

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2025**

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christina Mensch, Adam Kocher, Steve Snyder, Tom Barrett and Betty Figels

ABSENT: Paul Franke, Past Betz and Mayor Ben Gilbert

VISITORS: .Cole Yoder, resident and Rick Dandes, reporter for Daily Item newspaper

Cole Yoder had a concern on Paradise St./Virgin Alley with parking issues. He asked what the set-back footage was and the answer was 30 ft. Presently there are no “no parking” signs posted and no yellow paint areas on curbing. Paint was there prior to the recent Paradise St. Project.

Council agreed to re-evaluate the problem and have Jeremy LeBarron measure and report his finding at the Oct. 6th meeting date.

It was also stated that all residents of Paradise Street have off-street parking in the rear of their homes.

It was noted by council that the cost of paint is \$100.00 per gallon of yellow paint.

OTHERS: Mileta Joe, Secretary and Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor

PRESENTATION: Arnie Kreiner cancelled, but will attend Oct. 6th meeting date

MAYORAL REPORT: None

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Reviewed Financial Report and vote next meeting

Reviewed Treasurer Report and will vote at next meeting

Reviewed September Bills – vote next meeting

Secretary minutes of 9/8/25 were reviewed and vote next meeting on 9/8 & 9/29 minutes

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Turbotville Lion’s Club to use the municipal building Oct. 27-29th for there apple butter making was presented and council will vote at the Oct. 6th meeting.

A letter from Herring Roll and Solomon for upcoming annual audit was reviewed and council will vote at the Oct. 6th meeting

SOLICITOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Playground is open for public use.

Welcome sign is in progress and council asked secretary to transfer the remaining ARPA funds for sign expenses.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:

Upon receiving both the \$70,351.56 and \$97,090.27 reimbursements from DCED on the Paradise Street Project council agreed to place \$100,000 in savings and \$59,000 in general checking account at this time. These funds were originally taken from savings account and CD.

Council agreed to have the Finance Committee prepare the 2026 budget and present to council at a future date.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS:

Jeremy LeBarron presented an estimate to have electric and lighting installed at the lower building that houses rock salt, cinders, etc. by C-MOR. Council requested Jeremy LeBarron get a quote from TRA electric and present both quotes at next meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

GRANTS:

Regarding all grant submissions: the Commonwealth Financing Agency (CFA) has cancelled its October meeting to award grants and rescheduled for November due to the lack of a state and federal budget being passed.

Betty Figels and Mileta Joe are working on the playground grant application and meet with Linda Sterlin, grant writer at 9 a.m., Wed., Oct. 8th.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Oct. 1	Sept. 11	Sept. 15

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Barrett brought up the continuing issue of traffic accidents at the intersection of Rte. 44 (Main St.)and Rte. 54. He has documented 6 accidents in a short period of time and was hoping to discuss what the borough can do?

Council approved reaching out to PennDOT with a letter of request to survey the number of accidents and/or speeding issues occurring at this intersection. Secretary will prepare a letter for council to review at Oct. 6th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary presented Constellations Electric rates and their suggestion on length of commitment. Justin Foster suggests a 12/mo. contract knowing that in 2026 oil and gas exploration on federal land will open and rates may lower under this condition. 12/mo. rate is \$.09449 while 24/mo. is \$.09565. Secretary investigated other companies and their rates, finding they start at \$.0998 and as high as \$.16.03 kwh. Adam Kocher suggested finding out if a penalty will be incurred if council takes the 24/mo. and then opts to cancel for another plan.

A new leaf agreement between Melvin Betz and the borough has been drawn up and ready for all parties to sign. Vote next meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:50pm by Adam Kocher and seconded by Betty Figels. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday ,Oct. 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mileta Joe, Secretary