

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, held on February 5, 2024, was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

President Bianchi – present	Mr. Sanker -- present
Mr. Estocin – present	Mr. Spencer – present
Ms. Henkel – present	Mr. King -- present
Mr. Nolan – absent	Mayor Forgie – present
Solicitor – present	

Mayor Forgie sworn in two new Part time Police Officers, Rose Mizak and Milak Harrison.

**Approval of the December 2023 minutes:**

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin approving the December 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried. Mr. King & Mr. Sanker abstain.

**Approval of the Tentative Budget 2024 minutes:**

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving the Tentative Budget Minutes. Motion carried. Mr. King & Mr. Sanker abstain.

**Approval of the Final Budget 2024 minutes:**

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the Final Budget minutes. Motion carried. Mr. King and Mr. Sanker abstain.

**Approval of the January 2024 Reorganization minutes:**

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Estocin approving the January 2024 reorganization minutes. Motion carried.

**Citizens Reports:**

Anna Lawson-376 Highland Avenue-Requesting again that Council review the road condition on Sanderson Alley. Potholes and trash removal is needed going up Osborne Street toward Highland Avenue. Mr. Bianchi responded that the Engineer will be notified tomorrow as well as asking the Street Dept. to clean up along the hill on Osborne Street.

Karen Horvath-225 Seneca Street-Asked Council if there is any scheduled paving for Seneca Street. Council and Engineers are looking into the paving on Seneca Street.

Reene Pointdexter-936 James Street-A lot of water is pooling in her backyard. No sure where the water is coming from. Council will have the engineer do a site inspection and will give her a report.

Ron Gehry- 1208 Chestnut Street-The water flowing down Chestnut Street is washing a curb away that the Borough installed. Council will have the Street Dept. repair the curb and keep an eye on the water. If it continues will review and see if a catch basin is needed.

Lori Weisend-426 George Street- Asked why the change in the stop signs located at Monroeville Avenue at Locust Street. People are now speeding in the area coming from the school side. The change was made so the buses can move at drop off and pickup. The Police and Public Safety will review the speeding and look into make the corner a 4 way stop after hours.

Bob Mock- 501-505 Larimer Avenue-Thanked Council for the demolition of the houses on Larimer Avenue. Asked about permits for people dropping of their children to sell water along Larimer Avenue. They are stopping vehicle and slowing down traffic. They also leave all their garbage. Thanked Mr. Spencer and the Police for

all their help. Council responded that the Borough has Solicitation permit that goods cannot be sold in a fixed location.

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Bianchi- The following is the list of properties to be demolished through either GEDFT or Act152:

519 Larimer Avenue, 311 Brown Avenue, 923 & 924 Oak Avenue, 311-313 Highland Avenue, 379 Stewart Street, 546 Negley Avenue, 736-738 Church Street Ext., 119 Line Way, 123 Line Way, 272 Seneca Street, 244 Wilber Avenue, 402 Larimer Avenue, 403 Larimer Avenue, 509 Larimer Avenue and 511 Larimer Avenue.

Approval of the 2024 Garbage/Recycle hauler contract to Waste Management in the amount of \$868,019.88.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin approving the 2024 Garbage/Recycle contact to Waste Management in the amount of \$868,019.88. Motion carried.

Committee assignments have been completed with Ms. Henkel as the Public Works Chair.

Ms. Henkel- Al Bachy has completed his probationary period and entitled to a \$1.00 an hour increase. Date of 6 (six) month completion was January 11, 2024.

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving a \$1.00 increase for Al Bachy retroactive from January 11, 2024. Total wage will be \$22.98 an hour. Motion carried.

Mr. King- None

Mr. Estocin- The new heating and cooling system for the building will be completed in the next 30 days.

Mr. Sanker- None

Mr. Spencer- The hiring of a fulltime police officer once the committee receives the list from the Civil Service Commission and to be ratified at next month's council meeting.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving of the hiring of one police officer from the Civil Service Fulltime List to be ratified at March's meeting. Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance to add the Borough's current rules for the placement of handicap parking spots within the Borough. Authorized the Solicitor to draft a new ordinance comparable to Westview's ordinance and to advertise by mid-March.

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving the Solicitor to draft new handicap spot placement rules and advertising. Motion carried. Question: Mr. Bianchi to Mr. Evashavik to suspend any request or approvals until the ordinance is approved. Mr. Evashavik stated yes.

**Police and Public Safety**

Mayor Forgie- Congratulated the two new Police Officers. In the process of applying for a grant to replace the bus stop flashing lights on James Street at Boone Drive and Lower Boone Drive. The Litter walk will start on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Clean up day this year will be on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

**Chief's Report for Dec 2023, Year 2023 and Jan 2024:**

	Dec	Year 2023	Jan 2024
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>5136</b>	<b>412</b>
Total Lockups	3	61	5
Traffic	22	697	34
Suspicious Person	5	126	8

Thefts	2	75	4
Stolen Vehicles	4	28	1
Wanted Persons	1	30	3
Shots Fired	2	31	2
Transport to ACJ	4	56	3
Overdose	0	16	0
Alarm			11
Investigations	1	62	2
Dispute/Domestics	20	362	38
Juvenile Comp/	4	96	5
DUI	3		2
Check the Welfare	13	159	13
Accidents	4	99	13
Animals Comp.	7	136	6
Other	191	2,291	267

Solicitor – None

**Old Business:**

Ratifying payment of the December 2023 bills in the amount of \$1,084,773.32 the highest being ALCOSAN at \$356,257.24 and the Maple Avenue paving total \$255,905.00.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the December 2023 bills in the amount of \$1,084,773.32.  
Motion carried.

Ratifying payment of the January 2024 bills in the amount of \$341,639.32.

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the January 2024 bills in the amount of \$341,639.32. Motion carried.

**New Business:** None

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. King adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone