

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, held on September 11, 2023, was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of Silence was observed for 9/11.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of the August 2023 minutes:

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving the August 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried. Mr. Bianchi abstain.

Correspondence: Request to increase the wages for Street Laborer Brandon Steininger to \$22.91 an hour as of July 5, 2023.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the increase in wage for Street Laborer Brandon Steininger to \$22.91 an hour as of 7/5/23.

Citizens Reports: None

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi- Borough 2024 Municiple Minimum Obligation for Uniform employees is \$137,868.00.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Nolan approving the 2024 Municiple Minimum Obligation for Uniform employee in the amount of \$137.868.00. Motion carried.

Borough 2024 Municiple Minimum Obligation for Non-Uniform employees is \$3.293.00.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan approving the 2024 Municipal Minimum Obligation for the Non-Uniform employees in the amount of \$3,293.00. Motion carried.

The Borough has received bids for the street restoration of Maple Avenue. The Borough received a grant through Senator Brewster for the amount of \$100,000.00. The lowest responsible bidder is Tresco Paving Corporation in the amount of \$266,950.00.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mrs, Tinsley approving the Maple Avenue restoration to Tresco Paving Corporation in the amount of \$266,950.00 the lowest responsible bidder. Motion carried.

The Police and Public Safety Committee has been in negotiations with the Police Committee. A tentative agreement has been reached for 2024, 2025 and 2026. New hires will start at \$60,000.00. After 6 months will increase to \$72,000.00. Max amount \$81,000.00.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan approving the tentative agreement with the Police Committee for 2024, 2025 2026. Motion carried.

Since the tentative agreement has been completed the Borough will need to test for Full Time Police Officer. Approval needed to approach the Civil Service Committee to administer the test.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Estocin approval to notify the Civil Service Committee to administer the Police Full Time test. Motion carried.

Submitting a concurring resolution for GEDTF grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. The grant will be used for Demolition.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan approving the submittal of the concurring resolution for GEDTF and having the appropriate officials to sign. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel- Water Land Life Org. With WPA Conservative will be take a tree inventory between September 18-22, 2023 on Borough Property.

Mr. Estocin- The Police negotiation committee did a great job getting an agreement completed.

Mrs. Tinsley- At the Home Plate Garden on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10am-2pm will have the PITT Students there to help close up the garden for the season.

Mr. Nolan- Agrees with the salary increase to try and get more police officers.

Mr. Spencer- None

Police and Public Safety

Mayor Forgie- Happy with the agreement with the Police and thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Chief's Report for August 2023:

•	Total Incidents	454	Year to date	3202
•	Total Lockups	5		
•	Traffic	84		
•	Suspicious Person	16		
•	Thefts	9		
•	Stolen Vehicles	1		
•	Wanted Persons	2		
•	Shots Fired	3		
•	Transport to ACJ	5		
•	Alarm	8		
•	Investigations	6		
•	Dispute/Domestics	23		
•	Juvenile Comp/Runaway	3		
•	DUI	1		
•	Check the Welfare	9		
•	Accidents	7		
•	Animals Comp.	16		
•	Other	261		

22 Ordinance citations most for List of Tenants and Vegetation.
Anyone interested in a School Crossing Guard position can get the application at the Borough Office.

Thanked Council for the approval to notify the Civil Service for a fulltime Police test.

Solicitor – None

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the August 2023 bills in the amount of \$275,079.78.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Spencer ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the August 2023 bills in the amount of \$275,079.78. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7pm.
Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone