



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday, September 5, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Erika Josefoski.		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.			
ROLL CALL:	The following members were present: Ms. Erika Josefoski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Tim Cornuet, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, and Mayor Eric Carter.		
ALSO PRESENT:	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	X
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	AWC
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:	September 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM for personnel matters.		
AGENDA:	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Dadowski to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.		
MINUTES:	Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Mr. Blythe to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2019 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously.		
CITIZENS: Regarding Items on the Agenda.	Ray Kaluzsny – Cape Coral, Florida – Drove from Florida to speak with code officer regarding his property located in the alley between 9th and 10th Avenue; Issues with the neighbor next door and the parking situation in the alley; Indicated that he has not received any contact from the Borough regarding this matter; Code officer indicated he has inspected the property, Borough manager indicated that he spoke with Mr. Kaluzsny as did the Code Office, Police Department and office staff.		
COMMUNICATIONS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Dan Remaley (THS 1967 Reunion) – Park Rental Request Letter from Faith Community Partners – Project Update 		

COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
Mayor Report	Police Department monthly report will be posted online. Attended the c/o 1964 Class Reunion at the Train Station. Attended the Eagle Scout Award event which recognized Mr. Kyle Cubico for his project, indicated that there is only one more banquet and then Troop 180 is sadly closing down.
President Report	Reported that the TAC Cleanup event was successful, and that Mr. Cornuet will have a further update on this event. Unable to attend the ACBA Board meeting because it is occurring tonight. Provided brief update on the Day of Caring project set for September 13, 2019 and that Ms. Fox will have more information in her report.
Solicitor Report	
Engineer Report	Monthly Report for September 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i>



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Police Chief Report		
Code Officer Report	Monthly Report for August 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i> Army Corps. flood control report is in and there are some items that the Borough will need to address.	
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events: September 7, 2019 – 11:00 AM – Tarentum Health Fair – Riverview Park September 12, 2019 – September 14, 2019 – Summit Hose Fall Festival September 15, 2019 – 8:00 AM – Trash to Treasure Event October 1, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Agenda Meeting October 3, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting</p>	
Public Works	Monthly Report for August 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i>	Ms. Homa
Utilities		Mr. Dadowski
Water	Monthly Report for August 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i>	
Electric		
Intergovernmental		
AVNCOG	No August meeting, next meeting 9/25/19. Safe Neighborhoods grant program for housing demolition will be submitted by the Borough and we are likely to receive around \$60,000 in demolition grant funding.	Ms. Fox
PSAB/ACBA/ALOM/PML	Legislative Locator and League Link reports for August 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i>	Ms. Josefoski
Comprehensive Plan	Meeting occurred last week. Steering Committee met with Senator Lindsay Williams to discuss the comprehensive plan progress, goals and to provide information about the joint effort.	Ms. Homa
Finance & Admin.		Mr. Blythe
Community Dev.		
Recreation/Library	Concerts are all done for the year, thank you to all who have supported and attended the events. There will be a Health Fair this Saturday from 11am to 3pm in the Park. Also there are a few other events coming up including the September 15 Trash to Treasure event, October 12 Boo Festival and the scarecrow contest will be from October 20 to November 12	Ms. Fox
Special Events/Tourism	Final Movie by the river occurred on 8/21 and had a really nice turnout.	Mr. Snyder
Parks	Playground construction started for the Grant Project.	Mr. Dadowski
Revitalization		Mr. Blythe



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Property/Health/Zoning	TAC Report will be posted to the August 2019 meeting page. Great turnout for the event that saw 23 community volunteers clean up several vacant/abandoned properties.	Mr. Cornuet
Public Safety	Fire Department reports are posted online monthly.	Mr. Cornuet

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to pay the Borough bills for the month of August 2019. The motion carried unanimously. 2. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to approve Resolution #19-13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE UPPER ALLEGHENY JOINT SANITARY AUTHORITY INCREASING THE TERM OF EXISTENCE FOR FIFTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPROVAL AND FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND DIRECTING THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AFTER PROPER ADVERTISEMENT. The motion carried unanimously. 3. Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to hire Mindy Blythe as School Crossing Guard. The motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Blythe abstaining. 4. Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Ms. Homa to conditionally hire David Houston as public works laborer pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The motion carried 6-0 with Ms. Fox abstaining. 5. Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Ms. Homa to conditionally hire Randy Sienko as public works laborer pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ms. Homa, Ms. Josefoski and Mr. Snyder voted <i>yea</i>. Mr. Blythe, Mr. Cornuet and Mr. Snyder voted <i>nay</i>. Ms. Fox abstained. Mayor Carter broke the 3-3 tie by voting <i>yea</i> allowing the motion to carry. 6. Motion Mr. Cornuet, second by Mr. Dadowski to approve Resolution #19-14: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA WHICH
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	<p>ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>7. Motion by Mr. Synder, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of Dan Remaley to hold a Tarentum High School Class of 1967 reunion at Riverview Park on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>8. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for a rebate through the PA DEP Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Rebate Program. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>CITIZENS:</u> <i>Regarding any Borough matter.</i></p>	<p>Tom Kish – Boat Dock Lessee #4, 5 and 6 – Indicated that Docks 1, 2 and 3 did not clean their dock debris; some has been cleaned and some issues still remaining; stated that the debris is impacting his dock; Also indicated that when the Borough fixed the park sidewalk in the summer, the staff cut out the roots of a nearby tree, which caused the tree to die and fall; Mr. Kish asked for this dangerous condition to be removed by the Borough.</p> <p>Bill Mayhugh – 347 W 7th – Frustrated with the appearance of the docks and shoreline area; wants the area to be trimmed and maintained so that the river is visible from the park; Also inquired about whether recycling bins could be placed throughout the community to encourage recycling, possibly at the Borough garage during specifically designated hours.</p> <p>George Emerick – 323 1st Avenue – His home used to be a boat and bike rental shop when it was originally built, rear of property was a beer distributor, also had mini golf and restaurant; Wants the park to be restored to its former layout in which you can see across the river to the other side; Upset about the loud music occurring at an approved park event until 9:00 PM on Saturday, 8/31/19; Indicated that he stopped calling the police about issues because he was not satisfied with their response to a prior incident in which he called about; Concerned about the weeds at the train station parking lot area since it has been newly landscaped with stone and limited vegetation</p> <p>Loraine White – 109 Worth Street – Echoed the sentiments of Mr. Emerick.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN:</u></p>	<p>Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Ms. Homa to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.</p>