

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, on June 2, 2025 was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

President Bianchi – present
Mr. Spencer – present
Ms. Henkel – present
Mr. Nolan – present
Solicitor – present

Mr. Sanker -- present
Mr. Estocin – present
Mr. King -- absent
Mayor Forgie – present

Mayor Forgie sworn in Pauline Schoffstall as the appointed Tax Collector to serve the term ending December 31, 2025.

Mayor Forgie read and presented Richard Smith with a proclamation for the 40 years of service as Tax Collector. (attached)

Mayor Forgie read and presented Edward Garrity, owner of Garrity Auto Repair in Turtle Creek for over 30 years with a proclamation. (attached)

Approval of the May 2025 minutes:

One correction on page 4, the correct address is 403 Larimer Avenue.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the May 2025 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The Turtle Creek Valley Rotary club will be holding their 33rd Annual Turtle Trot 5K Walk & Run on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Citizens Report:

Ron Gehry- 1208 Chestnut Street- There is a tree that fell on the property owned by a person named Butler. Have been unable to locate the owner. On Woodland Hills Wolverina property across the street from 1208 Chestnut Street the grass and bushes on the inside of the fence has not been cut.

Will have the street department check on the tree. Code Enforce will be notified to contact the school district.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi- The civil service has given the Borough Council a certified list of candidates for full time police. In 2024 the start of the police contract was changed for the police officer to get full rate after 6 months of employment. Met with the Police Bargaining Unit and all parties agreed to waive the first 6 month and the new hires will receive full rate at the employment. A Memorandum of Understanding was prepared.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker ratify the action taken to sign the memorandum of understand for the waiver of the 6 months to reach full rate, on the date of employment will be at full rate. Motion carried.

There are two abandon properties one location is 108 8th and 108 ½ Street and the other is 109 10th Street. Council to consider setting up condemnation hearings by August 2025.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan approving the appropriate officials to complete the process for condemnation hearings for 108 8th & 108 ½ Street and 109 10th Street. Motion carried.

Two catch basins need replaced on Highland Avenue. The contractor working on the water line in the area was asked for a quote. The quote was \$9,500.00 for both catch basins to be replaced.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the action taken to approve the quote from Lawson Excavating in the amount of \$9,500.00 for replacement of two catch basins.
Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel- The 2015 Ford F-550 Super Duty was placed on Municibid for sale. The reserve was set at \$16,500.00. The highest bidder came in at \$28,704.00.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan approving the sale of the 2015 Ford F-550 to the highest bidder at \$28,700.00 thru Municibid. Motion carried.

Thanked all the volunteers who showed up at the newly named Orchard Garden located at the old Home Plate Garden with the planting of trees.

Monroeville Avenue between Triboro Highway and Penn Avenue will pave. The milling will start on June 5th. Part of Penn Avenue will also be paved. It will take about a week. This project was grant funded.

Mr. Estocin- TCDC is requesting \$500.00 donation towards the publication of The Creeker newsletter.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel approving the \$500.00 donation to TCDC for the publication of The Creeker newsletter. Motion carried.

The Turtle Creek Valley Rotary is asking for a sponsorship for the Turtle Trot 5K Walk & Run.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Nolan approving a \$250.00 sponsorship for the Turtle Creek Valley Rotary Turtle Trot. Motion carried.

Mr. Nolan- None

Mr. Sanker- None

Mr. Spencer- Civil Service tested for full time police officer and gave council a list of 3 candidates. The Committee has offered two of the candidates a fulltime police position. Both candidates have except the offer.

The candidate is Robert Michels at the rate of \$36.77 an hour, \$76,486.00 a year.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker ratifying the action taken by the committee to hire Robert Michels as a fulltime police officer at the rate of \$36.77 an hour. Motion carried.

The next candidate was Robert Patton at the rate of \$36.77 an hour, \$76,486.00 a year.

Motion

Mr Spencer, Mr. Nolan ratifying the action taken by the committee to hire Robert Patton as a fulltime officer at the rate of \$36.77 an hour. Motion carried.

Mayor Forgie- Thanked the police, Public Safety Committee and Council for the new hires. Discussions have started to meet with a Group called the ATeam, for support and mental health issues to assist the police. Attended the PRT hearing to show the concern on the route cuts and how it will affect our residents. Reminder that the Juvenile curfew is at 10pm. If anyone see juvenile out after 10pm they need to contact the police at 911 and can remain anonymous. New flower shop in town called Grant Street Flower Market.

Police and Public Safety

Chief's Report for April 2025:

Total Incidents: **Total Calls: 330**

• Lock ups	6
• Traffic stops	24
• Suspicious person/act	12
• Thefts	9
• Stolen/recovered veh/guns	1
• Wanted persons	1
• Abandoned vehicles	8
• Jail Transports	6
• Overdose	3
• Dispute/Disturbance/Domestic	12
• Juvenile Comp/runaways	7
• Return Calls	40
• Check the Welfare	6
• Accidents	10
• Animal Complaints	17
• All Others	173

Solicitor – None

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the May 2025 bills in the amount of \$343,630.63.

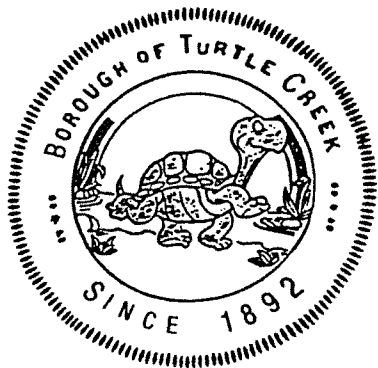
Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the May 2025 bills in the amount of \$343,630.63.
Motion carried.

New Business: None

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Sanker adjourning until the next meeting Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone



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NICK BIANCHI
Council President

ADAM R. FORGIE
Mayor

Proclamation Honoring Richard Smith

WHEREAS, the Borough of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, has been privileged to benefit from the unwavering dedication, integrity, and exemplary public service of Richard Smith, who has honorably served as Tax Collector for over 40 years, and as a Council Member, contributing greatly to the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, Richard's decades-long commitment to public service reflect a deep love for the residents of Turtle Creek and a steadfast belief in civic duty, financial accountability, and responsive governance; and

WHEREAS, through his work, he have ensured the responsible stewardship of public funds, offered guidance to successive councils, and remained a trusted figure among both colleagues and constituents; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the respect and gratitude of countless individuals who have had the privilege to work alongside or be served by his leadership, integrity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Richard Smith's work will be remembered for generations as a testament to what it means to serve selflessly and with honor;

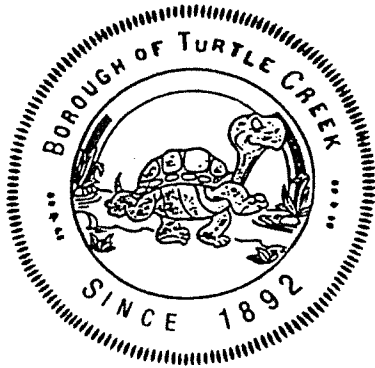
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, on this day, **2nd day of June 2025**, that the Borough of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, does hereby extend its deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to **Richard Smith** for his outstanding service, and wishes him a joyful, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be entered into the official record of the Borough of Turtle Creek as a lasting tribute to his remarkable contributions to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Borough of Turtle Creek to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2025.

Adam R. Forgie
Mayor

Nick Bianchi
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Proclamation Honoring Edward Garrity

In Recognition of Over 35 Years of Service to the Borough of Turtle Creek

Whereas, Edward Garrity, founder and owner of Garrity's Automotive Repair, has faithfully served the residents and institutions of Turtle Creek since 1989 from his location on Airbrake Avenue; and

Whereas, over the course of more than three decades, Mr. Garrity has performed countless vehicle repairs, conducted hundreds of state inspections, and ensured the safety and reliability of dozens of Turtle Creek Police Department vehicles; and

Whereas, beyond his professional dedication, Edward Garrity has been a steadfast supporter of the Turtle Creek community, contributing through generous sponsorships, local donations, and ongoing civic engagement; and

Whereas, with the closing of Garrity's Automotive Repair, we mark the end of an era defined by trust, integrity, and neighborly commitment;

Now, Therefore, be it proclaimed that the Borough of Turtle Creek expresses its deepest gratitude to **Edward Garrity** for his unwavering commitment, outstanding service, and lasting contributions to the community. Your hard work and heart have left a permanent mark on this town and the people within it.

Given under my hand and seal, this 2nd day of June, 2025.

Adam R. Forgie
Mayor

Nick Bianchi
Council President