

**TURBOTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2024**

OPENING: Meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Pat Betz, Christina Mensch, Betty Figels, Paul Franke, Tom Barrett and Adam Kocher(7:18pm)

ABSENT:

Steve Snyder and Mayor

OTHERS:

Mileta Joe, secretary; Jeremy LeBarron, Maintenance Supervisor and Donna Lynn, Tax Collector

VISITORS:

Rick Dandes, Reporter; Donna Lynn, TC; Sherri Bakowicz and Charles Ricketts

PRESENTATION:

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Minutes were reviewed and will be voted next meeting

FINANCIAL:

A review of financial report with secretary noting one CD will mature on 9/3/24 and council will need to decide within ten days of maturing how to reinvest funds.

July bills were reviewed and one question on Penn core consulting bills being related to the multi-modal grant project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A vote on allowing WR Youth Football to practice from July 29-Oct. 1 on the playground area. They have supplied a copy of insurance and a motion was made by Betty Figels to allow and seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

Council will discuss the possibility of participating in the Digital Connectivity Technology Program funded by the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund referred to them by Northumberland County.

SOLICITOR:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Progress Report

EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS & RECREATION:

Council will consider placing a spring-loaded hardware rod and a curtain at the handicapped front door to eliminate excessive sun.

Adam Kocher reported his findings regarding a 4-camera system by Mountview at the playground. With two options getting internet from office or from the train station. Cameras with a 180-degree view at \$329.00 or a better version of 4 cameras for approx. \$1400.00 complete. Color view during the day, blk/wht at night. Storage space in camera approx. 3 weeks of content. Will need to decide on locations of cameras. Signs will need to be posted stating "Video Cameras in Use".

Pat Betz made the motion to acquire a firm price for the camera work for next meeting and was seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

Pat Betz suggested council consider stripping and waxing of the hallway and both restroom floors. Cost would be \$150.00. Adam Kocher made the motion to proceed with floor work and was seconded by Tom Barrett. Motion carried.

STREETS/HIGHWAY:

Brian Schultz of Penn Core Consulting reported on his progress on the Paradise St. permit applications/plans and wondered if council would like to proceed with a timeline/schedule? Council would like Brian to attend the Aug. 5th meeting for a Q & A.

Jeremy LeBarron reported that the Tar & chipping has been completed on King Street on 7/29. Russell Standard will return in a week to roll out and fog for the completion of the project.

Council approved the new leaf Agreement and Jeremy LeBarron will meet with Melvin Betz for signing, upon his agreeing to participate in the 2024-25 year.

Council discussed placing weight limit(s) on Virgin Alley. It appears a 30-day study would be required and a tracking line be placed to track the amount of traffic on the alley. Council asked secretary to contact Penn Core on the possibility of doing this and what the cost would be.

Resident, Donna Lynn asked the question if there are any weight limit(s) on town streets currently?

A: No

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

A conditional Use Public Hearing for Susquehanna Solar LLC has been scheduled for 6:30p., Thursday, August 22 at the Turbotville Borough Building. Legal ads have been scheduled for Aug. 3 & 10; notice has been posted on Facebook and borough website and at Turbotville National Bank, Post Office, Great Valu and Old Farmer's Restaurant. Council noted activity on a Main St. project and will look into the ownership and proper permits issued.

Reviewed Code Inspections suggestions on enforcing junk vehicle(s). Council must first amend the current junk vehicle ordinance and then they would be able to use the IPMC code.

The camper issue cannot be addressed unless a formal complaint is received.

A discussion on 53 Main Street commercial property and the activity taking place. Christina Mensch will contact Code Inspections and Secretary will contact Justin Skavery of Northumberland County and in the near future Rep. Stender.

Councilmember Tom Barrett had several questions concerning 53 Main Street to bring up to par on what is occurring.

MEETING DATES:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Betty Figels reported on the new “Welcome to Turbotville” sign to be located on the corner of Main and Pine Sts. Cost of the sign itself would be \$5950.00. Cost for the stonework that includes two pillars and lower center space at the cost of \$4552.00. Contractor requires a 1/3 downpayment to begin work. Borough should contact PennDOT to see what type of sign permit and cost they should acquire. A motion was made by Pat Betz to approve the project and cost and was seconded by Adam Kocher. Motion carried.

Adam Kocher reported on the bathroom with Mike Hiller estimate for drawings at \$2500.00. Council asked that a firm estimate be submitted for review at the next meeting.

Pat Betz reports he talked with Sarah Moser on the continuing problems with mowing of the two cemeteries by the cemetery board. He will suggest she contact the Boy Scouts with the possibility they might assist in mowing. He will report back on his findings at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

A sign shall be posted at the tennis courts showing “public courts”. Council heard about issues with a visiting pickleball group from a neighboring town. This group must submit a schedule of times and supply proof of insurance to the borough office.

There is a safety issue with one of the slides at the playground that needs to be addressed ASAP or shut the area down.

MAYOR:

EMERGENCY MGT:

GRANTS:

Linda Sterling reports that currently there are no equipment fund grants. She has informed council that DCNR currently has many recreational grants available. Council also received playground grant information to pass unto Linda Sterling.

PERSONNEL:

CARNIVAL:

ADJOURNMENT:

Betty Figels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm and was seconded by Paul Franke. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the borough building.