

Council Meeting
August 1, 2022

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on August 1, 2022 was called to order by Vice President Max Spencer who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of the July 2022 minutes:

Motion

Ms. Osman, Mr. Nolan approving the July 2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted.
Motion carried.

Correspondence:

2022-2023 Road Salt Contracts are as follows:
SHACOG Contract \$88.96 per ton and COSTAR Contract \$68.04 per ton.
Question from Mr. Spencer, what is the percentage that the Borough has to purchase.
Answer: 80% with SHACOG and 60% with COSTAR.

Motion

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Osman approving the 2022-2023 Road Salt Contract with SHACOG and COSTAR.
Motion carried.

Request to the Borough parking by the Total Salvation church for the Full Body Expose on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Motion

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Osman approving the use of the Borough parking lot for the Full Body Expose, as long as a certificate of Insurance is received name the Borough as additional insured. Motion carried.

Citizens Reports:

Thomas Evancho-235 Brown Avenue, Asked if anything is going to be done about some blight properties by his home. Structures on Brown Avenue and Wilbur Avenue.
Mr. Spencer responded council will review the blight structures near his home. There is a structure on Wilbur Avenue that is being considered for demolition.

Beth Hamill – 1413 Maple Avenue The property at 415 Mercer Street seems to be vacant and there is mail piled up and the grass is high. Also there is high grass in the whole 1200 Block of Maple Avenue.

Chief McCaul responded that citation have been issued to all the properties with high grass in the 1200 Block of Maple Avenue.

She has seen juveniles out passed curfew riding motorized bikes up and down Maple Avenue.

Chief McCaul responded that residents need to call 911 when juveniles are out passed curfew so officers can respond.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Spencer- The Borough needs to authorize the advertising of Borough Ordinance #1151, extending the contract with Wilksburg Penn Joint Water Authority for 50 years.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Ms. Nolan approving the motion to advertise Borough Ordinance #1151. Motion carried.

Mayor Forgie also supports the agreement with Wilksburg Penn Joint Water Authority.

The Oak Avenue Ext. wall repair will be beginning in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Osman- There was a sink hole on Maple Avenue, The Water Authority was notified to fix.

Mrs. Tinsley- Would like to thank Beth Hamill and Dale Bizub for all the work they have done at the Home Plate Garden. She would also like to thank all the volunteers including Mrs. Eileen Pickle, Denny Damico and Barb Fallon. The Home Plate Garden has reached out to a new garden on Church Street.

Mr. Nolan- None

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Forgie –

Mayor Forgie read the Chiefs reports for July 2022

Chiefs Report for July 2022:

- Total Incidents 457
- Total Lock-Ups 11
- Traffic 70
- Suspicious Persons 7
- Theft 5
- Stolen Vehicles & Gun 2
- Wanted persons 8
- Shots Fired 1 (24) for the year
- Domestic 47
- Overdose 4
- To ACJ 9
- Investigation 2
- Walk In 65

- Check Welfare 12
 - Accidents 12
 - Animal 13
 - Other Calls 190
- 16 Ordinance door knockers issued.

Mayor Forgie, Chief McCaul and the Police Committee has met to discuss the Shot Spotter program. Just receiving information at this point. The cost could be up to \$45,000.00 a year to run the program.

The Borough has joined the tree vitalize program and will be receiving 10 tree. An ordinance will need to adopted soon.

Regarding curfew in Turtle Creek we should find a way to reach the residents so they know there is a curfew. Some options are to put it on the Rotary Sign and in the Creeker.

Solicitor – There was a zoning hearing for 828 Maple Avenue, a response is due in 60 days for occupancy.

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the July 2022 bills.

Motion

Ms. Osman, Mrs. Tinsley ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the July 2022 bills in the amount of \$416,247.14. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Osman adjourning until the next meeting on Monday September 12, 2022.
Motion carried.

Recorded by: Julie Pantalone