

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Aug. 26, 2024**

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christina Mensch, Tom Barrett, Betty Figels. Pat Betz, Adam Kocher and Ben Gilbert, Mayor

ABSENT: Paul Franke and Steve Snyder

OTHERS: Mileta Joe, Secretary and Donna Lynn, Tax Collector

VISITORS: Dean Kirkendall

PRESENTATION:

Resident, Donna Lynn spoke on information she gathered regarding Susquehanna Solar LLC. They are currently proposing a solar farm in Lehman Township (Pittsburgh). This company is relatively new, being in business out of South Carolina for approx. 1 year. They currently have 12 projects in various stages of completion with one being in the Dubois area of Pennsylvania. She brought to attention that property values will decrease between 7%-30% according to the resources she has researched. Another concern to consider is the company proposes to place meadow grass underneath the solar panels, which under an excessive, dry season could become a fire hazard. Final point brought up was this company would likely, when decommissioning of this site they could return the property to its original state at time of purchase or they could sell the property to someone else.

Adam Kocher asked the question is Lehman Township solar farm that was under consideration Susquehanna Solar LLC?

Donna Lynn replies. The same company. It was also brought to light that this company renames itself to reflect the area that they are proposing to develop their solar farm. Thus, the name Susquehanna Solar LLC. This makes researching the company relatively hard,

Dean Kirkendall, speaking on behalf of Pennsylvania American Water Company will temporarily close Adam St, on or around mid-to-late September for line repairs. The company will alert the residents of this street closure. They will apply for the necessary permits and fees.

Betty Figels volunteered to put this upcoming street closure in the September newsletter.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Minutes of August 5, 2024 were reviewed with two spelling corrections noted and vote at next meeting 9/9, 2024

FINANCIAL:

The Financial Reports and Balances as of 8/23/24 was reviewed and council will vote at next meeting 9/9/24.

Note 18/mo. CD matures 9/3/24. The Finance Committee will meet and decide what suggestions it has for the funds to council at the Sept. 9 meeting. CD matures 9/3/24 and council has ten days from that date to decide what to do, otherwise the CD will automatically rollover. Tom Barrett informed council that Turbotville National Bank currently has a 15/mo. CD at 4.90% return and a 20 mo. CD at 4.67% return. Finance committee will report their choices at the Sept. 9th meeting date.

A motion was made by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz to transfer funds from the State High way fund to general fund to pay for the work done on King St. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council will vote on the MMO at the Sept. 9th meeting.

Council approved the building for use for Election Day, Nov. 5th.

SOLICITOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Adam Kocher reported on the cost of cameras at the community park area as follows: If we order now, we can enjoy a 15% discount on our order of 4 cameras with 8 channel coverage, 180 degrees rotation ability and mounted outside at various locations for \$1,019.96. Adding more storage capabilities at \$219.95 and necessary junction boxes for a total cost of \$89.84 would bring the total purchase price at \$1329.75. Adam Kocher can assist with the setup along with the help of Jeremy LeBarron and mounted anywhere on the property, high enough out of the reach of possible vandals and stored at the train station. Also, signs will be posted stating “video surveillance in use.” A motion was made by Betty Figels to purchase the needed equipment and was seconded by Tom Barret. Motion carried.

Adam Kocher reported on the bathroom project progress and he will contact Code enforcement to clarify some areas where ADA needs drawing or not and he will report his findings at the next meeting.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS:

Penn Core strongly suggests Council put out for bid the Multi-Modal, Paradise Street Project Jan. 1, 2025.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Distributed folders with several company options for code enforcement to be reviewed by councilmembers for discussion by October.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Aug. 20	Aug. 20		Aug. 8	

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Equipment/Buildings/Recreation Committee should begin meeting to plan for submitting a grant for the playground/equipment to be submitted by March 1, 2025 with Linda Sterling grant writer.

MAYOR:

Reported that the Chicken Processing Plant has been temporarily halted due to permit violations. Code Enforcement will continue to monitor and report to council.

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20pm by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.