

TARENTUM BOROUGH
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 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, Tim Cornuet, Greg Schmitt, Manager Gutonski, Solicitor Regoli, Chief Vakulick

Absent- Mayor Magnetta, due to illness, Rhonda Dzugan

Motion by Tim Cornuet second by Greg Schmidt to approve the minutes from July 12, 2017 meeting and the July 24, 2017 special meeting. Carrie Fox made two corrections to the minutes 1. Parks and Recreations motion regarding erecting a tent in the park for a shower was not amended 2. Public Safety, Carrie Fox stated not to rush into Act 172, not Erika Josefowski

Councilwoman Fox honored the students and the supervisor involved in the My Work Initiative Program for a job well done. Manager Gutonski stated, they did not know what to expect when the program was started, Terry Chambon and the students have done a great job and thanked Carrie Fox for bringing the program to the Boroughs attention, Carrie Fox stated It takes a team.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. No comments

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

2. Pres Carter stated he attended the Basketball and Badges at the W 6th Ave courts.

MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:

1. Chief Vakulick stated that the police have been receiving complaints about noise and stated he can not find a Noise Ordinance and ask if the solicitor could check into writing an ordinance. Solicitor Regoli stated he will check other resources regarding noise ordinances

2. Chief Vakulick stated the SRO Grant for the resource officer Kurt Jendrejewski has not been received in the amount of \$90,000.00, \$60,000.00 for last year and \$30,000.00 for the beginning of this year. The Chief recommended to suspend the program for this year.

3. Carrie Fox thanked the police force for the excellent job during the active shooter incident

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Manager Gutonski reported that the final water tank restoration is almost complete, the crew is cleaning it out and will be completed within 3-4 weeks

2. Manager Gutonski stated a list of chemicals for the water plant have never been put out for bid, and Solicitor Regoli stated that the Borough is required to get bids for the chemicals

3. Manager Gutonski stated over the past weekend there were electric problems due to that knocked down poles and cross arms. He stated he is not happy with the maintenance of the system and would like to meet with representatives to possibly hire a full time lineman and an apprentice. They would actually be Borough employees through IBEW with Borough benefits. He stated there are too many issues that aren't being handled. Eric Carter said it wouldn't hurt to explore what is out there. Manager Gutonski stated there has never been extensive maintenance to the water or electric system. Erika Josefowski asked if there would be enough work for a full time electric dept., Manager Gutonski stated yes that all the lines are old copper and they no longer use copper and it needs upgraded. He also stated that poles and cross arms need replaced. There is also tree trimming that needs done. Greg Schmitt feels the thought process is justified and warranted and asked Manager Gutonski to put things together and Council will support him. Adam Blythe agrees to check the extra expenses and compare the costs. Manager Gutonski stated that we need people that know the systems and that there is an individual that has worked for the Borough in the past that he was talking to. Chief Vakulick stated that there are different vendors for traffic light repairs, tree trimming, electric meters and repairs

4. Manager Gutonski reported that there is a Street Dept employee that is retiring soon Bob Betts had stated to him that the new hire needs to have knowledge for the work that will be required.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

1. Solicitor Regoli reported that Resolution 17-08 to enter into a purchase agreement for the sale of real estate for W 7th Ave Development is included in the packet

2, Solicitor Regoli stated regarding the chemical for the water plant may not have to be bid, due to the threshold of the amount of chemicals required

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE.

1. Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to pay July bills.
Roll Call yes 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

2. Erika Josefoski asked for any thoughts regarding the Jr. Council Person Program. Tim Cornuet was against the program due to confidentiality, a discussion was held. Eric Carter asked Solicitor Regoli if he could come up with rules etc for participation. Solicitor Regoli state that the students could shadow the CEO, Manager etc. Manager Gutonski stated it would be a good idea to get youth interested in government

WATER:

1. Motion by Adam Blythe, second by Carrie Fox to authorize the solicitor to prepare a bid packet for chemical used at the water plant Motion carried

ELECTRIC:

1. Nothing at this time

STREET AND SANITARY SEWERS:

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt, second by Carrie Fox to approve the request from Danicka Koskey owner of Koskelys Korner to close Dickey St from E 6th-E7th August 19, 2017 from 8 AM-4PM for "Kittens at Koskeys Animal Protectors Event" which includes an outdoor fruit barbeque. Motion carried

2. Greg Schmitt inquired about the purchase of a new street sweeper that was discussed, Manager Gutonski reported that there is nothing wrong with the sweeper they have, that the sweeper was not being properly maintained, now that the proper maintainence is being done, there are no problems

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE

1. Tim Cornuet reported on Eureka Fire Rescues June 2017 Incident Report MVC-09, AFA-06, WIRES/TRANFORMERS-03, ACSWFRT TEAM-01, SMOKE/ODOR INVEST-10, ELECT COND-0, ASSIST EMS-04, FALSE CALL-00, BRUSH FIRE-00, WATER COND 01, VEHICLE FIRE 02, FUEL LEAK 01, RFS 01, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS-103, MUTUAL AID, EAST DEER, SPRINGDALE BORO, FRAZER, FREEPORT, ELIZABETH TWP-, EMS CALLS-263, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS-1040, TOTAL CO TRAINING HOURS-32

2. Discussion was held regarding Act 172 for a reduction on property taxes/earned income for volunteer fire fighters/ambulance personnel. A discussion was held

regarding how many active volunteers each fire dept has.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Motion by Carrie Fox, second by Greg Schmitt to have the Recreation Board fund the extension of the Snack Shack Pavillion roof by approximately 20 ft and to have a new metal roof place over the entire structure at the cost of \$6,700.00 with the work to be completed by Troyer Construction. Question on the motion, Erika Josefowski asked if this was the lowest bid. Solicitor Regoli stated that they are not using Borough money, and they were just asking for permission to do the work. Motion carried

2. Carrie Fox reported the following:

1. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Grandview Playground on August 22, 2017 at 1:00 PM
2. There are three concerts left for the summer
3. August 19, 2017 at 10:00 am Walking Tour of Tarentum
4. Thanked all the volunteers that helped with the County Fair and they raised \$955.34 for the playground in Riverview Park after expenses

PROPERTY AND ZONING, LIBRARY AND HEALTH:

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski, second by Tim Cornuet to approve Resolution 17-08 authorizing the Borough Council to enter into a purchase agreement for properties 126-128, 134 and 150 W 7th Ave Motion carried

2. Updates on 5th Ave demolition-complete

114 W 7th Ave asbestos removal/demo in process

Property sweeps for 3rd Ward is complete, there was a lot of positive feedback, the officers were courteous. Manager Gutonski received several calls thanking council for initiating the program

3. There were concerns about elderly or ill residents that may get cited during the sweep program, there are out reach programs and churches that will help

AVN/COG:

1. GED Grant will be awarded soon, there are four applications and Tarentum put one in for Dreshar Stadium

KOZ:

1. nothing at this time

REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION:

1. nothing at this time

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Sandy Collins asked is tax payer dollars were being used for the Snack Shack roof, Carrie Fox stated that the money was earned through the concerts and the Recreation Board has been saving for two years, and the money is not from the budget.

2. Jim Bowser stated that he agrees the Borough needs to have in house lineman

3. Jamie Johnson stated she emailed Chris Fabec about opening a pet grooming business on E 10th Ave., he is reviewing the plans and will be back to her

4. Gina Landis stated she calls people about attending meetings and she feels that the meetings need more advertisement, maybe on the water bill. Manager Gutonski stated that they are updating the billing system and they will be able to put more information on the back of the bills

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Erika Josefoski, second by Carrie Fox to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gutonski
Borough Manager

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

August 1st 2017

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. HUGH FOX	170 CEDAR ST.
2. JAMIE JOHNSON	606 E 10 th AVE TARENTUM
3. FREEMAN MARETTA	122 Kuhnstr
4. WALT ALTFATHER JR.	917 CORBET ST.
5. BUSH MARY	700 2nd Ave.
6. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
7. CINDY HONIBURG	538 E 10th
8. BARB MAGNETTA	169 Cedar
9. BILL MARAZICH	347 WEST 11TH AVE
10. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
11. GEORGE GUNDO	Valley News Dispenser
12. TONY MASSARD	Summit Hose
13. JOSHUA FOX	Summit Hose VFC
14. JIM BOWSER	314 W 8th Ave Owner
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