

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly meeting held on June 5, 2023 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-present	Mayor Forgie-present
Solicitor-present	

Daniel Lore part time Officer was sworn in by Mayor Forgie.

Approval of the May 2023 minutes as submitted.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the May 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Turtle Creek Valley Rotary Club is holding their annual Turtle Trot 5K Run and Walk to be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023. There are four levels of sponsorship:

Platinum Level	\$1,000.00
Gold Level	\$ 500.00
Silver Level	\$ 250.00
Bronze Level	\$ 125.00

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan approving the Silver Level Sponsorship at \$250.00 to the Turtle Creek Valley Rotary Club. Motion carried.

Tri-COG Land Bank submittal for 928 Sycamore Street.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mrs. Tinsley approving the submittal of 928 Sycamore Street to the Tri COG Land Bank.

Citizens Report:

Liz Devich- 109 7th Street-Thanked Council for having the No Parking sign reinstalled as requested at the May meeting.

Bonnie McClain- 500 Hunter Street-Came to the meeting tonight to make Council aware of the height of crime in the area at the Frazer Hall on Hunter Street. Vehicles have been broken into and equipment stolen from a storage area. Since it is a public safety issue would like additional patrols in the area and when incidents happen would like to be informed on the outcome of the incident.

Mr. Bianchi stated that the Mayor and Police Chief are here tonight and will act on your concerns. The Allegheny County Housing Police need to be also notified of these concerns. The housing police have a responsibility for the Highrise property.

Ron Gehry-1208 Chestnut Street-The high grass and weeds have still not been cut on the Woodland Hills property across the street from his house.

Mr. Bianchi stated the Borough can send a letter to Woodland Hills School District.

Michele Wachter-Church Street Ext.-The Borough has always cut the vacant lot and the property that has an abandoned duplex. So far this year they have not cut the properties. The owner of 750-802 Jones Avenue has been leaving large amounts of garbage outside the property.

Mr. Bianchi stated that the Borough is down to one employee on the street department so project around town have been delayed. The owner of 750-802 Jones Avenue will be notified.

Ms. Marshall-500 Hunter Street-She stated that police reports were file (with ACHA) and no one has been notified by the police of the outcome for their reports.

Mayor Forgie stated that he and officials can arrange to come to Frazer Hall to talk with residents about how to be safe.

Pat Cottrell-627 George Street-Reporting that her neighbor at 625 George Street has tires and junk cars in their driveway. The grass at this address has not cut their grass.

Police Chief stated that the resident will be cited this month.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi-The Borough has received a \$50,000.00 grant for playground equipment from Senator Brewster. The Borough received a \$100,000.00 grant for the restoration of Maple Avenue, will be meeting with the Borough Engineer. Early estimate for the restoration is around \$200,000.00. Sidewalks are being done around the Borough Building as we were cited by our insurance carrier to complete these repairs. There will be a need of a change order.

Ms. Henkel- None

Mr. Osman- None

Mrs. Tinsley-The Community Garden has almost everything planted. Early Spring crops are starting to grow. There will be no farm stand until the garden is has harvest. Once harvest the garden stand will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The garden is always looking for volunteers. The Borough has some issues with the vault that services the playground and garden. In the next month a new vault will be installed at no cost to the Borough.

Mr. Nolan- None

Mr. Spencer-Received an application for a handicap spot in the vicinity of 345 George Street. The property has adequate off-street parking, a two- car garage. The request is denied.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the denial. Mr. Osman question: Is the property on a slope. Response No. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bianchi-yes Mr. Spencer-yes Ms. Henkel-no Mr. Osman-No, Mrs. Tinsley-no, Mr. Nolan-abstained, he did not see the request. Motion failed.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Forgie-

Chief's Report for May 2023:

• Total Incidents	522	2308 Since January 2023
• Total Lockups	7	
• Traffic	84	
• Suspicious Person	10	
• Thefts	8	
• Stolen Vehicles	5	
• Wanted Persons	4	
• Shots Fired	2	
• Transport to ACJ	9	
• Overdose	4	

- Investigations 3
- Dispute/Domestics 29
- Juvenile Comp/Runaway 5
- DUI 3
- Check the Welfare 12
- Accidents 13
- Animals Comp. 8
- Others 323

Mayor Forgie, Ms. Henkel and the Volunteer Fire Department cleaned all the monuments in town and painted the flag pole at the one monument.

Solicitor- Oral arguments in front of the Judge tomorrow regarding the Zoning appeal for 828 Maple Avenue.

Old Business:

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel, ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the May 2023 bills in the amount of \$509,207.26. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Nolan adjourning until the next Council meeting July 10, 2023. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Julie Pantalone