

Council Meeting
October 4, 2021

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council meeting held on October 4, 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 – absent	Mrs. Tinsley -- present
Mr. Nolan – present	Mayor Kelley – present
Solicitor – present	

Approval of the September minutes:

Correction: Page 5 – Gehry not Gary
Correction: Page 7 – Mary Somasundaram

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the September 2021 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

A resident put in an application for the Vacant Property Program through Allegheny County and the next step is for Council to approve Resolution 701-21 for Lot and Block #374 M 345, 233 Miller Street.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Osman approving Resolution 701-21, parcel 374 M 345, through the Vacant Property Program, with the application not to include parking. Motion carried.

Before the Citizens Report, the meeting will be turned over to Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Spencer stated that in August, John McCaul was appointed as Acting Chief pending his testing. He passed and tonight will be sworn in as the permanent Chief of Police.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the motion to hire John McCaul as the permanent Chief at the rate of \$43.79/hour. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelley swore in John McCaul as the new Turtle Creek Police Chief.

Citizens Reports:

Philip Catalano - resident of 824 Maple Avenue asked Council if anything was being done about the trash in his neighborhood. Chief McCaul stated that all units were cited in September. President Bianchi asked Chief McCaul to go up there and cite them again if the problem has not been corrected.

Committee Reports:

President Bianchi – stated that today the Borough of Turtle Creek opened bids for the Locust Street paving. The lowest responsible bidder was Toresco Paving Corporation in the amount of \$109,555.

Motion

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Osman awarding the Locust Street paving project, from Maple Avenue to Monroeville Avenue, and from Monroeville Avenue to Lower Boone Drive, to Toresco Paving Corporation, in the amount of \$109,555.00, contingent on the final approval from the Borough Engineer, and that the funds come from the Capital fund. Motion carried.

President Bianchi reminded Council that it is almost budget time for 2022.

Ms. Henkel –absent

Mr. Estocin –none

Mr. Nolan – none

Mr. Osman – stated that it is time to purchase salt for 2021 – 2022.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Tinsley authorizing the Borough Administrator to purchase salt for 2021 – 2022 from SHA-COG for 78.82/ton, and Co-STAR for 68.04/ton. Motion carried.

Mrs. Tinsley – stated that the Pitt students will be coming to the Garden on Saturday to help shut it down for the season. She thanked Council and the Water Authority for the help with the water bill this season.

Mr. Spencer – stated that he received a resignation letter from Matthew Colbert effective September 20, 2021.

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Nolan accepting the resignation of Officer Matthew Colbert, effective September 20, 2021. Motion carried.

President Bianchi stated that we are experiencing a Police shortage. We have made every effort to recruit and hire Officers. We will continue to discuss how to bring in new Officers. This problem is everywhere, not just in Turtle Creek.

Mr. Spencer stated that every 5 years, citizens must reapply for handicapped parking spaces. We have 3 up for renewal this month. In the vicinity of:

- 121 8th Street
- 335 Thompson Street
- 609 George Street

Motion

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Osman approving the renewal of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 121 8th Street. Motion carried.

Motion

Mr. Osman, Mr. Nolan approving the renewal of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 330 Thompson Street. Motion carried.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Osman approving the renewal of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 609 George Street. Motion carried.

Police and Public Safety:

Mayor Kelley:

Mayor Kelley read the Chiefs reports for September 2021

Chiefs Report for September 2021:

- Total Incidents 420
- Total Lock-Ups 12

- Traffic 36
- Suspicious Persons 17
- Theft 14
- Stolen Vehicles & Gun 7
- Wanted persons 4
- Domestic 44
- Overdose 2
- Properties cited 16

Mayor Kelley reminded the residents to please secure their firearms and do not leave them in your car. It is your responsibility to keep them secure.

The Red Lantern Opportunity Hub is holding a health fair on Friday from 11am – 2pm.

Mayor Kelley congratulated Chief McCaul. She stated that it has been an honor to work with him and for him to become Chief as one of the last things she will do as the Mayor.

Trick or Treating will be held on Halloween from 6 – 7:30.

Solicitor – none

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the September 2021 bills.
 - Alcosan \$304,327.00
 - A. Liberoni Inc. \$173,648.60
 - Tax Anticipation Note \$228,891.13

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Spencer ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the September 2021 bills in the amount of \$928,581.68. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Motion

Mrs. Tinsley, Mr. Spencer adjourning until the next meeting on Monday November 1, 2021 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by: Kera Rocco