

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly meeting held on May 1, 2023 was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for Nick Laurito. Last week we lost a member of our family. Mr. Laurito was a fixture in this town for over 45 years. He knew the town inside and out. Council, Mayor and Borough employees will miss him dearly. His knowledge of the town can never be replaced. We don't know which one he loved more, from the Kabota mower, the Case Backhoe and the famous Sweeper. We would like to send our condolences to his family and friends.

Roll Call:

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

Correspondence: Allegheny County Election Department will be using the Borough Building for the Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Allegheny County is offering Hard to Recycle programs this year. Chemical Collections on August 19th at Boyce Park Ski Lodge parking lot.

The Hard to Recycle Collection on August 26, 2023 at Next Tier Connect @Pittsburgh East. Both programs are on a Saturday from 9am-1pm. Full list can be reviewed on the Borough's website.

Citizens Report:

Dan Pusateri- Owner of 383 Highland Avenue, reporting that individuals keep parking on the sidewalk that he has just repaired. He asked if a sign can be installed. Mr. Bianchi stated that the Police and Public Safety Committee will look into his request and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Pusateri reported that someone is dumping in the alley. Mr. Bianchi stated that some of the garbage in the alley was cleaned up during cleanup day. If there is a NO Dumping sign there, we would still request that the residents keep a lookout and help identify the individuals dumping.

Chris Marino- 1451 Chestnut Street asked council if they would consider dedicate one of the trees that have planted recently in memory of Nick Laurito. Council thought that was a good idea and do want to recognize Mr. Laurito for his years of service.

Ron Gehry- 1208 Chestnut Street asked Council if there was any new information on the property behind his house in the name of Butler. No new information. The property across the street from his residence own by the Woodland Hills School District is over grown. Mayor stated he would notify the School District.

Don Devich- 109 7th Street reporting vehicles are parking around his property along a fence. There used to be a no parking sign and would like it put back up. Mr. Bianchi stated that the sign will be put back up.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Henkel- None

Mr. Osman- Purchasing a 2023 Ford F-550 through Tri-Star Ford using PA COSTARS. The Chassis Diesel for the amount of \$64,397.00 with Ford Motor Company on a five (5) year lease.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-550 from Tri-Star Ford in the Amount of \$64,397.00. Motion carried.

The additional equipment needed to complete the truck is the uplift with includes Dump, Plow and Spreader. This will be purchased from Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$61,500.00. Price is through PA COSTARS.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Nolan, approving the uplift purchase with Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$61,500.00. Motion carried.

Mrs. Tinsley- The Community Garden is in its 8th year. All the vegetables are grown and at harvest time there will be a vegetable stand. It is a no cost but the Garden does ask for a donation. The days and times of the Vegetable stand are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am-12pm. The Garden is always looking for new volunteers. No working days and times have been set.

Mr. Nolan- None

Mr. Spencer- The Mayor, Police Chief and the Police and Public Safety Committee interview for a part time Police officer. Committee requesting approval for the hiring of Daniel Lore.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan approving the hiring of Daniel Lore as a part time Police Officer at the rate of \$20.49 an hour. Question: It has been difficult to retain Police Officers.
Motion carried.

In March 2023 a policy was adopted for the Police Body Cameras. The Borough has received a grant of \$20,000.00 from Allegheny County DA. The camera policy has been received some changes had to be made that were required by the DA. Need to amend the previous approved policy.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Nolan approving the changes to the Police Camera Policy. Question: The changes need to be provided to the Police Union. The Union must approve and must be submitted to the Borough in writing. Motion carried contingent on the receipt in writing from the Police Union.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Forgie-

Chief's Report for April 2023:

- Total Incidents 445
- Total Lockups 5
- Traffic 66
- Suspicious Person 10
- Thefts 8
- Stolen Vehicles 1
- Wanted Persons 1
- Shots Fired 1
- Transport to ACJ 2
- Overdose 2
- Investigations 9
- Dispute/Domestics 33
- Juvenile Comp/Runaway 8
- DUI 1
- Check the Welfare 6
- Accidents 8
- Animals Comp. 11
- Others 278

7 Properties were issued an Ordinance violation or Warning.

Thanked Council for the approval of the Body Cameras. The Cameras will help with investigating and accountability.

80 bags of garbage were pickup up on Cleanup. Thanked all the volunteers.

Early stages of discussions with Lanigan's and EST for a gun buyback day. Rifles \$25.00. Hand guns \$50.00 and Automatic \$100.00. Tentative date of June 10, 2023 @ Lanigan's Funeral Home.

AMVETS holding an event on Memorial Day, on May 29, 2023. Starting in North Braddock at 10am, through East Pittsburgh, then along Airbrake Avenue.

Solicitor- None

Old Business:

Ms. Henkel, Mrs. Tinsley, ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the April 2023 bills in the amount of \$328,169.60.

New Business: Mr. Osman want to recognize Mike McAllister a volunteer Fireman has received a three years contract with the LA Rams. He just graduated from Youngstown State College. A Proclamation for next month's meeting.

Reminder that there will be a blood drive in the Borough's community room on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 12pm-5pm.

Christopher Osman has turned in a letter of resignation.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Nolan accepting the resignation from Christopher Osman. Mr. Osman and Mrs. Tinsley abstained. Question: Last day was April 28, 2023. A thank you letter to be sent to Mr. Osman. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer adjourning until the next Council meeting Monday, June 5, 2023. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Julie Pantalone