

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, on January 6, 2025 was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Remained standing for a moment of silence for:  
Long time resident and Ex-Police Chief William Cole  
Long time resident and Zoning Board member Leroy Wood  
39<sup>th</sup> President of United States Jimmy Carter

**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 – present
Solicitor – present	

**Approval of the December 2024 minutes:**

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Spencer approving the December 2024 as submitted. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Tentative Budget 2025 minutes:**

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the Tentative Budget 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Final Budget 2025 minutes:**

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. Sanker approving the Final Budget 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizens Report:** Anna Lawson-376 Highland Avenue-reporting a large pothole on Highland Avenue by Sanderson Alley.

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Bianchi- Tonight council is voting on the cost for Refuse collection in the Borough for 2025. In 2026 the Refuse collection will exceed 1 million dollars. Council is looking into how we can address these costs so they don't have to keep raising the cost. Looking into how the refuse is collected and see what if anything could be done better. Looking for resident's input. Might need to consider putting the cost back into the mills which would be a 9 or 10 mills increase.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the 2025 Refuse rate at \$90.75 a quarter, \$363.00 a year. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel- There were equipment issues with the street department today. A belt broke in one truck, the Hi-lift got a flat tire and one plow broke. They worked for 14 hours and did their best to clear the roadways. New Truck is arriving on Wednesday.

Mr. King- None

Mr. Estocin- None

Mr. Sanker- None

Mr. Spencer- Received a letter of resignation from Police Officer Dennis Rupert. His last day was January 3, 2025.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel accepting the resignation of

Dennis Rupert, Police office, as of January 3, 2025.  
Motion carried.

Asking the Civil Service to start the process and advertise for a full time officer.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the request to have the Civil Service advertise and test for a full time police officer. Motion carried.

**Police and Public Safety**

**Chief's Report for Year 2024:**

<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>5025</b>
• Total Lockups	58
• Traffic	795
• Suspicious Person	145
• Thefts	58
• Stolen Vehicles & guns	29
• Wanted Persons	31
• Shots Fired	22
• Transport to ACJ	44
• Investigations	46
• Overdose	17
• Dispute/Domestics	374
• Juvenile Comp/Runaway	94
• Noise Disturbance	20
• Check the Welfare	166
• Accidents	125
• Animals Comp.	338
• Other	2736

Mayor thanked the Chief McCaul for all his hard work. Thanked Council for starting the police test process and the Street Department for their hard work today.

Solicitor – None

**Old Business:**

- Ratifying payment of the December 2024 bills in the amount of \$934,820.47. The highest paid to ALCOSAN in the amount of \$369,275.96.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the December 2024 bills in the amount of \$934,820.47.  
Motion carried.

**New Business:** None

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. King adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone