

Council Meeting
March 1, 2021

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on March 1, 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 – present	Mr. Spencer – present
Ms. Henkel – present	Mrs. Tinsley -- present
Mr. Nolan – present	Mayor Kelley – present
Solicitor – present	

Approval of the February minutes:

*Correction page 3. Concurring, not recurring.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan approving the February 2021 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Woodland Hills High School Performing Arts Department is asking Council to take out an ad in their program for Jesus Christ Super Star. In the past we have done a large ad for \$60.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mrs. Tinsley approving the donation of \$60 for an ad in the WHHS Performing Arts program. Motion carried.

The Turtle Creek Watershed Association is requesting Council renew their Gold Membership Fee in the amount of \$100.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the renewal of the Gold Business membership to the T.C. Watershed Association in the amount of \$100. Motion carried.

Connect, a new program, is requesting membership from Council to join other municipalities to talk about how to improve the communities. The membership fee is \$200/year.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel approving the request to join Connect in the amount of \$200/year membership fee. Motion carried.

*Q – President Bianchi asked if we should assign representatives.
Mayor Kelley stated that it would probably be a good idea.

Allegheny County Elections Department is requiring the use of the facilities on May 18, 2021 for the Primary Elections, just for voting.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel approving the use of the facilities by the Allegheny County Elections Department, just for voting, on May 18, 2021. Motion carried.

*Q – President Bianchi stated that the building will be roped off because it is technically still closed, and they must clean up when they are finished.

Citizens Reports:

Dale Bizub – resident of 1414 Mobile Avenue and representative of the TCDC is requesting Council make a donation in the amount of \$500 to help with the Turtle Creeker.

Motion

Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Tinsley approving the request for a donation in the amount of \$500 to the TCDC, for the Turtle Creeker. Motion carried.

John Boone – a representative of the Woodland Hills Youth Soccer is requesting the use of Hamilton Park this spring for practices. The dates are approximately March 23 – the end of May.

President Bianchi stated that they would have to check out the facilities and review the proposal.

Committee Reports:

President Bianchi – asked Mr. Estocin to please look at the request from Mr. Boone.

Ms. Henkel – asked Mr. Estocin that she would like to talk to Mr. Boone also about the soccer request.

She also stated that the Street Department is doing an excellent job.

President Bianchi stated that East Pittsburgh will not be in the 2022 salt contract.

Mr. Estocin – none

Mr. Nolan – none

Mr. Osman – thanked Ms. Henkel for the nice comments about the Street Department.

Mrs. Tinsley – stated that she has been attending Community meetings of concerned citizens to represent Council and Crime Watch. They are trying to create what we already have, which is our Crime Watch Group.

Mr. Spencer – stated that they have hired 2 Full-Time Officers:

- Brian Neff, hired on March 16, 2021 at \$19.77 for the first 6 months, which will increase until he is at 100%.
- Emily Carrigan hired on April 27, 2021 at \$19.77 for the first 6 months, which will increase until she is at 100%.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the motion to hire Brian Neff and Emily Carrigan as Full-Time Officers as described above. Motion carried.

Mr. Spencer congratulated the newly hired full time Officers and thanked the Civil Service Commission for their work.

Mr. Spencer stated that they received a request form the Co-Op for flashing stop lights on stop signs. The request was for 5 lights.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin approving the request to put lights on 5 stop signs in the Co-Op. Motion carried.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Kelley – started out thanking Council for the 2 Full Time Officers and congratulated them. She is very happy with the quality of our Officers during my 2 terms.

Mayor Kelley read the Chiefs reports for February 2021

Chiefs Report for January 2021:

- Total Incidents 397
- Total Lock-Ups 9
- Traffic 51
- Suspicious Persons 13
- Theft 5
- Stolen Vehicles & Gun 10
- Wanted persons 6
- Domestic 34
- Overdose 1

Mayor Kelley stated that Clean Up Day will be held of April 24, from 10am – 1pm. There will be more details to come. Please check the Savvy Citizen App., and we will be following CDC guidelines.

Mayor Kelley suggested that now that the weather is getting nicer we can start holding our Community meetings outside at the garden. These changes are due to the pandemic and I will keep you all posted on any developments.

Connie Tinsley will be on KDKA radio tomorrow morning to discuss Turtle Creek being in the top 20 best towns to work from home.

Solicitor – none

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the February 2021 bills.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Spencer ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the February 2021 bills in the amount of \$626,297.13. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Ms. Henkel adjourning until the next meeting on Monday April 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Kera Rocco