

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2026**

OPENING: Meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Brent Sechrist and Wayne Weaver. Both just attending meeting

OTHERS: Mileta Joe, Secretary, Jeremy LeBarron,

MAYORAL REPORT: One issue.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Financial report was reviewed and will vote at next meeting.

Treasurer Report was reviewed and will be voted on at next meeting.

February bills were reviewed and will vote to pay all bills at next meeting.

The minutes of 2/2/26 were reviewed and will be voted upon at next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two letters of interest in being selected for the available council seat were reviewed and Steve Snyder made the motion for council to go into executive session to discuss candidates at 7:12pm. Motion was seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 7:19pm with the motion made by Tom Barrett and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Upon reconvening a motion was made by Paul Franke to accept Wayne Weaver to the available council seat and seconded by Tom Barrett with swearing in performed by Mayor Ben Gilbert at the March 2 council meeting. Motion carried.

Paul Franke thanked Brent Sechrist for his interest in serving his community and that he may wish to consider joining either the planning commission or zoning board until there is another seat available on council.

Council reviewed the correspondence regarding Act 537 Sewage Planning on the proposed car wash and have no issues regarding its progress.

SOLICITOR:

Letter from solicitor regarding one concern on Lions Club holding a wine and beer tasting during their Augustfest event was that no coolers with alcohol shall enter the event and perhaps a one-day ordinance allowing such an event might be wise.

Council had no issues with the Lions club request and a motion was made by Tom Barrett to allow the event and motion was seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report:

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

After a discussion on garage door issues, it was decided to repair the current door and not enclose the space and replace the garage door with a single entrance door.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report on activity. Tom Barrett welcomed Christina Mench back to Council meetings following an extended health issue.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS:

Steve Snyder reported that there were several issues to discuss and turned the floor over to Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor.

Jeremy LeBarron reported that he has begun the process to get quotes for tar and chipping this year. His request included (1) Pine St. from Church St. to Paradise Street. (2) Washington Street from Main St. to out of town. (3) Broadway St. from Gulf to Paradise St. He feels not all will be accomplished this year but is hopeful. He has contacted Barry Garverick of PennDOT to meet and acquire estimates on the various road works.

Jeremy LeBarron also stated about crack sealing Broadway St. and will get a quote(s) on this projected shortly.

Both Steve Snyder and Jeremy LeBarron discussed issues on a damaged catch basin, rusted and collapsed pipe and that work will need to be done to correct the issues.

There is also a sinkhole on Virgin Lane from Paradise St. in the right-hand side that will need to be addressed but thankfully on road digging will be needed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Committee is currently reviewing the proposed changes made by the solicitor and will report back to council in the near future.

GRANTS:

Betty Figels reported that she and Mileta Joe met with Wes Farhringer and grant writer Linda Sterling on applying for a playground grant that must be submitted by April 30, 2026.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Mar. 17	Mar. 17	March 4	Mar. 12	Mar. 16

OLD BUSINESS: Steve Snyder asked what the status of the proposed solar farm on the 39 acres within the borough limits? Council feels this project will not move forward as there is a standstill with Lewis Twp. and its 40 acres adjacent to our 39 acres. No correspondence has been received in numerous months.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55pm by Betty Figels and seconded by Tom Barrett.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mileta Joe, Secretary