

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly meeting held on July 10, 2023 was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

President Bianchi-present  
Mr. Estocin-present  
Ms. Henkel-present  
Mr. Nolan-present  
Solicitor-present

Mr. Osman-present  
Mr. Spencer-present  
Mrs. Tinsley-present  
Mayor Forgie-present

Approval of the June 2023 minutes as submitted.

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Osman approving the June 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

A Proclamation for Michael McAllister was read by Mayor Forgie. Michael McAllister was presented with the Proclamation.

Tina Doose founder of the Mon Metro Chamber of Commerce and also a consultant for EOS. EOS has applied for a DOE energy that has a 20% equity plan. Six communities are included: East Pittsburgh, North Braddock, Braddock. Rankin, Forest Hills and Turtle Creek. They will be hosting community meetings for residents and council members can attend.

**Correspondence:**

Ed -234 Penn Avenue Ext. Wants to report to council about a toxic weed growing in the area on Penn Avenue Ext. and Triboro Highway. He stated that the Health Department said weed killer the first year. The Borough will check the location and notify the appropriate officials.

Nancy- 109 6<sup>th</sup> Street Came to report to Council about the disturbance with her neighbor that lives in the apartment above her. The grass is not being cut, trash problem and a broken window. Nancy was advised to notify her landlord of this issues so they can respond. If the owner doesn't not clear up the issues citations will be issued.

Daniel Murray- 324 Charles Street wanted to thank Council and Borough employees for all they do.

Beth Hamill-1413 Maple Avenue asked if Council was able to hire any new officers. Reported speeding Motor bikes on Maple Avenue and James Street. Wanted to know when grass will be cut around town. The Borough had put out a test for Police officers and received no applications. Chief McCaul stated that the Motor bike issue was resolved. The Borough has a new Public Works employee starting and the grass will be cut. The properties the Borough owns will be cut first and they are reviewing the past properties that have been cut.

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Bianchi- The Borough building is need of a new heating and air condition. Asking for a motion to approve the new system to Combustion Services & Equipment (through Federal Cooperative Group) in the amount of \$360,000.00. Mayor Forgie supports the new Heating/Cooling.

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Spencer approving Combustion Services & Equipment for a new heating and Air conditioning for the Borough Building in the amount of \$360,000.00. Motion carried.

The Act 152 of 2022 bid for demolition for 313 James Street and 1404 Oak Avenue was completed by the Turtle Creek Valley Cog of Government and awarded to the lowest bidder. The required local share for the demolition is \$2,500.00.

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan approving the local share of \$2,500.00 for the Act 152 2022 demolition. Motion carried.

Act 152 2023 Concurring Resolution and the Slum and Bight Resolution for the following properties: 403 Larimer Avenue, 509 Larimer Avenue, 511 Larimer Avenue, 108 8<sup>th</sup> Street (two Homes) and 414 Mercer Street.

**Motion**

Mr. Osman, Mrs. Tinsley approving the Resolutions for the Act 152 2023 for the properties listed. Motion carried.

Hiring of a Full Time Laborer for the Street Department at \$20.83an hour. New employee to start soon and be hired and approved at the August meeting.

**Motion**

Mr. Osman, Ms. Henkel approving a new hire for the Street Department to be named and approved at the August meeting. Motion carried.

Henkel- None

Mr. Osman- None

Mrs. Tinsley-The Community Garden Food stand is on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The garden is always looking for volunteers. Thanked the Borough for the new water vault at the Garden.

Mr. Estocin- None

Mr. Nolan- None

Mr. Spencer- Motion to accept the resignation of Mark Terry Full Time Police Officer.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan accepting the resignation of Mark Terry. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Daniel Lore.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel accepting the resignation of Daniel Lore. Motion carried. Thanked both officers for the service to the Borough.

**Police and Public Safety:**

Mayor Forgie- Him and Ms. Henkel will be attending a meeting for the Bike Trail on July 27, 2023 in Pitcairn. All are welcome to attend.

**Chief's Report for June 2023:**

- **Total Incidents** 488
- Total Lockups 4
- Traffic 49
- Suspicious Person 11
- Thefts 5
- Stolen Vehicles 1
- Wanted Persons 5
- Shots Fired 1
- Transport to ACJ 5
- Overdose 1
- Investigations 7
- Dispute/Domestics 36
- Juvenile Comp/Runaway 14
- DUI 1
- Check the Welfare 25
- Accidents 6
- Animals Comp. 18
- Others

Solicitor- None

**Old Business:**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Nolan ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the June 2023 bills in the amount of \$648,552.43. Largest payment to ALCOSAN in the amount of \$371,005.50. Motion carried.

**New Business:** None

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel adjourning until the next Council meeting August 7, 2023 at 7p.m.  
Motion carried.

Recorded by: Julie Pantalone