

TARENTUM BOROUGH
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017

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

ATTENDING: Erika Josefowski, Carrie Fox, Tim Cornuet, Greg Schmitt, Adam Blythe, Eric Carter, Mayor Magnetta, Manager Gutonski, Solicitor Rego li, Chief Vakulick

Absent- Rhonda Dzugan

Motion by Tim Cornuet, second by Carrie Fox to approve the minutes from February 7, 2017 also the Executive Session held February 13, 2017 to discuss personnel issues and potential litigation. Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Gina Landis asked about the demolition of the buildings, who will have control of the properties to permit demolition. Code Enforcement Officer Fabec said that he can order the demolition of property that is deemed in poor condition.

2. James Bowser questioned the clean up of the property located on W 12th Ave. Manager Gutonski stated the clean up is 95% done and the owner of the property has a construction business and is storing his equipment on the property at this time. He will be building a home in the future.

3. Glen, from Cherry Valley Farms stated the he and several of the farmers that participate in the Farmer's Market requested the Farmer's Market be moved back to the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church along E 10th Ave. He stated that their sales were down do to the market being held on Corbet St. He said some vendors say they may not return.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

1. Pres Carter read a letter he received from Joe Greco commending Manager Gutonski, Public Works Director Betts and the Street Dept for the quick and efficient way that the water problem by his property was handled.

MAYORS REPORT:

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

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| Calls of Service | 402 | Action Necessary | 267 |
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| No Action Necessary | 135 | Arrests | 18 |
| Citations Issued | 94 | Total Accidents | 11 |
| Accidents with injuries | 4 | Fines Collected | \$2,270.85 |
| Fines collected for the year | \$2,270.85 | | |
| Parking tickets issued | 13 | | |

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:

1. Chief Vakulick asked for a change under Public Safety and Civil Service regarding the resignation of Officer Freiberg from March 1,2017 to March 11,2017

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Manager Gutonski reported that the work on the Fourth Ave Bridge has started and should be completed by the end of June.
2. Manager Gutonski stated that Family Dollar is excited to get started on the project on W 7th Ave, and that they should be able to start in 30-40 days.
3. Manager Gutonski stated that the advertisement bids to complete the interior of the small water tank will go out shortly
4. Manager Gutonski reported that Erika Josefoski, Carrie Fox and himself attended a seminar regarding the Ethics Commission, and that it was very informative
5. Manager Gutonski clarified that the ordinance and resolution for the Debt Act are regarding the bridge
6. Manager Gutonski reported that this is the first time in over 5 years that the Borough didn't have to borrow from another account to get through until tax collections

SOLICITORS REPORT:

1. Nothing at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE.

1. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Tim Cornuet to pay bills.
Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried
2. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to ratify the advertisement of Ordinance 17-03 Motion carried
3. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to approve Ordinance 17-03

increasing the indebtedness of Tarentum Borough by issue of a General Obligation note in the amount of \$453,700.00 for the replacement of the Fourth Ave Bridge, the loan will be satisfied with 10 annual payments of \$49,850.44 taken from Tarentum Borough Liquid Fuels allocations. Roll Call 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent Motion carried

4. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Carrie Fox to advertise the approval of the Local Government Unit Debt Act Ordinance 17-03 Motion carried

5. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Carrie Fox to authorize the signing of the General Obligation Promissory Note in the amount of \$453,700.00 Roll call 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent Motion carried

6. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Carrie Fox to ratify Resolution 17-04 granting permission to Manager Michael Gutonski to execute and sign any and all documents pertaining to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan for the Fourth Ave Bridge Project Motion carried

7. Carrie Fox reported that Tarentum Borough received the Banner Community Award. The Borough did not receive the award last year due to no application being filed. The application was filed this year and the Borough will receive the award Friday, March 31, 2017 at noon

WATER:

1. Carrie Fox stated that there will be tours of the Water Plant April 1, 2017 at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to as part of the 175th Anniversary Celebration

ELECTRIC:

1. nothing at this time

STREET AND SANITARY SEWERS:

1. nothing at this time

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE

1. Motion by Tim Cornuet, second by Erika Josefowski to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Stephen Freiberg effective March 11, 2017. Motion carried

2. Motion by Tim Cornuet, second by Carrie Fox to hire Christopher Fabec as a full time Police Officer effective March 10, 2017 Motion carried

Tim Rapp stated that Christopher Fabec will make an excellent officer he is a good guy Jim Bowser questioned who would be doing the Code Enforcement Officer job, he was informed that Officer Fabec will be doing both jobs.

2. Tim Cornuet reported on Eureka Fire Rescues February 2017 Incident Report MVC-5, AFA-3, VEH FIRE-1, RSF-1, SEARCH-1, SMOKE ODOR INVEST-4, WIRES TRANSFORMERS-3, BRUSH MULCH FIRE-2, EMS PD ASSIST-2, WATER RESQ RECOV-2, WATER COND-1, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS 118, 5 MUTUAL AID EAST DEER, SPRINGDALE TWP & NEW KENSINGTON, EMS 233 CALLS, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS 1064, TOTAL COMPANY TRAINING HOURS 31

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Tim Cornuet to approve Dynamite Daycare's request for the use of the bandshell area of Riverview Park for their preschool graduation on May 25th from 6:00-9:00 pm Motion carried

2. Carrie Fox thanked Manager Gutonski, and the St Dept for removing the graffiti around town

3. Carrie Fox stated the 175th Anniversary Banquet was a success and thanked everyone for their help

4. Carrie Fox stated there are many more events scheduled for the 175th Anniversary, there are schedules on the table in the back of the room and to see Cindy Homberg to purchase celebration merchandise.

5. Mayor Magnetta stated that a lot of people attended the banquet and he saw County Executive Fitzgerald the next day and he said that he also enjoyed the banquet. There are books loaded with history and he thanked Cindy Homberg, Carrie Fox and Hugh Fox for the many hours they spent in putting it together.

6. Carrie Fox reported on the recycling program through ESCR that she spoke about at last meeting. She met with a representative and felt that their fees were a bit too high for non recyclable items and it would only be one day, she didn't feel it was a fit for Tarentum. Waste Management does have a program in place through their contract with the Borough and asked if this program can be promoted more through the Borough

PROPERTY AND ZONING, LIBRARY AND HEALTH:

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Tim Cornuet to approve Ordinance 17-02 establishing registration requirements for landlords of properties owned in the Borough of Tarentum Motion carried

2. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Greg Schmitt to approve Resolution 17-05 setting annual fees for electronic and non electronic billboards and signs used for advertising of off site profit and non profit entities, roadway commercial district \$1,500

electronic and non electric, commercial district \$750 electronic and \$500 non electric. Question on the motion, Manager Gutonski stated that after meeting with CEO Fabec, there are several ordinances that need updated and ammended due to fee discrepencies and contradictions Roll call 6 yes, O no, 1absent Motion carried

AVN/COG:

1. Carrie Fox stated that she attended a presentation at Tri County Collabrative regarding Land Banks. Vacant properties would be purchased through the Heinz Endowment to get them back on the tax rolls. The school district must also agree to the Land Bank, the Borough cannot participate without the school district. Solicitor Regoli stated that there are a lot of communities in Westmoreland County participate in Land Banks. Manager Gutonski reported that he spoke to Tom Benecki from COG and he would like to attend a council meeting to answer questions or concerns. CEO Fabec informed council that you have to have a magistrate that is willing to hold Blight Hearings. A discussion was held

2. Carrie Fox reported that there are 3 webinars coming up:

1. Mayor & Council Relationships 2. DCNR Keystone Financing 3. Local Road Safety
If anyone is interested, please contact her

KOZ:

1. nothing at this time

REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION:

1. nothing at this time

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Jim Bowser question where the fees for the sign fees are going. Manager Gutonski told him it would go into the General Fund. Mr. Bowser said the Borough should give the money collected from the permits to the Fire Departments

2. Maureen White asked if residents are still allowed to make utility payments in the office. She stated that when she came to pay her bill she was told she could put her payment in the drop box. Manager Gutonski told her he would speak to the office staff

3. Dave Terrill stated he thought the Land Banks sounded like a good idea and asked if anyone knew if Highlands would agree. Carrie Fox said they are aware of the program, but they have never responded

4. Bruce Ringer asked if he would be required to pay the yearly sign fees. CEO Fabec told him the fee would only be charged if a business advertised other business' besides their own

5. Gina Landis asked when the old rail road ties were going to be removed, kids are playing and climbing on them. Manager Gutonski told her that they are contacted weekly, but it doesn't help and that there are ties the entire way up the line.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Greg Schmitt, second by Erika Josefowski to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski
Borough Manager

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

MARCH 7th 2017

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

| NAME | ADDRESS |
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| 1. Karen Macneil | 122 Kudnoski |
| 2. Lisa Bold | 309 W 11th |
| 3. Jim B... | 314 W 11th Ave |
| 4. Glenn Unger | 345 Chocoma Valley Rd Extonburg |
| 5. Gold Singer | 109 Corbett St |
| 6. Bill MAYHUGH | 347 WEST 11TH AVE |
| 7. DAVE TERRILL | 346 W. 10 th Ave. |
| 8. GINA LANDA | 512 E 6TH AVE |
| 9. CINDY HOMBURG | 530 E 10th |
| 10. BARB MAGNETTA | OZDAR ST |
| 11. BECKY MAY | 3RD AVE |
| 12. LORANNE WHITE | 108 WORTH ST. |
| 13. TIM RAPP | 204 E 9th |
| 14. JEFF ADAMS | BORO EMPLOYEE |
| 15. Bruce Ringer | 405 E 6th |
| 16. LARRY TROUTMAN | 1ST AVE |
| 17. SUSAN CURRY | EUREKA |
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