Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, on October 5, 2026 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 – absent
Solicitor – present
Mr. Sanker -- present
Mr. Estocin – present
Mr. King -- present
Mayor Forgie – present

Approval of the September 2026 minutes:

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving the September 2026 as submitted. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mandee Williams from the Braddock library announced the October calendar of events for the library. Thanked the Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire department for their participation in the North Braddock fall festival.

Citizens Report: Statement from Council President Bianchi: Any resident or taxpayer may speak to council. Speaker will have 4 minutes to address council.

Ron Gehry- 1208 Chestnut Street-Reporting people speeding and not stopping for the stop sign on Chestnut Street. The School District still have not cut the weeds on the other side of the fence at the stadium. There were people climbing the fence on Chestnut Street during a football game. Security is needed there. The Mayor and Chief of Police did meet with the School District to implement security procedures. Advised to go to a School District board meeting with these concerns.

Brandon Brown- 375 Larimer Avenue-Police have notify him about his boat and trailer was parked in the alley. The Borough has received a call from the Trash Company that they are having trouble getting thru with the boat there.

Nancy Smith- 45-D Hall Drive-Reporting having issues with her neighbor using her walk way to take his trash can out. They got into a verbal confrontation. The police didn't respond to her phone calls. Mayor to sit down with her and the police to help. She was advised she can file charges on her own.

William Wagner- 371 Negely Avenue-Illegal dumping going on on Clugston Avenue at Highland Avenue and Negley Avenue. Plywood on Highland Avenue and Trash bags on Negley Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi- Date for the 2027 Budget are as follows:

Public Hearing November 23, 2026
Tentative Budget meeting Monday, December 21, 2026
Final Budget meeting Wednesday, December 30, 2026

The Borough has received a grant for the replacement of the roof on the borough building. Thanks to Senator Nick Pisciottano and Representative Markosek for $300,000.00 grant toward the project. Estimated cost for the roof is $458,000.00. The difference will be pay for by the general fund.

There are four projects for sewer and surcharge line separations. The borough has been approved for a grant from ALCOSAN in the amount of 1.4 million. This grant will help with the largest project on Maple Avenue in the amount of 1.6 million. These are reimbursable grant so the Borough might have to reach out to our depository for a construction loan.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Estocin approving the submission of the GEDTF grant for demolition of 13 properties. Motion carried.

Paving is almost finished, should be completed this week. The paving of McMasters Avenue and the 500 block of Stewart Street is delay until the Water Authority replaces their line.

Ms. Henkel- Fire report for September 2026:
Working Fires-4, Possible Fires-7, Fire Alarms-16, Vehicle Accidents-7, Gas/CO-7, Public Service-10, EMT Assist-1. Call in 9 different Communities-Turtle Creek-25, Wilmerding-7, Churchill-1, Monroeville-2, Pitcairn-5, North Versailles-3, Wall-1, East McKeesport-1, East Pittsburgh-1.

Mr. King- None

Mr. Estocin- Approval to accept the 2nd Year, 1st Option year for the trash/recycling contact with ProWaste. The 2nd year, 1st option year in amount of $732,168.00.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Spencer approving the 2nd Year, 1st option year with the trash/recycling hauler, ProWaste in the amount of $732,168.00. Motion carried.

Mr. Sanker- Condemnation hearing for the following properties-233,237,239,245 & 315 Brown Avenue will be on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6pm. Additional approval for the advertising.

Motion

Mr. Sanker, Ms. Henkel approving for the hearing date and advertisement for the condemnation hearing for 233,237,239,245 & 315 Brown Avenue demolition. Motion carried.

Mr. Spencer- The Police and Public Safety Committee interviewed and recommending the hiring of a Part-time Police officer Tobias Yuhouse at $26.49 an hour.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the hiring of Part-time police officer Tobias Yuhouse at $26.49 an hour. Motion carried.

The Police and Public Safety will meet with the Police Association Wage and Policy Committee for negotiations on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 1pm.

Police and Public Safety

Chief's Report for September 2026:

Total Incidents	**453**	**YTD**	**3,936**

• Total Lockups	5
• Traffic Stops	61
• Suspicious Person	15
• Thefts	3
• Stolen Veh (recovered)	1
• Wanted persons/warrant	1
• Shots Fired	1
• Transport to ACJ	3
• DUI	1
• Alarm Calls	4
• Dispute/Domestics	23
• Juvenile Comp/Runaway	6
• Check the Welfare	23
• Walk into Station	45
• Accidents	10
• Animals Comp.	9
• Other	247

Mayor- Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. There will be bike trail meeting coming up where they are proposing to put the bike trail thru town.
The Police Chief McCaul and multiple other Departments help to get 54 illegal guns and 1 million in Fentanyl and Cocaine off of the streets.

Solicitor- None

Old Business:

- Ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator for the payment of the September 2026 bills in the amount of $753,480.96. The two highest been ALCOSAN at $407,361.07 and ElGrande for Paving $103,433.25.

Motion

Mr. Estocin,Mr. Spencer, ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the September 2026 bills in the amount of $753,480.96. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone