

Council Meeting
January 4, 2021

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on January 4, 2021 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 – absent	Mrs. Tinsley -- absent
Mr. Nolan – present	Mayor Kelley – present
Solicitor – present via phone	

Approval of the December minutes:

- Regular December Meeting, December 7, 2020

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the December 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

- Tentative Budget Meeting, December 14, 2020

Motion

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Osman approving the Tentative Budget meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

- Final Budget Meeting, December 28

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the Final Budget meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Citizens Reports:

Phillip Catalano – resident of 824 Maple Avenue stated that he had two issues. The first being 838 Maple Avenue. He stated that there is a bus stop there and it is difficult to get to due to all of the rocks that are there and that there are multiple parking issues. He stated that he painted lines on the public street in front of his house to try to solve parking issues.

President Bianchi stated that this is illegal, but they would look in to how to help with these issues.

The second issue is with 828 Maple Avenue. He stated that this is a $\frac{3}{4}$ house and there are five families living there and questioned if they were violating any laws. He also stated that the house is in bad shape and causing damage to his property. President Bianchi stated that there is a hearing scheduled on February 3 at the Magistrate about this property and suggested that he attend as a witness.

Committee Reports:

President Bianchi stated that they need to set the garbage fee for 2021.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan approving the 2021 garbage fee at 55.75 per quarter.
Motion carried.

Council received a letter from Officer Barbusio informing them of his retirement. He stated that his last day of work will be on January 14, 2021, and with a combination of personal, vacation, and sick days, his last day as a full time officer will be March 21, 2021.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman accepting the retirement of Officer Denny Barbusio, with his last work day being January 14, 2021, and his last day of employment being March 21, 2021. Motion carried.

President Bianchi stated that he would like the Borough Administrator to set up informal meetings with the 2 full time candidates individually, with Council, the Mayor, and the Chief.

Ms. Henkel – absent

Mr. Estocin – absent

Mr. Nolan – none

Mr. Osman – stated that the Street Department did a great job with the snow storm we had. We used up some of the salt but we are still in good shape.

Mr. Osman presented the Fire Report for 2020 which is available upon request. There were 335 calls for the year, which includes Turtle Creek and the surrounding communities.

Mrs. Tinsley – absent

Mr. Spencer – none

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Kelley –

Mayor Kelley read the Chiefs reports for December 2020 and the End of the Year 2020

Chiefs Report for December 2020:

- Total Incidents 390
- Total Lock-Ups 6
- Traffic 69
- Suspicious Persons 7
- Theft 6
- Stolen Vehicles & Gun 5
- Wanted persons 2
- Domestic violence 36
- Overdose 2

Chiefs Report for the Year 2020:

- Total Incidents 5425
- Total Lock-Ups 109
- Traffic 1044
- Suspicious Persons 197
- Theft 111
- Stolen Vehicles & Gun 48
- Wanted persons 50
- Domestic violence 505
- Overdose 22

Mayor Kelley thanked everyone, especially First Responders and essential workers for their work during the difficult times this past year.

Solicitor – none

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the December 2020 bills.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Nolan ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the December bills in the amount of \$604,124.96. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Spencer adjourning until the next meeting on Monday February 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Kera Rocco