

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, held on June 3, 2024, was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

President Bianchi – present	Mr. Sanker -- present
Mr. Estocin – present	Mr. Spencer – present
Ms. Henkel – present	Mr. King -- absent
Mr. Nolan – present	Mayor Forgie – present
Solicitor – present	

Mayor Forgie read a proclamation declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. (proclamation attached)

Approval of the May 2024 minutes:

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving the May 2024 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Total Salvation Church at 130 Grant Street would like to use the Borough's parking lot on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 8:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. for the UPMC bus for their Total Body Expo.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel authorizing the use of the parking lot to Total Salvation Church. Motion carried.

Citizens Report: Dorothy Kareis-821 Locust Street-stated that new neighbors are playing loud and disturbing music all day long. They have notified the police. She knows that there is a noise ordinance.

Chief McCaul stated that he will speak with the neighbor.

Arth Sylvester-144-A Watson Drive-Asked if a speed limit sign can be installed at the begin of the Drive. The Electric Heights Housing Association did send out a One-Call reminding residents to follow the speed limit and other signs. He has seen more of police presence.

Mia Merideth-319 Larimer Avenue-Stated that there is a lot of trash on people's property (Larimer Avenue) and in the alley (Stewart Street). Asked if the 300 block of Larimer Avenue was going to be paved.

Mr. Bianchi stated that the Borough is waiting for a decision from the County on a grant application that was submitted for the paving of the 300 block of Larimer Avenue. The trash complaints will be turned over to the Code Enforcement.

Kelly Don'tazha-382 Stewart Street-Water is puddling in front of her house. Asked if a stop sign can be put up in the intersection from Stewart Street to Larimer Avenue by Thompson Street.

Mr. Bianchi stated that a new inlet has be designed to be installed which will help with the water issue, waiting to hear from the County for funding. There was a stop sign located at that intersection so a sign will be reinstalled.

Anna Lawson-376 Highland Avenue-stated that there are a couple of vacant lots on Highland Avenue that the Borough usually cuts.

Mr. Bianchi stated they are looking into which lots that are vacant in the Borough will be cut. A list is being developed.

Ron Gehry-1208 Chestnut Street-Wanted to make Council aware of the activity at the Wolverina that is bring with it parking issues.

Mr. Bianchi stated that if people are parked illegally then the police need to be notified. Mayor Forgie will notify the Woodland Hills School District of this issue and ask that they let the Police know about any activities at the field. Multiple vehicles speeding up and

down Chestnut Street every day. The Police and Public Safety Committee will look into this issue.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi-The 2009 Ford Truck was listed on Municbid, the auction didn't reach the reserve price. The highest bidder was \$11,000.00. Asking for a motion to offer the truck to the highest bidder at \$11,000.00.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer authorizing the 2009 Ford Truck thru Municbid to the highest bidder at \$11,000.00.
Motion carried.

Emergency demolition had to be done at 519 Larimer Avenue after a collapse. The night before was a hearing where 519 Larimer Avenue was condemned. A Contractor was contact and was able to take down the house the next day. Asking for a motion to approve the emergency demolition at 519 Larimer Avenue to Minifield at the cost of \$18,000.00.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer approving the emergency demolition for 519 Larimer Avenue to Minifield in the amount of \$18,000.00. Question: The demolition was going to be paid by a grant but now had to be paid by the Borough. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel-None Mr. Bianchi thanked Ms. Henkel for the re-doing the monument at Churchill Cemetry and the Estocin monument at the Borough building.

Mr. Spencer-The Civil Service Commission administered a police test and submitted a list of three candidates. A motion to give the Police and Public Committee authorization to hire three police officers on the condition they complete the required pre hire testing.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker authorizing the Police and Public Safety Committee to hire three (3) full time police officers on the condition of the completed required testing. Question: Council would like to thank the Civil Service Commission for the quickness of their job of getting the Borough a list of candidates. Motion carried.

Mr. Sanker-None

Mr. Nolan-None

Mr. Estocin-The Braddock Library is asking for the use of Hamilton Avenue Playground for a popup library once a week. Days and times to be determined at a later date.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr, Nolan approving the Braddock Library to use the Hamilton Avenue Playground for a popup library. Motion carried.

Police and Public Safety

Mayor Forgie-Wanted the residents to be advised of the curfew for Juveniles which is 10:00p.m. If anyone see juveniles out passed curfew they should call the police.

Chief's Report for April 2024:

Total Incidents	491
• Total Lockups	10
• Traffic	118
• Suspicious Person	10

- Thefts 9
- Stolen Vehicles/rec/guns 1
- Wanted Persons 5
- Shots Fired 2
- Transport to ACJ 4
- Investigations 2
- Dispute/Domestics 32
- Juvenile Comp/Runaway 12
- DUI 3
- Check the Welfare 12
- Accidents 10
- Animals Comp. 13
- Other 258

12 properties issued ordinance violations or warnings, most for trash and vegetation.

Solicitor – None

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the May 2024 bills in the amount of \$234,999.80.

Motion

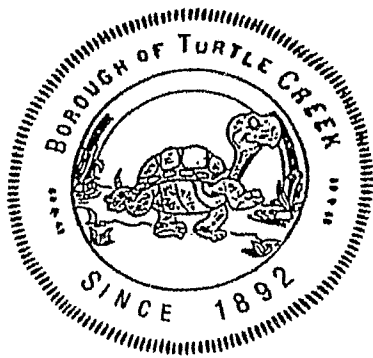
Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the May 2024 bills in the amount of \$234,999.80. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Sanker adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, July 8 ,2024 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone



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2024 TURTLE CREEK BOROUGH PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the borough of Turtle Creek to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis.

WHEREAS, every day, 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of nearly 18,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania has 1,713 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 13.1 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state 21.7 billion each year, of which 470.7 million is paid by taxpayers. Pennsylvania has the 33rd-highest highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including Turtle Creek, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers—in partnership with local violence intervention activists and resources—know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, and nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 7, 2024 to recognize the 27th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to -

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

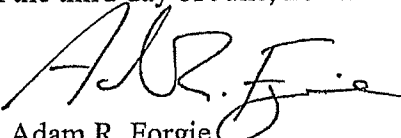
WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 7th, the first Friday in June in 2024, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7, 2024 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Adam Forgie of the Borough of Turtle Creek declares the first Friday in June, June 7, 2024, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Proclaimed on the third day of June, 2024.



Adam R. Forgie
Turtle Creek Mayor