

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

Roll Call:

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

Approval of the October 2022 minutes as submitted.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mrs. Tinsley approving the October 2022 minutes as submitted. President Bianchi abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Human Services Center is looking for volunteers to assist in the Free Tax Service to those that qualify. The volunteers will be need 3 hours a week during tax season. Persons interested should contact the Human Services Center.

Allegheny County Borough Association general meeting is on Thursday, December 1 ,2022 at 6:00p.m. Meeting being held at the South Hills Country Club. The meeting is \$35.00 per person.

The Borough will be holding a condemnation hearing on Monday, December 5, 2022 approval need for the advertising of the condemnation hearing. This is for two structures the Borough has received funds for the structures and the sructures are 313 James Street and 1404 Maple Avenue.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Tinsley approving the action taken with the advertisement/hearing for the condemnation of 313 James Street and 1404 Oak Avenue on December 5, 2022. Motion carried.

Citizens Report:

Luanne Morton- 1103 Chestnut Street reported to Council an incident that occurred on Saturday night. The incident was regarding the parking on Chestnut Street due to the Woodland Hills School District leasing the ballfield. Vehicles were parked on the yellow lines.

She is not against the games but the vehicle parking could possibly put resident's lives at risk. A vehicle had to be towed when the owner of the vehicle parked it in her front yard. She was not pleased with the response she received from the police officer and the School District. Mr. Bianchi asked the Mayor to discuss this matter with the Police officer.

Ron Getry- 1208 Chestnut Street also reporting issues with the parking on Saturday along Chestnut Street. Vehicles were parked on property owner's sidewalks. Also, there is garbage located on the Woodland Hills School District property from the sidewalk to their fence on Chestnut Street.

Chris Marino- There used to be signs on Chestnut Street with speed reduction and No Parking. She also came to discuss the parking on Chestnut Street Saturday night. The vehicles were parked on both sides of the street that there would be no way an emergency vehicle could get through to the residents on the street. There is a depression in the roadway on Chestnut Street at Torrence Street.

Mr. Bianchi stated that a letter can be sent from the Borough to the School District regarding the complaints that have been received by the Borough. Regarding the depression in the roadway the Street Department can apply cold patch.

Anna Lawson- 376 Highland Avenue work had been done on Highland Avenue and at this time the restoration still has not been completed. She had contacted Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority three weeks ago but has not heard when the restoration will be completed.

Mr. Bianchi stated that the Borough will contact the Water Authority to try and find out for her when the work will be completed. The Contractor is responsible to restore.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi- Concurring Resolution for Community Development funds for Paving in the Community in the amount of \$181,418.00. Grant being administered by Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mrs. Tinsley approving the Concurring Resolution for Community Development Funds. Motion carried.

Dates for the 2023 Budget Meetings are Public Discussion on Monday November 21st, Tentative Budget approval on Monday, December 5, 2022 and the Final Budget approval Meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 all at 7:00p.m. Council to consider these dates and approve the action taken by the Borough Administrator to advertise for the 2023 Budget Meetings.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Tinsley approving the meeting dates and advertising of the 2023 Budget Meetings.
Motion carried.

Last week Council opened bids for Sidewalk Replacement. The bids for the sidewalks located around the Borough building. The Borough has received a \$50,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth. There was a technical problem with the specifications, did not include the full quantities required, so at this time Mr. Bianchi asked for a motion to rejected all bids that were submitted and have a replacement bid and re-advertisement.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Osman approving the rejection of all bids and re-bid the sidewalk replacement.
Motion carried.

Hoffman Kennel Contract for animal enforcement for 2023-2024 no cost increase with this contract.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the 2023-2024 animal enforcement contract with Hoffman Kennel.
Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel- About two weeks ago the Borough planted 12 trees received from the tree revitalized. The Borough received 7 red woods, 3 London Plane, 3 red buds and 1 Evergreen tree at the Borough building.

Mr. Osman- None

Mr. Tinsley- The Community Garden has received a lot of positive results partnering with the Braddock and Monroeville Libraries for activities. The garden and libraries would like to hold more activities in the future.

Mr. Spencer-Two police vehicle were placed on Municibid requesting approval for the sale of the 2014 Ford Explorer for \$3,700.00.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the sale of the 2014 Ford Explorer. Motion carried.

The 2013 Ford Taurus did not meet the reverse. Requesting Council tabled the sale for the 2013 Ford Taurus. The vehicle maybe rebid or kept in the fleet.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the 2013 Ford Taurus sale to be tabled.
Motion carried.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Forgie- Will be having a discussion with the Woodland Hills School District to add crossing guards in the town. Due to issues on Locust Street at Monroeville Avenue review is being conducted to possibly making the area a school zone.

Mayor Forgie read the Chief's report for November 2022.

Chief's Report for November 2022:

15 Ordinances violations issued, mostly vegetation and occupancy.

Solicitor- Resolution #716-22 A law that will begin on January 1, 2023. The law states any new property owner that doesn't receive a bill the year that there was a transfer of ownership the owner with proper documentation will pay the face amount of the property tax.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Osman approving Resolution #716-22, Implement Act 57 of 2022. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the October 2022 bills in the amount of \$289,538.12. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Spencer adjourning until the next meeting Monday, December 5, 2022. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Julie Pantalone