

Turtle Creek Borough regular monthly Council Meeting, on April 6, 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 – present

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

**Approval of the March 2026 minutes:**

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin approving the March 2026 as submitted. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Allegheny County Election Department requesting the use of the Borough building as polling place for the primary and general elections on May 19, 2026 and November 3, 2026.

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. Sanker approving the Allegheny County Election Dept use of the building for a polling place for 2026. Motion carried.

Mandee Williams Carnegie One Library in Braddock and Turtle Creek. There is a free concert in the music hall. There will be 2 screenings on April 22 and April 25, 2026. Screening of the Librarians. There are a lot of new programs. The Borough was given the program calendar for April.

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

Anna Lawson- 376 Highland Avenue-Is there a way to make the turn-around in Sanderson Alley larger. There is a dead tree hanging along Negley Avenue. Council: not sure it would be possible to make the turn-around bigger. Will have the street dept look at the tree.

James Park- owner of 535 Stewart Street- There is a tree that is split in the property that is next to 535 Stewart Street. I think the house was torn down by the Borough in the 70s. The code enforce officer has not been able to contact the owners of 540 and 531 Stewart Street about the condition of the property. Council: when houses are torn down by the Borough we don't take ownership. Maintenance is still the responsible of the owner.

Jennifer Stroud- 416 James Street-What can be done about the 10 to 15 kids hanging out on my property. I call the police and the officer stated there was nothing they could do. Council: We will look into why the officer said they can't do anything about that. Security unit on the property at Seven Eleven is shining into their homes. The Mayor has tried to have them remove the unit but refused.

Jennifer Myers-414 Highland Avenue- There has been more deterioration of Sanderson Alley by her home. The house in Wilkins Twp is now for sale and there has been more traffic. There are no guardrails and there are potholes. The hill is not stable. Council: There might be legal issues if blocking people's access to their homes. Engineer can come up and take a look.

William Bridge-121 6<sup>th</sup> Street- I am here for a follow up on the abandoned vehicles by my house. One vehicle that had a tow tag on it in the alley is now on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. I want to know what will be done. Wants to be notified what is done before the next council meeting. Council: the removal of vehicles is the responsibility of the Mayor and Police. They will notify you.

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Bianchi- Ordinance #1156-26 entering into agreement with other members of the Turtle Creek Valley Cog for the establishment of a Fire Code Joint Board of appeals as required by the International Fire Code.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker approving ordinance #1156-26 agreement to enter into the Fire Code Joint Board of Appeal with the TCVCOG. Motion carried.

There is a property in Wilkins Twp, 440 Wilbur Avenue that the owner wants to consolidate their property. A portion of the property is in Turtle Creek. The Borough and Township to enter into a intergovernmental cooperation agreement for 440 Wilbur Avenue.

**Motion**

Mr. Estocin, Mr. King approving the intergovernmental agreement with Wilkins Twp. for 440 Wilbur Avenue. Motion carried.

Resolution #729-26 a resolution of Turtle Creek Borough approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation agreement between Twp of Wilkins and Borough of Turtle Creek.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. King approving Resolution #729-26 agreement with Wilkins Twp. Motion carried.

Removing from the agenda the revised TCVCOG bi-laws to reconsider at the May meeting.

Mr. Spencer- The Police and Public Safety Committee has received the resignation of full time police officer Robert Patton Jr. on 3/3/26.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker accepting the resignation of Robert Patton Jr. on 3/3/26. Question: did Mr. Patton return all the equipment. Answer: Yes. Motion carried.

The Civil Service held a test for full time police position. At the present time the Committee hasn't received a list. Approval to hire two full time officers from the Civil Service list and that all applicants complete the pre-employment requirements to ratify at the May's meeting.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. King giving the Police and Public Safety Committee to hire two full time officers from the Civil Service list and pass all pre-employment requirements. Motion carried.

The Police and Public Safety Committee interviewed for a Part Time Police position. The Committee hiring Lawrence Lee Harris starting 4/13/26 at \$26.49 as a part time police officer.

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Estocin approving of the hiring of a part time police officer, Lawrence Lee Harris on 4/13/26 at \$26.49 an hour. Motion carried.

Mr. Sanker- Bids were open for the 2024 LSA Road Construction on

4/8/26, The lowest responsible bidder was El Grande at \$130,896.50. The paving location is Beech Avenue, Milton St and part of Monroeville Avenue The Borough had 7 bidders came in less than the estimated cost. A grant was received in the amount of \$115,000.00.

**Motion**

Mr. Sanker, Mr. Spencer approving the lowest responsible bid to El Grande at \$130,896.50.  
Motion carried.

Mr. King- There was a sewer issue in the 400 Block of Mercer Street. A major blockage was located. Letter received from Glenn Engineering that it was an emergency to get repaired. Creative Enterprises completed the repair for \$30,500.00.

**Motion**

Mr. King, Mr. Estocin ratifying the action taken to repair an emergency sewer line issue in the 400 Block of Mercer Street. Motion carried.

Mr. Estocin- None

Solicitor – None

**Old Business:**

- Ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator for the payment of the March 2026 bills in the amount of \$594,850.06. The highest bill paid being ALCOSAN in the amount of \$328,086.71.

**Motion**

Mr. King, Mr. Sanker ratifying the action taken by the Borough Administrator in the payment of the

March 2026 bills in the amount of \$594,850.06.  
Motion carried.

**New Business:** None

**Motion**

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanker adjourning until the next meeting  
on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7pm. Motion carried.

Recorded by Julie Pantalone