

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, on October 7, 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 -- present
Mr. Nolan – absent	Mayor Forgie – absent
Solicitor – present	

Approval of the August 2024 minutes:

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Ms. Henkel approving the October minutes with one correction on Page 3, the word was receivership not conservatorship. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Announcement from Mayor Forgie:

Trick or treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6pm to 7:30pm. A truckor treat event will be held at the Woodland Hills High School on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 2pm to 4pm.

Citizens Report: Residents from Oxford Street:

Sol Marcus-8 Oxford Street, Elise & Godfrey McClung-12 Oxford Street, Mallory Morrissey-6 Oxford Street. Residents stated that Fire Department responded for a smell of gas and there was a sign of gas, so the Gas Company responded and shut off the gas to their units. It has been days and none of the residents have been able to get a hold of the owner. Wanted to know what steps they can take to try and get it fix if they can't get a hold of the owner.

The Borough doesn't have the authority to give permission to repair the problem. Residents can contact the Allegheny Health Department. If the owner can't be found the residents can get a junction from the courts to do the repairs.

Trish Steinhart- 307 George Street- Reporting an abandon property that has wild animals and trash. The property has been vacant for years. The property address is 1303 Oak Avenue. The Borough does have this property on the 2025 demolition list. It can be listed on the round of grant money for demolition.

Mark Johnston-417 Stewart Street parking issues on Stewart Street. He has been parking legally on the street but the neighbor keeps telling him and calling police stating he has to move his vehicle so she can park in her garage. He has a right to park legally on the street, if any issues occur call the police.

Chris Marino-1320 Chestnut Street-The address on Chestnut Street with junk vehicles is 1224 Chestnut Street.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bianchi- A resolution is needed for the CDBG Year 51. The resolution is for Street construction of Seneca Street and Aliquippa Street.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the Resolution for CDBG Year 51 Street Construction. Motion carried.

A concurring resolution for CDBG Year 51 for various inlets around town.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the concurring resolution for CDBG Year 51 inlet repairs. Motion carried.

Ratify the action taken by the Borough Administrator for the signing and submittal of the Concurring Resolution for the ACT152 Demolition application. Application to be submitted in November.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer ratifying the Concurring Resolution submittal for the ACT 152 demolition. Motion carried.

Ratify the action taken by the Borough Administrator for the signing and submittal of the Blight & Slums Resolution for the ACT 152 demolition application.

Motion

Mr. Estocin, Mr. King ratifying the signing and submittal Of the Blight & Slums Resolution for the ACT152 demolition application. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel- The Borough advertised for bids on the reconstruction of a portion of Chestnut Street, Penn Avenue Bridge, Shaw Avenue and a portion of Oak Avenue. The lowest responsible bidder was El Grande Industries in the amount of \$150,745.50. Set to start mid November.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Estocin approving the Street reconstruction bid to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$150,745.50. Motion carried.

Approval need for the salt contracts for year 2024-2025:
The first contract is thru SHACOG in the amount of \$85.85 a ton for the year 2024-2025. The required purchase is 80%.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the salt contract with SHACOG in the amount of \$85.85 per ton for year 2024-2025. Motion carried.

The second contract is thru COSTARS in the amount of \$87.50 per ton for the year 2024-2025. The required purchase is 60%.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. King approving the salt contract with COSTARS in the amount of \$87.50 per ton for year 2024-2025.

Mr. King- None

Mr. Estocin- None

Mr. Sanker- Tonight council will be voting on an ordinance for additional regulation for how garbage cans are allowed to be put out, when the cans must be removed from curbside and how they are to be stored. Does anyone in the audience wish to speak for or against Ordinance #1155 amending ordinance #831. Resident Mr. Bizub and Mrs. Lawson are for the ordinance.

Motion

Mr. Sanker, Mr. King approving the passage of Ordinance #1155. Amending Ordinance #831 regarding the handling of garbage cans. Motion carried.

Mr. Spencer- The Turtle Creek Police Department was given 5 tasers from Wilkins Township. The Borough signed a hold harmless agreement with Wilkins Township.

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker ratify the action taken by the Borough Administrator to sign the hold harmless agreement with Wilkins Township for 5 Tasers. Motion carried.

The Police have implemented the new schedule. The Borough now has 7 full time officers and 2 part time officers.

Police and Public Safety

Chief’s Report for September 2024:

Total Incidents	428
• Total Lockups	4
• Traffic	75
• Suspicious Person	17
• Thefts	2
• Stolen Vehicles/rec/guns	4
• Wanted Persons	1
• Shots Fired	1
• Transport to ACJ	1
• Overdose	2
• Investigations	5
• Dispute/Domestics	33
• Juvenile Comp/Runaway	10
• Return Calls	76
• Check the Welfare	17
• Accidents	5
• Animals Comp.	18
• Other	161

Solicitor – None

Old Business:

- Ratifying payment of the September 2024 bills in the amount of \$610,969.59. The largest payment to ALCOSAN in the amount of \$361,623.32.

Motion

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Spencer ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the September 2024 bills in the amount of \$610,623.32.
 Motion carried.

New Business: None

Motion

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone