

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly meeting held on October 3, 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-present	Mr. Spencer-present
Ms. Henkel-present by phone	Mrs. Tinsley-present
Mr. Nolan-absent	Mayor Forgie-present

Moment of Silence for John Morenzi, a long time resident, Fire Chief and Fire Marshall for the Borough.

Approval of the September 2022 minutes as submitted.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mrs. Tinsley approving the September 2022 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Resolution #715-22 A resolution of Turtle Creek Borough providing for Borough responsibilities for Tree Revitalization.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mrs. Tinsley approving Resolution #715-22. Motion carried.
May Forgie supports this resolution.

Approval to submit 237 Brown Avenue to the Tri-COG Land bank.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Osman approving the submittal of 237 Brown Avenue to the Tri-COG Land bank. Motion carried.

Approval to submit 239 Brown Avenue to the Tri-COG Land bank.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Ms. Henkel approving the submittal of 239 Brown Avenue to the Tri-COG Land bank.

Allegheny County Election Department requesting the use of the Borough Building for a polling place on November 8, 2022.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Estocin approving the use of the Borough Building to the Allegheny County Election Department on November 8, 2022.

Citizens Report:

Michelle Brancato-120 9th Street-Came to the meeting to voice her concern for the traffic issues at Propel School on Monroeville Avenue and at the Woodland Hills School on Airbrake Avenue. Drivers are not following the rules and are causing safety issues. The Police have been doing wonderful job when they can be at these locations.

Response: Council, Mayor and the schools have been trying to come up with the right answer to everyone's concerns. Looking into creating school zones in these areas.

Anna Lawson- 376 Highland Avenue-The neighbors in the area are concerned about some vacant houses on Highland Avenue. They believe there are squatters in the homes.

Chief McCaul responded that he thinks the houses are in Wilkins Township but will go and check the homes tomorrow.

Mrs. Lawson would also like to thank PENNDOT for the repairs on Triboro Highway.

Steve Wiedemer-1415 Chestnut Street would like to thank Council and the Mayor for the approval of the Tree Vitalization resolution. There will be a planting day in Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9-1 and looking for 25 Volunteers. He would also like to use the Borough Building for bathroom and lunch on Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel approving the use of the Borough building on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9-1 for the tree planting crew. Motion carried.

Brandon Markosek-Came to the meeting tonight to introduce himself. He will be the Borough of Turtle Creek's next State Representative. This change will be in November 2022. His office is known for grant writing. He has received about a million dollars for towns through grants.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Osman- Center St, Albert St, and James Street line work has been completed. The Oak Avenue Ext. wall has also been completed.

Mr. Estocin-None

Mrs. Tinsley- The Community Garden is winding down. No more farm stand. This year the garden produced 3500 pounds of produce. On October 22, 2022 the Pitt students will be at the garden to help prepare the beds for closing down the garden for the year.

Mr. Spencer- Approval for the award of the 2023 Garbage Contract to Waste Management at \$25.15 per unit per month.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin awarding the 2023 Garbage Contract to Waste Management. Motion carried.

The restoration for the Albert Street, Center Street, James Street and Oak Avenue Ext will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Henkel-None

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Forgie- Halloween Trick or Treat will be on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.

Mayor Forgie read the Chief's report for September 2022.

Chief's Report for September 2022:

- Total Incidents 419
- Total Lockups 6
- Traffic 62
- Suspicious Person 10
- Thefts 7
- Stolen Vehicles/Guns 2
- Transport to ACJ 5
- Overdose 1
- Investigations 5
- Dispute/Domestics 42
- Juvenile Comp/Runaway 9
- Walk In Station 55
- Check the Welfare 17
- Accidents 10
 - Animals Comp. 16
- Others 170

16 Ordinances violations issued, mostly vegetation and trash.

Mayor Forgie reported he and the Police Committee are researching the laws for making a Borough street a school zone.

Mayor Forgie thanked Lou Lantzy, EMS, Turtle Creek Police, Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Wilmerding Volunteer Fire Department and the Monroeville Fire Department for their assistance at Hillside Manor incident.

Mayor Forgie thanked Steve Wiedemer for all his work he has done with the Tree revitalization project.

Solicitor- None

Old Business:

Ratifying payment of the September 2022 bills in the amount of \$1,010,326.57. The largest being payment to ALCOSAN. Also, the payment to S & T Bank for the 2022 Tax Anticipation Loan.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Osman ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the September 2022 bills in the amount of \$1,010,326.57. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Spencer stated the work begin completed on the Triboro Highway by PENNDOT included replacing the control system from the loop system to a radar system.

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Estocin adjourning until the next meeting Monday, November 7, 2022. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Julie Pantalone