

TARENTUM BOROUGH
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 12, 2017

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

ATTENDING: Erika Josefowski, Carrie Fox, Adam Blythe, Eric Carter, Rhonda Dzegan, Tim Cornuet, Greg Schmitt, Manager Gutonski, Solicitor Regoli, Chief Vakulick

Absent- Mayor Magnetta, due to illness

Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to approve the minutes from June 6 2017 meeting. Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Solicitor Regoli stated that comments may only be made on agenda items at this time

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

1. Pres Carter stated he observed the students, working through the Work Initiative Program and reported that are very hard workers and are doing a great job

MAYORS REPORT: Given by Chief Vakulick due to mayor absent due to illness

1. Chief Vakulick reported the Calls of Service for May 2017

Calls of Service	503	Action Necessary	253
No Action Necessary	250	Arrests	40
Citations Issued	84	Total Accidents	9
Accidents with injuries	2	Fines Collected	\$2,229.45
Fines collected for the year	\$12,237.23		
Parking tickets issued	8		

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:

1. Nothing at this time

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Manager Gutonski reported that he reviewed the budget numbers and they are accurate, the Borough is doing quite well and all departments are cooperating to stay on budget. At this time, there are only two (2) line items that are over budget Manager Conferences by \$1,400.00 and Council Conferences by \$2,000.00. He stated that he isn't happy with the overage but, also feels that these conferences are important for

Council and himself to better themselves for the benefit of the Borough. Greg Schmitt asked if everything else is under budget, Manager Gutonski stated they are.

2. Manager Gutonski gave an update on the Grandview Playground Project. The project will be complete by the end of the week.

3. Manager Gutonski stated that Chris Fabec, CEO will be attending additional schooling.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

1. Solicitor Regoli reported that the W 7th Ave Development is moving forward to transfer the property

2, Solicitor Regoli stated that he gave Council copies of Act 172, regarding property and/or earned income relief for emergency workers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE.

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Tim Cornuet to pay June bills.
Roll Call 7 yes 0 nay Motion carried

2. Erika Josefowski stated that she would like Council to consider the information she shared on the Jr. Council Person Program.

WATER:

1. Motion by Adam Blythe, second by Carrie Fox to approve Mortimers Excavating bid to install isolation valves for water storage tank #1 in the amount of \$14,839.00
Roll Call 7 yea 0 no Motion carried

ELECTRIC:

1. Nothing at this time

STREET AND SANITARY SEWERS:

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt, second by Tim Cornuet to pay estimate #5 to Marricco Construction for 4th Ave Bridge Project in the amount of \$112,298.00 Roll Call 7 yes 0 nay Motion carried

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE

1. Tim Cornuet reported on Eureka Fire Rescues June 2017 Incident Report MVC-06, AFA-06, WIRES/TRANFORMERS-06, ACSWFRT TEAM-04, SMOKE/ODOR INVEST-01, ELECT COND-01, ASSIST EMS-01, FALSE CALL-01, BRUSH FIRE-01, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS-1109, MUTUAL AID, ARNOLD, SPRINGDALE BORD, HARMAR,

BLAWNOX-04, EMS CALLS-273, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS-1109, TOTAL CO TRAINING HOURS-48

2. Discussion was held regarding Act 172 for a reduction on property taxes/earned income for volunteer fire fighters/ambulance personnel. Carrie Fox stated that according to the act, these reductions can be given to several different volunteers including the auxiliary and asked Solicitor Regoli if the Borough has to follow the example ordinance. Solicitor Regoli stated that the ordinance he supplied is only a guideline for Council. Carrie Fox stated that Council doesn't need to rush into this and that they need to get information from fire departments on how many members are property owners etc. Solicitor Regoli stated that there will need to be a public meeting to discuss enacting this ordinance.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Greg Schmitt to approve the use of the gazebo at Riverview Park to Carol Tallerico for a bridal shower July 23, 2017 from 1 PM-7PM

A discussion was held regarding the erection of a tent in the park, the size of the tent and the possible use of alcohol in the park. Also, how many people would be attending and why the shower would last 6 hours. Chief Vakulick stated that his officers would have to keep an eye on the shower to insure no alcohol is being used in the park, they are permitted alcohol on their docks. Manager Gutonski stated that they signed the agreement and all rules are on the agreement including the use of alcohol is prohibited in the park. The motion is to permit the use of the park with erecting a tent with the hours being 1PM-7PM. Roll call 4 yes 3 nay. Motion carried.

2. Carrie Fox reported the following:

1. Tarentum Country Fair will be held July 15th and 16th in Riverview Park with proceeds going to the playground in the park

2. The Recreation Board has sponsored 3 concerts in the park so far this summer

3. The Recreation Board sponsored a movie at the Historical Society

4. Reported that the Grandview Playground Project is almost complete and she thanked everyone who was involved in the project, Manager Gutonski, Highlands SD, and the Borough Street Department for all their help in completing the project. There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony later

3. Erika Josefowski reported that she received a letter regarding "Hoops on 6th" scheduled on July 22 from 10 AM- 6PM. All are welcome to attend, games will be between residents and police officers.

PROPERTY AND ZONING, LIBRARY AND HEALTH:

1. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Tim Cornuet to approve Resolution 17-08 stating that the potential acquisition of 607 5th Ave through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program would be in accordance with Tarentum Borough's Comprehensive Plan Motion carried

2. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Greg Schmitt to approve bid from Key Asbestos Abatement Inc in the amount of \$13,995.00 for removal of asbestos at 114 W 7th Ave Motion carried

3. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Tim Cornuet to grant permission to Borough Manager Gutonski to advertise for sealed bids for demolition of 114 W 7th Ave, Bids to be opened July 24. Questions on the motion. Can Council *vote* now to accept the lowest bid to get demolition of this property before the next meeting. This building is a source of constant vandalism and police calls. Solicitor Regoli said they cannot give the go ahead, that the bid must be awarded at a public meeting. Motion carried

4. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to hold a special meeting July 24 at 6:00 pm to award the bid for demolition of 114 W 7th Ave and to discuss any other business. Roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion carried

5. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Rhona Dzugan to approve the demolition of 515 5th Ave by Haas Excavating in the amount of \$9,800.00 Roll call 7 yes 0 nay Motion carried

6. Update on various items

1. Demolition complete on W 12 Ave property is complete and Erika Josefoski thanked the volunteers from Summit Hose that stood by for safety

2. Beginning the week of July 27th the Borough will begin doing sweeps of all neighborhood. The CEO and Police Officers will be hitting residents for Code Enforcement issues.

AVN/COG:

1. nothing at this time

KOZ:

1. nothing at this time

REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION:

1. nothing at this time

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Carol Zawart asked why she was cited for the property at the corner of E 9th Ave and Corbet St stating she as told she had to use special gravel or pave the lot and install a fence. She asked when this ordinance was passed and was why she required to follow this ordinance. Erika Josefoski read a letter with a list of violations. Zawart stated she didn't acquire the property until May 2017 and the citation was for November 2015. Manager Gutonski stated that the Borough is doing their job and she needs to follow the ordinance. CEO Fabec stated that according to the Allegheny County Website, she acquired the property August 2015 and it's her responsibility to maintain the property according to the ordinances. If she wants to use it as a parking lot it must be paved or commercial gravel must be used and the property must be fenced. If she wants to use it as a side yard she needs to clean the gravel that was place there out and plant grass and maintain the property.
2. Gina Landis asked when the Code Enforcement Sweep will begin, Erika Josefoski state the week of July 24, but there is no set schedule

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tim Cornuet, second by Greg Schmitt to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski
Borough Manager

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

July 12th 2017

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Toni Kuzbicki	915 R. Corbet St Tarentum
2. Carol Zawad	908 Corbet St
3. Beek M...	760 2nd Ave
4. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
5. CINDY HAMBURG	538 E 10TH
6. Janice White	108 W 1st
7. Paula Norwich	605 2nd
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9. SUSAN CLARK	EUREKA FIRE RESCUE
10. Chela Simon	109 Corbet St
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