

Council Meeting  
March 7, 2022

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on March 7, 2022 was called to order by President Bianchi, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

President Bianchi – present	Mr. Osman -- present
Mr. Estocin – present	Mr. Spencer – present
Ms. Henkel – present	Mrs. Tinsley -- present
Mr. Nolan – present	Mayor Forgie – present
Solicitor – present	

President Bianchi - At this time I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Evashavic:

Mr. Evashavic - As you know, the Borough Council publishes an agenda for every meeting, and those are the topics we typically the only items we address. The Sunshine Law allows for an amendment to the agenda under certain limited circumstances, such as emergency situations related to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough. Very recently, one of our Full Time Officers in the Borough, suffered significant injury, and will not be able to perform his duties as a police officer for an indefinite amount of time. This has left the Borough Police Department short staffed. It is the intention of the Borough Council, to take steps to replace that Full Time Officer, which will also require hiring another Officer.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman authorizing the motion to amend the agenda regarding the item mentioned above, to include the hiring of a full time Police Officer..

Motion Carried.

**Approval of the February 2022 minutes:**

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Jack Osman approving the February 2022 minutes.

Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

The T.C. Watershed Association had sent the yearly membership application.

**Motion**

Mr. Osman, Mrs. Tinsley authorizing the motion to join the T.C. Watershed Association, with the membership dues of \$100.

Motion carried.

Council's approval is needed to add Mayor Adam Forgie as a signature to the emergency help fund checking account at The First Commonwealth Bank.

### Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan approving the addition of Mayor Adam Forgie as a signature to the emergency help fund checking account at the First Commonwealth Bank. Motion carried.

### Citizens Reports:

Dennis Lawson –resident of Highland Avenue. He has a concern about his neighbor who has 2 broken down cars in front of his house and continuously.  
President Bianchi stated that they would look into putting a no parking sign up and look into tow notices if the cars are abandoned.

Leroy Wood – resident of 1008 Maple Avenue stated that he is sick of people parking on the side of the road posted no parking, on the sidewalks, and the corners.  
President Bianchi told Adam to talk to the Chief about this

Mrs. Pickle – resident of Hamilton Avenue stated that the chickens are still a very big problem. They are digging up her yard and are very destruction  
President Bianchi – we have cited the owner for the violation of the owner allowing the destruction of the area.  
For any personal damage, you have to go to the magistrate yourself and press charges  
President Bianchi asked Julie to please let her know the date of the hearing.

Beth Hamil – resident of 1413 Maple Avenue started by thanking the Chief for talking on the phone to the people involved in a gun issue.  
She invited Council to come to the next TCDC meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.  
She asked Mayor Forgie when he will begin Crime Watch again and he replied; when lock-down is lifted.

Barry Smith – resident of 270 Rachel Street stated that noone stops at the stop sign. He also complained about a residence with too many people living in it and abandoned cars, but this house is in Monroeville.

### Committee Reports:

President Bianchi – stated that we had a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Commonwealth in the amount of \$192,000 for the Maple Avenue reconstruction.

### Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Spencer authorizing Council to pass a resolution authorizing the Borough of Turtle Creek to apply for an LS8 Grant out of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Maple Avenue reconstruction in the amount of \$192,000.

Motion carried.

\*Let the minutes show that Mayor Forgie supports this motion.

A grant that was awarded by the County through the Commonwealth Development Program must be completed by August.

### Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan authorizing the Borough Engineer to design and set specifications for the Cunningham, Caruthers, Garden, and Hamilton Avenue Project, which will be bid out by the Council of Governments.

Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel – none

Mr. Estocin – none

Mr. Nolan – none

Mr. Osman – stated that there is a manhole insulation issue that needs repaired. The 3 bids received for the project were:

- Soli - \$8700
- Lawson - \$8750
- Creative Enterprises - \$9500

**Motion**

Mr. Osman, Mr. Spencer awarding the Albert Street at Center Street manhole insulation repairs to Soli, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$8700.  
Motion carried.

**Motion**

Mr. Osman, Mr. Spencer awarding the Beech Street Emergency repairs to Lawson, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$22,775.  
Motion carried.

Mrs. Tinsley – stated that we are coming up on a new season for the garden. She wanted to thank Beth Hamil who has spent a lot of time trying to get more people to help. Mrs. Tinsley stated that she is still involved in CONNECT, and former Mayor Kelley keeps her informed.

Mr. Spencer – stated that the Police and Public Safety Committee has been interviewing along with the Mayor, for a Full-Time Officer.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan conditionally offering a Full-Time position to Mark Terry, contingent on satisfying pre-employment requirements set by the Commonwealth.  
Motion carried.

**Motion**

Mr. Osman, Mr. Estocin approving the motion to purchase 2 vehicles for the Police Department through COSTAR for \$33,855 each.  
Motion carried.

They received an Application for Handicap parking space in the Borough Parking Lot on Brown Avenue.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the request for a Handicap parking space in the Borough Lot on Brown Avenue. Motion carried.

They received a request for the removal of a Handicap parking space from 114 Watson Drive. The resident using the spot has died.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the request to remove the Handicap parking space from the vicinity of 114 Watson Drive.

Motion carried.

**President Bianchi** - stated that the top candidate for Full-Time Police Officer, has chosen not to take the position so we need to remove him from the list.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Tinsley authorizing the request to remove the top candidate from the list for eligible Full Time Officers.

Motion carried.

**Police and Public Safety:**

**Mayor Forgie** – read the Chief’s Report for February

- Total incidents dispatched 393
- Total Lock-Ups 10
- Traffic stops and incidents 32
- Thefts 7
- Wanted Persons 12
- Shots Fired 2
- DUI 0
- Overdoes 0
- Property citations 4

Scheduled Clean Up Days:

- March 23
- April 6
- April 20
- April 23
- May 11

**Solicitor** – none

**Old Business:**

- Ratifying payment of the February 2022 bills.

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Spencer ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the February 2022 bills in the amount of \$200,943.60 Motion carried.

**New Business:** none

**Motion**

Mrs. Tinsley, Ms. Henkel adjourning until the next meeting on Monday April 4, 2022.  
Motion carried.

Recorded by: Kera Rocco