

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2026**

OPENING: Meeting came to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

VISITORS:

OTHERS: Mileta Joe, Secretary, Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance and Joe Lyons of Code Assessment Professionals

GUESTS: C. Shaffer, Ruth Little and Dean Kirkendall

PRESENTATION: None

MAYORAL REPORT: 53 Main Street known as the poultry processing plant is currently non-operational following an incident that needed notifications to DEP, PAWC, solicitor and Northumberland County.

Several questions arose regarding this event.

Paul Franke strongly suggested council keep on top of this issue and the plants procedures. Paul Franke also questioned Kirkendall how many gallons of water use by the plant before residents could become effected on low water pressure or usage?

Mr. Kirkendall responded that 100,000 gallons of usage by the plant would not be an issue for residents and that the plant would not likely use that many gallons per month.

Mayor informed Council the chicken processing plant was granted occupancy July 2025.

He further stated that the owners of the plant thought they were connected to the sewer and not discharging into the storm drain system.

Dean Kirkendall of PA American Water Co (PAWC) addressed from the water company perspective that a proper waste filtration system needs to be installed before waste can enter the sewer plant.

Regulations will not allow blood, feathers or animal waste to enter the sewer facilities directly.

Mr. Kirkendall stated that PAWC advised the plant that they could not dump directly into the sewer system. PAWC did issue permission for water usage for a bathroom. He enlightened the council that in Jan. 2026 the plant water meter was froze and had to be replaced and in Feb. 2026 the plant used 2800 gal. of water and in March 2026 the plant used 26,200 gal. of water.

The plant was ordered to use tankers to haul away their water waste. Also, PAWC installed a manhole on the sewer line to access PAWC.

Wayne Weaver questioned how could this plant have been working and no agency inspected or checked for violations?

Paul Franke questioned if PAWC could turn off their water service until all issues are resolved?
No

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Financial report was reviewed and vote next meeting.

Treasurer Report was reviewed. Vote next meeting

March bills were reviewed with no questions. Vote next meeting.

The minutes of 3/3/26 were reviewed and will vote on 3/3 & 3/30 minutes at next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SOLICITOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report:

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Jeremy LeBarron reported that on March 27th maintenance cut the wires on the extra pole located at the carnival grounds and on Monday, 3/30 maintenance removed the telephone pole.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

STREETS/HIGHWAYS:

Jeremy LeBarron reported his suggestion on quotes he received on seal coat and crack seal as follows: Withdraw from the seal coat bid which was \$44,27.40 as the price was beyond borough budget. Instead agree to crack seal with quotes of \$3510.00 and \$2680.00 for a total of \$6198.00 by M & M Asphalt and then the quote from Gutelius Excavating for Broadway repairs totaling \$7,471.00 can also be completed and not deplete the liquid fuels fund, Thus, allowing for the remainder of funds and next years allotment to allow for road repairs needed in 2027. Council will vote on this at the April 6th meeting.

Steve Snyder reported water valve replacement work on Main St. has begun.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

GRANTS:

Betty Figels reported that progress is being made on the upcoming playground grant application. Paul Frank also joined in the efforts.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Apr. 21	Apr 21		Apr. 9	Apr 20

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Lyons of Code Assessment Professionals attended the meeting to discuss procedures and his suggestions as the new code inspection company hired by Council. Rate will be \$60 per hour and it is the Council who dictates the time they wish and what violations to address.

A future date will be set for Steve Snyder and a member of Code Assessment to drive throughout the borough to acquaint with our boundaries and current issues to be addressed.

Mr. Lyons suggested Council updates its IPMC to reflect 2021 and he will presently follow 2017 IMPC .

Tom Barrett questioned noise enforcement. Borough’s only option is to call State Police.

Wayne Weaver questioned dog issues in the borough. Code can deal with dog issues. Fowl is basically a neighbor dispute.

Code Assessment Professionals will monthly send a report to the Turbotville Office and the company answers to council.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Will reschedule their meeting date.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGNEDA

A motion to amend the minutes was made by Christina Mensch and seconded by Tom Barrett to vote to advertise the Act 172 Ordinance and if possible, an abridged advertisement upon solicitors’ recommendation. Motion carried.

A motion to advertise the Act 172 Ordinance was made by Christina Mensch and seconded by Tom Barret. Motion carried with the hope to advertise a summary legal.

PERSONNEL: Nothing

At 8:19 pm Ben Gilbert requested an executive session with no vote upon reconvening and motion was seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

A motion to reconvene at 9pm was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 9:01pm was made by Tom Barrett and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m, Monday, April 6, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mileta Joe, Secretary