

Council Meeting
May 6, 2022

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on May 6, 2022 was called to order by President Bianchi, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of the April 2022 minutes:

Corrections:

- Page 3 – Carothers Drive spelling
- Page 3 – Hamill spelling

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the February 2022 minutes as corrected..
Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Resolution 708-22, The Redevelopment Authority and Allegheny County Vacant Property Program is asking for Councils approval for Lot & Block 455-M-191 on George Street to go to the next door neighbor.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Nolan approving Resolution 708-22 with the Redevelopment Authority and Allegheny County Vacant Property Program, in which Lot & Block 455-M- 191 on George Street will to go to the neighbor. Motion carried.

Citizens Reports:

Mandee Williams – the Children’s Librarian at Braddock Library, stated that she is excited to work in our parks again this summer, with Council’s approval. She state that they are partnering with Home Plate Garden to do some programming with the Soil sisters and the Monroeville Public Library, to do story times and have different activities for kids.

She is also seeking preliminary permission to do programming in the parks. Their building is being renovated so they do not have access to the building. They are hoping to do pop up libraries in the parks.

President Bianchi stated that they will need to fill out a form requesting the use.

Anna Lawson – resident of 376 Highland Avenue stated that she came to a meeting in March with some issues, and wanted to thank everyone who came and attended to those issues. They came immediately.

Beth Hamill – resident of 1413 Maple Avenue, reminded everyone about the TCDC meeting on May 25th at 6pm at the First Christian Church, if anyone would like to come.

Committee Reports:

President Bianchi – Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments bid out one of our Redevelopment projects for the restoration of Carothers Drive, Garden Street, and Cunningham Road that was approved and the contractor is Redstone Excavating.

Part of the contract with Redstone Excavating will require a change order which we will need to approve. This will include the paving of Hamilton Avenue, in which we need to use our own funds to pay for that particular part of the project. The amount of the change order is \$57,531.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Osman approving the change order in the amount of \$57,531, using the American Relief Funds. Motion carried.

The Oak Avenue Ext. retaining wall project, the Community Development Project that was bid out through TCVCOG, will need to be re bid because the project came in higher than expected. We will make some changes and re bid.

I am asking Council to consider a change order to the 2022 Paving Project, which includes Grant Street, Monroeville Avenue, and George Street from Maple Avenue to Mercer Street, to include some issues on Airbrake Avenue, in the amount of \$11,212.25

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Tinsley approving awarding the contract to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$179,451.34. Motion carried.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving a change order with A. Folino Construction for the repair of Airbrake Avenue in the amount of \$11,212.25. Motion carried.

President Bianchi stated that the William Penn Water Authority recently awarded a contract for the water line replacement on Albert Street, Center Avenue, and James Street. All 3 streets will be repaved as part of that project at the expense of the Authority.

Ms. Henkel – none

Mr. Estocin – absent

Mr. Nolan – none

Mr. Osman – thanked Council for the remotes for the bay doors in the Fire Department.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Spencer approving the purchase of the fire bay door remotes, from Double D Doors, in the amount of \$1,125.00. Motion carried.

Mrs. Tinsley – thanked the ladies from the Monroeville and Braddock Libraries for the event that was held on the 28th with the children. She also thanked Mr. Laurito for turning the water on for the park so they could have their event.

Mr. Spencer – stated that the Borough has purchased 2 new Police vehicles. They are waiting for the equipment to be installed, hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Forgie –

Mayor Forgie read the Chief's report for April:

- Total incidents dispatched - 487
- Total lock ups - 7
- Traffic stops & issues - 95
- Thefts - 3
- Shots fired - 4
- Overdose - 1
- Domestic - 29
- Juvenile complaints - 5
- Accidents - 16
- Animal complaints - 17
- All others - 282
- Properties cited - 11

Mayor Forgie stated that Chief McCaul came up with an idea to make the Police more visible, and to put attention on high traffic areas, and areas with repetitive issues. This also will include foot patrol, with the Police walking around the town.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Spencer and Chief McCaul for their work getting the new Police vehicles.

Mayor Forgie stated that he will be putting together a group email roster for the summer months to share the information that would normally be shared at the meetings. He hopes to start the in person meetings again in the fall.

Clean up Day on April 23rd was a success. There was a good turnout and we picked up a lot of trash. We will continue our litter walk Wednesdays. This week we will meet at 5pm in the CVS parking lot.

Chief McCaul will be attending a luncheon on Wednesday with the Superintendent of Woodland Hills and the surrounding Police Chiefs.

Solicitor – none

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of April 2022 bills.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the April 2022 bills in the amount of \$213,365.73. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resident Bianchi stated that he wanted to recognize Kera. This will be her last meeting and he would like to thank her for her service over the last several years.

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Nolan adjourning until the next meeting on Monday June 6, 2022. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Kera Rocco