

TARENTUM BOROUGH  
ALLEGHEN COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017

6:30 Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Pres. Eric Carter reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

**ATTENDING:** Erika Josefowski, Carrie Fox, Adam Blythe, Eric Carter, Rhonda Dzigan, Tim Cornuet, Greg Schmitt, Mayor Carl Magnetta, Manager Michael Gutonski, Solicitor Regoli.

Absent. Chief Vakulick, Officer Fabec attended in his place.

Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to approve the minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 council meeting. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

1. Kristen Rusiewicz requested the use of the Riverview Park to hold an animal awareness and prevention program. She stated she wanted to keep people informed on illnesses that affect their pets. Manager Gutonski asked her to come and meet with him to discuss the event and to make her aware of fees for the use of the park.
2. Jim Bowser thanked the Borough officials for putting his fathers veterans banner up on west 7<sup>th</sup> ave. Carrie Fox verified that the request had been brought to the rec board and they had no problem with putting the banners in West Tarentum...A discussion followed.
3. Gina Prokopczuk ask who she would contact regarding a veterans banner. Carrie Fox stated that she should contact Gray signs.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

1. Pres. Carter stated that the aside from the weather, the program on Memorial Day went well.
2. Pres. Carter stated that he spoke with Paul Perriello about what the effect Family Dollar may have on the Mom and Pop stores in the area and assured him Tarentum has no intention of pushing out his store or any other stores in the area...Carter also stated that the Borough could have possibly approached the stores in the area to get their input.
3. Pres. Carter also stated that he has spoken with various individuals in regards to the proposed bill being presented by a certain representative limiting the revenues generated by the electric. He also stated the borough needs options in case the bill would pass.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

1. Mayor Magnetta reported the calls of service for april 2017...calls of service 498... action necessary 253... no action necessary 245... arrests 24... citations issued 96... total accidents 9 ...accidents with injuries 0... fines collected \$1,912.15 ...fines collected for the year \$10,007.78 ...parking tickets issued 14

## **POLICE CHIEFS REPORT**

1. Nothing at this time.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

1. Manager Gutonski gave an update on the Grandview playground, everything is moving ahead, we are hoping for completion by the end of June early July. Tarentum is asking Highlands School District to donate extra funds to help pay for the completion of the new asphalt. He also stated that the Street Department has done an excellent job assisting with the work at the playground. He also stated the completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> ave. bridge should be completed by late July early August and that bids have been received for the completion of the interior of the final water tank.
2. Manager Gutonski reported the Family Dollar project is moving forward with a projected construction start of late August early September.
3. Manager Gutonski reported that due to loitering and excessive garbage the bus stop at 4<sup>th</sup> ave. and Corbet street was moved to 4<sup>th</sup> and Lock st.
4. Manager Gutonski thanked Carrie Fox for moving forward with the "my work initiative" program. Manager Gutonski and Carrie visited Deer Lakes High School and met students interested in the program and were informed of 1 student from Highlands High School that was interested as well....Carrie stated that the borough is pushing for a supervisor through the program to guide the students daily while working for the borough.
5. Manager Gutonski stated that something must be done with the median strip on rt.366 leading to the expressway. The work to maintain it is to much for the steet dept. to handle considering their already large work load and that the are not skilled landscapers. A discussion followed with numerous suggestions coming from the Mayor and Council as well as residents present at the meeting. It was also noted that the borough received bids ranging from \$2,000.00 up to \$25,000.00 for maintaining the existing landscape of the median.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT**

1. Mr. Regoli stated he is working on the back taxes owed for property Family Dollar is acquiring for their store.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. Motion Erika Josefoski second by Greg Schmitt to pay may bills. 7yes 0 no. motion passed.
2. Motion Erika Josefoski second by Tim Cornuet to reschedule and advertise the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. 2017. Motion passed...noted that the meeting will be on Wednesday so that Solicitor Regoli will be able to attend due to prior engagements.
3. Motion Erika Josefoski second by Tim Cornuet to hire Nathaniel Pavshar as part time summer help for the street department at \$10.00 an hour 38hrs. a week. Motion passed.
4. Motion Erika Josefoski second by Rhonda Dzugan for Tarentum to participate in the “my work initiative” program sponsored through the Department of Labor and Industry. Motion passed.

Erika Josefoski noted that Councilwoman Fox , Manager Gutonski and herself attended a meeting in Harrisburg regarding the proposed bill limiting revenue generated from our electric company. She also noted that she attended a seminar in Pittsburgh with Manager Gutonski for combating blight.

### **WATER**

1. Motion by Adam Blythe second by Tim Cornuet to approve the low bid of \$76,052.00 from worldwide industries inc. for repairs to the interior of water storage tank #1 7 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Mayor Magnetta stated that he attended the openings for the water tanks and said the highest bid was \$245,500.00 to the lowest of \$76,052.00. The engineer stated that worldwide industries are very reliable. Carrie Fox ask what was budgeted for the project. Manager Gutonski stated \$125,000.00 ..He also stated that there will be cost for installation of isolation valves to be taken from the \$125,000.00.

### **ELECTRIC**

1. Carrie Fox reported that PEMA legislator Aaron Bernstein of Elwood City is presenting legislation to stop the transfer of electric funds into the general funds. If this passes there could be a huge increase in water rates as well as taxes. Mayor Magnetta stated he spoke to Senator Vulakovich and said he will assist Tarentum in any way possible.

### **STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS**

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to approve pay estimate #4 to Marricco Construction for the 4<sup>th</sup> ave. bridge project in the amount of \$51,576.81

7 yes 0 no Motion Passed.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE**

1. Tim Cornuet reported on Eureka Fire and Rescues May 2017 incident report.
2. Mayor Magnetta stated that a Valley News reporter ask about the cameras that were installed in the park and if there had been any further incidents. The Mayor stated that there have not been any further incidents.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. Motion Carrie Fox second by Erika Josefoski to approve the request from Abundant Joy Fellowship to use the bandshell and pavilion area of Riverview Park Aug. 10,11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-9:30pm....10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and 1:00- 8:30pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> for a community vacation bible school..and also closing of 1<sup>st</sup> ave. Motion Passed with one abstention.
2. Motion Carrie Fox second by Greg Schmitt to approve a request from Mr. Dan Remaley to use the band shell and pavilion area of Riverview park for a Tarentum High School Reunion August 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00pm Motion Passed.
3. Motion Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve a request from Kimberly Cogley from Bridgepoint Church to use the bandshell and pavilion area of Riverview Park on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 1pm for a church service and luncheon. Motion passed.
4. Motion Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve a request from Sandy McKesell to use the Gazebo on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3 – 4:30pm for a wedding. Motion Passed.
5. Carrie Fox reported that June 7<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the summer concerts w/ American pie. She also reported on the progress of Grandview Playground and reminded everyone of the upcoming church bus tour on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 1pm and that the Tarentum homecoming County Fair will be July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and proceeds will go to repairs to the playground in Riverview Park.

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

1. Erika Josefoski thanked CEO Chris Fabec for all the hard work he has done. She also reported that the first house on the demolition list has finally been demolished and 6 more are being tested for asbestos.
2. Chris Fabec reported that Pitt Specialty questioned the costs of the building permits and ask for a reduction in permit fees.. CEO Fabec also stated that the majority of the fees go to MDIA ...a discussion was held. Solicitor Regoli stated no reimbursements could be made and the fees are set to cover costs not for the borough to make money.

3. Tim Cornuet ask Manager Gutonski about backyard farm ordinances...Gutonski stated as far as he knows there are no know ordinances for farm animals..Solicitor Regoli said he will gather ordinances to present to council.

#### **AVN/COG**

1. Carrie Fox reported that GEDF grants had been submitted by Tarentum , Harrison and Springdale and that the Borough should know by the end of July if we will be receiving the grant for Dreshar Stadium.

#### **KOZ**

Nothing at this time.

#### **REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION**

Nothing at this time.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

1. Jim Banner of the Audubon Society would like to offer his services on any issue the Borough may need him for. He also ask if Tarentum would like to join the Paris Climate Agreement....Mayor Magnetta agreed.
2. Cindy Homburg asked when paving is going to begin. There are large potholes in Wills alley. Manager Gutonski stated he will inform the Street Department.
3. Bill Mayhugh ask if anything else could be done with 340 west 10<sup>th</sup> ave. He stated that Code Enforcement has been there several times and problems are fixed for a few days and start over again....Officer Fabec said he will look into it..a discussion followed.
4. Manager Gutonski stated that Tarentum is ahead of the game with regards to other communities as far as property maintenance enforcement goes
5. Cindy Homburg said residents should show their pride for the 175 year anniversary celebration by decorating their properties.
6. Jim Bowser ask if the Borough is still going to build a new Borough Building on west 7<sup>th</sup> ave. Manager Gutonski stated at this time there are no plans to do so.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to adjourn...Motion passed.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Gutonski  
Borough Manager

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

June 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS**

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Karen Marietti	122 KULTNS DR.
2. Bill May Hugh	347 WEST 11TH AVE
3. Joanne Juleta	108 WORTH ST
4. Barb Margaretta	169 CEDAR ST.
5. Hugh Fox	170 CEDAR ST.
6. Lola Simon	109 CORBET ST
7. Gina Arndt	512 E 6TH
8. Madryn Pribush	Vally News Popetko
9. CINDY HOMBURG	538 E 10TH
10. Jim Binner	1120 Stewart St.
11. Leslie Bonner	1120 STEWART ST
12. Brad Jones	Enrolle Firo Pascoe
13. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
14. Jim Souza	314 W 1st Ave Tarentum
15. Paula Norwich	605 2nd Av
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