

**TARENTUM BOROUGH  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> ,  
2017**

6:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Pres Eric Carter reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded.

**ATTENDING:** Erika Josefoski, Carrie Fox, Rhonda Dzugan, Tim Cornuet, Greg Schmitt, Adam Blythe, Eric Carter, Mayor Magnetta, Manager Gutonski, Solicitor Regoli

Absent-Chief Vakulick

Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Tim Cornuet to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2017 and special meeting January 17, 2017

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS:** Solicitor Regoli stated one bid was submitted for the purchase of the properties located at 126, 128, 134 & 150W 7th Ave. Bid received from Tarentum Investment LLC in the amount of \$100,000.00, a check was enclosed in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover the 10% of the bid required. Solicitor Regoli recommended to award the bid upon his review of the bid.

Motion by Time Cornuet, second by Erika Josefoski to award the bid of \$100,000.00 to Tarentum Investment LLC Roll Call 7 yes 0 no

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

1. Regina Prokopczuk stated that according to the Borough Code, and employee or elected official cannot be on a board. Manager Gutonski stated that according to the borough code it is ok.

2. Martin Bertolino questioned the status of repairs by the Borough on his building located on the corner of 3rd Ave and Corbet St. He said he hasn't heard anything from the Borough. He reported that grants were secured for demolition of the buildings between 2nd and 3rd Ave, years ago but his building was not included. He read a bid to repair the masonry, a new footer, to frame in the side of the building for \$58,000.00. Manager Gutonski he will look into the possibility of repairs.

3. Karen Marietti, Tax Collector gave a report on her request for a 1% increase in commission for the upcoming year. She stated that in the 12 years she has held office, there has never been an increase in her commission. She reported that in 2009, the former manager removed the Business Privilege Tax and the LST Tax collections from

10% to 5%. This resulted in a loss of \$6,850.00 in commission. These changes were not done in accordance to the PA State Tax Collectors Association, which states any changes in commission must be done by February 15, of the year of the municipal elections. These changes were done after the election, which was unethical. The 1% will result in an increase of approximately \$4,966.96 in current tax commissions. She stated that her rent is \$1,500.00 per year and her phone bill is \$840.00 per year, which are expenses that come out of her commission. She is not requesting an increase in commission for delinquent taxes.

4. Dan Ryan from the Tarentum VFW showed the plaque that was purchased in memory of Sgt Adams, to be dedicated on Memorial Day. Tim Cornuet commended Mr. Ryan on obtaining the plaque. Manager Gutonski said the plaque will be erected by the Viet Nam Memorial. Mayor Magnetta stated the Memorial Day Parade will begin in Brackenridge where there will be a dedication of the Arch Way in Brackenridge Park, then the parade will end in Tarentum where a dedication of the plaque for Sgt. Adams will be held.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

1. Pres. Carter stated there was an executive session held January 23, 2017
2. Pres. Carter reported that Adam Blythe was appointed to Council

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. Mayor Magnetta made a Proclamation for the Month of April for 811. The month of April has been declared Safe Digging Month

2. Mayor Magnetta reported the Calls of Service for December 2016

Calls of Service	472	Action Necessary	280
No Action Necessary	192	Arrests	21
Citations Issued	57	Total Accidents	7
Accidents with injuries	0	Fines Collected	\$2,330.42
Fines collected for the year	\$32,523.92		
Parking tickets issued	17		

**POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:** Nothing at this time

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

1. Manager Gutonski requested council pass the concurring Resolution 17-03 requesting a grant from the RAAC in the amount of \$75,000.00 for demolitions, no matching funds are required

2. Manager Gutonski reported that the engineers called on January 7 to report the gas company was still dragging their feet moving the gas lines for the construction on the

4th Ave Bridge. He stated he then called the gas company and Mayor Magnetta also called the gas company. They said they would start moving the lines in two weeks. The Borough has until the end of June to complete the construction of the bridge.

3. Manager Gutonski reported, for informational purpose, that the street sweeper that was purchased three years ago has had nothing but problems. The Borough has put in around \$18,000.00 in repairs. There was never a maintenance agreement for repairs done when the sweeper was purchased. There is still \$44,000.00 owed on the sweeper and the monthly payments are around \$3,000.00. He met with A&H Equipment to get information on the purchase of a new sweeper that has fewer moving parts to break. He would like to sell the old sweeper, after it's repaired for no less than \$75,000.00. A new sweeper could cost \$180,000.00 with an extended warranty. Tim Cornuet said he was at the meeting about the sweeper and said there is a website where companies buy used sweepers. Mayor Magnetta asked how many sweepers has the Borough purchased over the years and asked where the Borough is going to get the money to purchase a new sweeper. After a discussion Council approved Manager Gutonski to investigate the cost, etc for a new sweeper.

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

1. Mr. Regoli stated he prepared a few ordinances and a declaration of Eminent Domain for 136 west 7<sup>th</sup> ave.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE.**

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Carrie Fox to pay January bills.

Roll Call 7 yes 0 nay

2. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Rhonda Dzigan to appoint Tim Kuhs to the Vacancy Board(annual term) motion carried

Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Carrie Fox to appoint Tim Rapp to the Civil Service Commission (6 yr term) motion carried

Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Tim Cornuet to appoint John Cieslinski to the Zoning Hearing Board(5 yr term) motion carried.

Manager Gutonski stated these next appointments were for the planning commission not the zoning hearing board.

Motion by Greg Schmitt, second by Tim Cornuet to appoint Erika Josefowski to the Planning Commission(4 year term), motion carried with Erika Josefowski abstaining

Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Tim Cornuet to appoint Carrie Fox to the Planning Commission (4 year term) motion carried with Carrie Fox abstaining

Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to appoint Dianna Roney to the Planning Commission (4 year term) motion carried

Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Rhonda Dzugan to appoint Cindy Homburg to the Planning Commission (2 yrs to serve the remaining term of Pete Varos) motion carried.

3. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Greg Schmitt to increase the Tax Collector commission for current taxes from 2% to.3% beginning in 2018, motion carried.

4. Carrie Fox questioned the agreement for the manager and why the " no overtime or no compensation time" for the manager was removed. She would like that section to be put back into the agreement. A discussion was held, Eric Carter said that removing those items was what council had ask for originally but that he will speak to Solicitor Regoli regarding her concerns. Solicitor Regoli stated that it would not be necessary to have it placed back into the agreement and that the minutes would reflect the concerns Councilwoman Fox had and would provide enough clarification.

5. Carrie Fox reported that Earth Day is being held in other towns. She felt that having a recycling collection day, at no cost to the Borough would help clean up the Borough She spoke to ESCR, this company will set up a day and come into the Borough and collect hard to recycle items ex: TV's, paint, tire etc. for a cost to the resident of 25-40 cents per pound. Council agreed and Mrs. Fox will contact ESCR for more information.

**WATER:** nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** nothing at this time

**STREET AND SANITARY SEWERS:**

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt, second by Carrie Fox to appoint Lou Ann Homa to the vacant Sewage Authority seat. Roll Call 3 yes 4 nay motion failed.

Motion by Greg Schmitt, second by Tim Cornuet to appoint Mark Anuszek to the vacant Sewage Authority seat. Roll Call 5 yes 2 nay motion carried.

2. 2016 year end report for Highland Hose Co.

Total alarms 111                      Total hours 597                      Total man hours 1,791

Mutual aid total 22 runs, Frazer Twp-2, Brackenridge-6, Harrison Twp-5,  
East Deer Twp-2, AFA-4, Assist EMS-4, RSF/RIT-1, Smoke/Odor Invest-1,  
Wires/Transformers-1

Total Personnel Hrs-43

Mutual Aid 3 Harrison, Cheswick, East Deer

EMS 253 calls                      Total Personnel Hours 910                      Total training hrs 14

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

1. Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Erika Josefoski to approve request from Rams YOUTH Football to use Dreshar Stadium for their 2017 football season June 26-Nov 15,2017. motion carried.

2. Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Erika Josefoski to approve request from Highlands Little League to use Dreshar Stadium for the 2017 Baseball season March 1- Oct 31, 2017. Tim Cornuet questioned the motion on how both teams would use the fields during the same time? He was informed that they both have an understanding and have done it the past several years. motion carried

3. Solicitor Regoli asked if the teams has certificates of insurance, Manager Gutonski stated he would check

4. Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve request from Susan Reeseman to use the Riverview Park Gazebo for a wedding ceremony Oct 7, 2017 from 1:30- 2:30 pm motion carried

5. Carrie Fox reported that the Recreation Board has something planned every month to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Tarentum Borough

6. Erika Josefoski stated that she received a call regarding the Farmers Market to inform the Borough the Farmers Market will be able to accept food stamps.

7. Erika Josefoski reported that the demolition of the Grandview Playground is scheduled to start March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **PROPERTY AND ZONING, LIBRARY AND HEALTH**

1. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Tim Comuet to ratify Ordinance 17-01 motion carried

2. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to approve Ordinance 17-01 pertaining to eminent domain. motion carried

3. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Rhonda Dzugan to advertise Ordinance 17-02 pertaining to rental property requirements. Carrie Fox questions if this ordinance will hold up in court, a discussion followed and Solicitor Regoli stated yes it would and that this ordinance is similar to other towns. Mayor Magnetta questioned how the CEO will be able to enforce this ordinance and how was it paid for. Carrie Fox stated that it was put in the budget and no one knew about it. Erika Josefoski stated that Council did know about it and that the software and a tablet were already purchased, she also stated they were listed as professional services under code enforcements 2017 budget. a discussion was held. motion carried.

4. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Tim Cornuet to pass concurring Resolution 17-03 formally requesting a grant from the RAAC for demotion of blighted properties within the Borough. motion carried

5. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Greg Schmitt to approve Resolution 17-02 pertaining to the acquisition of vacant property 1224-A-177 for vacant property recovery program. motion carried

#### **AVN/COG:**

1. Carrie Fox reported that in March there will be a seminar on land banking and the manager should attend.

**KOZ:** nothing at this time

**REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION:** nothing at this time

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

1. Regina Prokopczuk asked how the proposed lease ordinance will affect the Praha and Tarentum Hotel. Manager Gutonski said it wouldn't but the code enforcement is working to clean them both up.
2. Cindy Homburg asked about 711 E 8th Ave.
3. Carrie Fox requested that when there is a lot on the agenda, if an agenda meeting can be scheduled so discussion can be held.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Tim Cornuet, second by Carrie Fox to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski  
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET  
COUNCIL MEETING

2-7-17

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS**

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Linda Bold	Tarentum
2. CINDY NOMBURG	Tarentum
3. Barbara Macneety	169 Cedar St.
4. Karen Menetty	102 Kuhns Dr.
5. Sheryl Spier	319 E 6th Ave
6. June Stoner	Heights
7. Gina Tonda	512 E. 6th
8. Joann Stalc	108 Wark St
9. Robert Spabay	HHC
10. DAN RITH	Tarentum
11. Lola Simon	109 Corbett
12. Brad James	Euroke Fire Rescue
13. Dave Rankin	Central Presbyterian church
14. LARRY TROUTMAN	15th AVE
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