

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, on May 4, 2026 was called to order by President Nick Bianchi who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

President Bianchi – present  
Mr. Spencer – present  
Ms. Henkel – present  
Mr. Nolan – absent  
Solicitor – absent

Mr. Sanker -- present  
Mr. Estocin – absent  
Mr. King -- present  
Mayor Forgie – present

New Part time Police officer, Lawrence Harris, was sworn in by Mayor Forgie.

**Approval of the April 2026 minutes:**

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the April 2026 as submitted with one correction, Ms. Henkel was absent. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Mandee Williams Carnegie One Library in Braddock and Turtle Creek. The library has started a program trash to treasures. Going around towns picking up trash and keeping things that still can be used. At the library this Saturday and next Saturday wind chimes to give to people who have lost someone to gun violence.

**Citizens Report:** Statement from Council President Bianchi: Any resident or taxpayer may speak to council. Speaker will have 4 minutes to address council.

Arthur Sylvester- 144-A Watson Drive-People are still running stop signs and speeding. Delivery trucks are traveling the wrong way in the alleys. Would like do not enter signs put up at the alleys. There was suppose to be new stops sign put in but it hasn't happened yet.

William Bridge-121 6<sup>th</sup> Street- I am here for a follow up on the one illegal vehicle on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, it has been towed. A van keeps parking on the yellow line. It had been ticketed once. It had Ohio plates but now has PA plates but doesn't have the inspection stickers and by law they have 10 days. Did the Borough get a new tow company?

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Bianchi- Resolution #730-26 approving the Allegheny County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a five (5) year plan. Lou Lantzy, Emergency Management, stated that the County plan has been approved by FEMA and PEMA.

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. King approving Resolution #730-26 approving the Allegheny County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Ms. Henkel- TCVCOG will be bidding out a paving project at Larimer Avenue, Stewart Street, Line and McMasters Avenue. This project is funded by CD money to ratify at the June meeting to the lowest responsible bidder.

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. King agreeing to approve the paving project to the lowest responsible bidder to be ratify at the June meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. King- None

Mr. Sanker- The committee want to purchase a new 2026 Police vehicle to replace the one that was wrecked. Purchasing out right through COSTARS vendor. The Borough will put about \$21,000.00 toward the purchase from the proceeds received by the insurance Co,

**Motion**

Mr. Sanker, Ms. Henkel approving the purchase of a new 2026 police vehicle out right through a COSTARS vendor.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Spencer- The Turtle Creek Valley COG submitted revised Bi-Laws for the municipalities to approve.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the new/revised Bi-Laws as submitted for the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments. Motion carried.

The committee has received a request for a handicap spot in the vicinity of 111 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The committee has approved.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving a handicap spot in the vicinity of 111 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The state allows anyone with the proper handicap documentation can use.  
Motion carried.

The Civil Service Commission has given a certified list of police officer candidates. The Police and Public Safety have interview all candidates and has decided on two candidates.

The hiring of Brennan Thrower at the rate of \$38.98 an hour, contingent on passing all pre-employment requirements.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving the hiring of Brennan Thrower for the Full Time police position contingent on passing all pre-employment requirements. Motion carried.

The hiring of Syed Prizada at the rate of \$38.98 an hour contingent on passing all pre-employment requirements.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Ms. Henkel approving the hiring of Syed Prizada for the Full time Police position contingent on passing all pre-employment requirements. Motion carried.

There is still one applicant that stays on the list and the list is good for one year.

Mayor Forgie- Thanked Council for getting the officers hired. Thanked Chief McCaul for all the extra shifts he has picked up. Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026 in conjunction with the Turtle Creek Valley Rotary. Supplies will be at the Fire bay from 11:30am-1:30pm. Asking residents to contact police when the juveniles are at street corners around town selling water illegally. This is a violation of numerous ordinance and causing a dangerous situation. Peddler's license doesn't allow selling in a fixed location. There seems to be a problem with Dollar General shopping carts in town. Children are using the carts for races. It is time to speak with Dollar General.

**Police and Public Safety**

**Chief's Report for April 2026:**

**Total Incidents                      348**

• Total Lockups	2
• Social Services	17
• Suspicious Person	14
• Thefts	3
• Stolen Vehicles/Recovered	1
• Assist Persons	9
• EMS Calls	14
• Alarm Activations	8
• Overdose (Non Fatal)	1
• Request for Assist	16
• Parking Complaint	15
• Dispute/Domestics	42
• Juvenile Comp/Runaway	18
• Check the Welfare	15
• Accidents	8
• Animals Comp.	13
• Other	154

**Old Business:**

- Ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator for the payment of the April 2026 bills in the amount of \$264,158.92.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the April bills in the amount of \$264,158.92. Motion carried.

**New Business:** None

**Motion**

Ms. Henkel, Mr. King adjourning until the next meeting on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone