dogs are allowed within the fenced area of the playground; dogs need to be leashed; and to review current dog ordinance.

A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher and motion carried for Council President Christina Mensch to sign the Northumberland County Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance and once solicitor signs will forward to Justin Skavery of Northumberland County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Each council member was given a budget worksheet and they should write their suggestions on each line item of the budget and bring to next meeting for discussion with the understanding that a tax increase of 1.3 mills was voted last year for the year 2023.

MAYOR:

Mayor Gilbert attempted to reach James Sanders, sewage enforcement officer regarding his replacement as borough representative. Will continue to reach out to him.

EMERGENCY MGT:

Harrison Hans informed the office that radios should come sometime in November. He will keep us posted.

GRANTS:

Grant 25-111 (playground) the mulch work is complete. Nathan Yoder announced there is ample leftover mulch and a change order will be forthcoming on the geo-thermal matting. There is an issue with finding 2B sandstone at this time and will discuss with Ryan Frenya what alternatives would be available at this time. Also, maintenance crew needs to post the DCNR sign prior to the final inspection.

Grant 26-161 A motion was made by Nathan Yoder and seconded by Betty Figels to accept the Buffalo Valley Fencing bid for \$20,500.00 to supply fencing around the tennis court project and use ARPA funds to complete the purchase. Motion carried.

ARPA funds report is nearly done and could be filed the week of Oct. 4, 2022.

CARNIVAL:

Christina Mensch will contact John Kessler regarding electrical work replacing an electrical box and floodlight and the community flagpole. ARPA funds can be used to cover the cost.

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Adam Kocher to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting, regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted by,
Mileta Joe
Secretary/Treasurer