

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 30, 2024**

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

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

ABSENT: none

OTHERS: Mileta Joe, Secretary, Donna Lynn, Tax Collector, Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor

VISITORS: Mya LeBarron, WR Student working on extra credit project; Ashley Reasner, Glenda Yost, Amelia Kramer, Patti Kasel, Doug Funk and Jay Yoder

PRESENTATION: Doug Funk of the WRAFD enlightened Council and guests on the three issues the fire department is currently facing, #1) manpower. Volunteerism is down. Fire company has approached the school district on starting a Fire Club to create interest in the fire company and train student(s) for service. Also, PA is considering going OSHA for fire service which would mean paid fire service and EMS's thus creating salaries at the minimum of \$35,000 at a rate of \$15/hr. with a budget of \$525,000.00. This would I the near future change per capita from its current \$18 to \$52 per capita.

#2). Apparatus. Cost to purchase equipment with a life span of 20 years and purchasing new equipment approx. every 6 yrs. Means an outlay of \$180K annually and for ambulances \$160K.
#3) EMS. Ambulance new costs \$450K and a rebuilt ambulance \$250K. Currently the company has 4 ambulances with one stored as a backup in case another ambulance is down for maintenance/repairs.

Ashley Reasner questioned then fire company is looking to raise per capita tax?

A: Not this year but likely in the next 2-3 years.

Tom Barrett asked if EMS become paid employees who would they answer to?

A: The paid employee would first report to the fire chief and second the fire board. Also Mayor and council would have jurisdiction the department.

The Lion/Lioness Club came to ask what they need to do regarding changing the direction of their current club sign at the area of the local grocery store?

A: Betty Figels, who is currently working on the new "Welcome to Turbotville" sign advised the club they will need to call Code Inspections for permits and likely need an engineer stamped plan but, since the sign is currently at the location and will not be moved, only rotated, they may not need an engineer stamp. They should call to verify this.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Reviewed minutes of 9/9/24 and will vote to accept at the 10/7 meeting.

FINANCIAL:

The Financial Reports and Balances as of 9/25/24 was reviewed and council will vote at next meeting 10/7/24

Next CD will mature Dec. 17, 2024.

Reviewed bills with no questions. Will vote to pay all bills at 10/7/24 meeting.

Council will receive budget paperwork at their Oct. 7th meeting to begin working on the 2025 budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the letter received from the Turbotville Cemetery Company regarding new 911 addresses to both cemeteries and since the borough currently has road signs it would be the cemetery board responsibility to post the street address at each site.

Reviewed Keystone Collections Group letter on EIT and/or LST tax and it does not pertain to the borough.

SOLICITOR:

Review conditional use **Order** beginning page 15-20

Council has made several changes to the wording under the ORDER as follows:

- 1 - okay
- a-is okay
- b-okay
- c-okay
- d-okay
- e-okay
- f should read as follows: Applicant remitting an annual community impact fee in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), adjusted for inflation, for the lifetime of the solar facility. The first annual payment shall commence **Jan. 2025** upon the applicant receiving a permit to proceed with construction, following land development, and shall be paid by the applicant within thirty (30) days of invoicing by the Borough. For each year thereafter, the Borough shall compute the inflation increase based upon the cost-of-living unadjusted percentage change from the *“Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the U.S. City Average for All Items,* as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The annual payment shall continue until the project is decommissioned or the tax assessment law for the Commonwealth is amended, in order to more accurately capture the value of such solar facilities. In the event of the latter, the annual community impact fee shall be adjusted by the increase in tax revenue received from the applicant;
- g- Approval is conditional upon Applicant submitting a revised noise management plan at the time of submission of a land development plan, which will include a monitoring plan for noise during the life expectancy of the project, along with cumulative noise produced during both lifespan and construction – not just that information produced from the component’s Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Following construction, noise at the site, as measured from the property line, shall not exceed **forty (40)** decibels and the noise management plan shall provide for the same.
- h- okay
- I – Approval is conditional upon Applicant’s fencing being sufficient to prevent access to site, which shall be, at a minimum:
 - A. At least eight (8) feet in height.
 - B. **Remove item B**
 - C. **Make item C. now B.**
- j -okay

k -okay

l -okay

m -okay

n- Applicant shall provide the Borough and aforementioned EMS and First Responders with **training necessary upon request by local fire department** and emergency response plan and all responsive materials (i.e. PVStop) at the request of such EMS and First Responders, for the solar collection facilities, along with telephone number and e-mail address of the appointed, **point of contact** for the applicant who is on-call and can be reached during all such emergencies.

o -okay

p -okay

q- okay

r -okay

s-okay

t-okay

u-okay

v-okay

1. – okay

2. – okay

3. Okay

4. **ADD: Abide by all current and future Turbotville Borough Ordinances.**

END

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Council selected the flooring for the restrooms and hallway. Adam Kocher is still awaiting confirmation on if we are allowed to change the restrooms from double to single use.

Betty Figels reported on her progress on the new sign. We will need a stamped plan and cost would be \$500. Basically, we need to show that the sign would not blow over and we are using 6’ x 6’ poles that will be cemented into the ground. We will need to check on what permit info will be needed from Code Inspections? A vote to proceed was made by Pat Betz and seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS:

Council was given Penn Core Consulting drawings for the Multi-Modal, Paradise Street Project and will review and submit their findings to Penn Core in the near future. Jeremy LeBarron is in contact with PennDOT to find out when they plan to tar & chip Paradise St. so we can coordinate our project with theirs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Committee will soon meet to review the three code enforcement options to make a decision before the end of the year.

MEETING DATES:

COG:	COMMUNITY HALL:	TCC:	FIRE DEPT.:	CARNIVAL
Oct. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 2	Oct. 10	Oct. 21

OLD BUSINESS:

Still have questions for Comcast on changes to bill to reduce cost. Secretary will contact Nicole Todd and get additional information and report back to council at 10/7 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon review of the provided information from T-Mobile, they are not interested in dealing with this company.

MAYOR:

No report on progress on changing junk ordinance vs IPMC to allow addressing of current junk vehicle on Main St.

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

Paul Franke made several suggestions on possible grant requests and he will have the committee meet soon and report their findings to submit borough requests by Nov. 29th for the March 1 round of grants with Linda Sterling grant writer.

Betty Figels and committee are working on playground grants. Nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL:

ADJOURNMENT:

Steve Snyder made the motion to go into executive session and was seconded by Adam Kocher at 8:28p.m. with the possibility of a vote upon reconvening, Motion carried

Steve Snyder made the motion to reconvene 8:50 p.m. and was seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Adam Kocher and seconded by Tom Barrett to accept the changes to the conditional use draft and that they be sent to the Solicitor. A verbal vote was taken with Adam Kocher, yes; Tom Barrett, yes; Paul Franke, yes; Betty Figels, yes; Pat Betz, yes; Steve Snyder, yes; Christina Mensch, yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:10 pm by Betty Figels and seconded by Pat Betz. Motion carried.

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