



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

## REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER:</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Erika Josefoski.</b>		
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</b>			
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	The following members were present: Mr. Adam Blythe, Mr. Tim Cornuet, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Erika Josefoski, and Mayor Eric Carter. Absent with Cause: Ms. Lou Ann Homa		
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	X
	POLICE SERGEANT	KURT JENDREJEWSKI	X
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
<b>EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:</b>	Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM for personnel matters and litigation matters.		
<b>AGENDA:</b>	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.		
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Mr. Blythe to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.		
<b>CITIZENS:</b> <i>Regarding Items on the Agenda.</i>	None.		
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter requesting to hold the Book Walk Event – Tarentum Area Lions Club</li> <li>Letter requesting to hold the Tarentum Boo Fest – Recreation Board</li> <li>Letter of passing candidates for Police Sergeant testing – Civil Service Commission</li> </ol>		

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>	
<b>Mayor Report</b>	<p>Recommends and encourages council to promote Officer Kurt Jendrejewski to the rank of Sergeant.</p> <p>Police Report for September: Calls for service 200; 67 Traffic, 7 Non-Traffic citations; 13 arrests; 4 total accidents</p>
<b>President Report</b>	<p>Attended the PMEA conference in September.</p> <p>Day of Caring project with volunteers from ATI to paint at Dreshar Stadium looks really nice</p> <p>Upcoming Tarentum Action Committee (TAC) clean up day is September 21 at 8:00 am</p>
<b>Solicitor Report</b>	
<b>Engineer Report</b>	Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i>
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	



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<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<p>Monthly Report for September 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i></p> <p>Demolition Project bid package went out. Bids are due by October 18, 2019.</p> <p>Tarentum Action Committee (TAC) “neighbors helping neighbors” project assisted an elderly couple two weeks ago by cleaning up a collapsed porch, debris surrounding exterior of property; Another “neighbors helping neighbors” project will be coming soon.</p>	
<b>Manager Report</b>	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p>October 12, 2019 – 3:00 PM – Boo Festival at Riverview Park</p> <p>October 31, 2019 – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Trick or Treat Night</p> <p>November 5, 2019 – Election Day</p> <p>November 12, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Council Agenda Meeting</p> <p>November 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Council Regular Meeting</p>	
<b>Public Works</b>	Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i>	<b>Ms. Homa</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
<b>Water</b>	Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i>	
<b>Electric</b>		
<b>Intergovernmental</b>		
<b>AVNCOG</b>		
<b>PSAB/ACBA/ALOM/PML</b>	Legislative Locator and League Link reports. <i>Posted on website.</i>	<b>Ms. Josefoski</b>
<b>Comprehensive Plan</b>	Steering Committee meeting next Tuesday, October 8. Borough website has been updated with the current progress of the Comprehensive Plan.	<b>Ms. Homa</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b>		
<b>Community Dev.</b>		
<b>Recreation/Library</b>	<p>Trash to Treasure for October 20 is cancelled.</p> <p>Scarecrow contest is under way currently.</p> <p>Boo Festival is October 12 from 3PM to 6PM. Food, magic and comedy show; hayrides, hay maze, pumpkin art, etc.</p> <p>Christmas Parade November 23. After parade event will take place at Brackenridge American Legion.</p> <p>Senior Bingo; Business window decoration contest both being planned.</p> <p>Mural painting at Dreshar Stadium has been discussed; Recreation Board will explore and present ideas to council</p> <p>Thanks to United Way volunteers from ATI for the painting of Dreshar Stadium bleacher block wall</p>	<b>Ms. Fox</b>



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	Attended ALOM benefit seminar to learn about HSA's, pension planning, etc.	
<b>Special Events/Tourism</b>		Mr. Snyder
<b>Parks</b>		Mr. Dadowski
<b>Revitalization</b>	Informed council that Kathy Blythe has purchased the Rite Aid building and has plans to make some large changes to the building.	Mr. Blythe
<b>Property/Health/Zoning</b>	Thanked the TAC committee Mr. Dadowski asked about winter assistance for snow shoveling for the elderly; mentioned that RYFO kids could possibly volunteer and earn hours	Mr. Cornuet
<b>Public Safety</b>	Fire Department reports are posted online monthly.	Mr. Cornuet

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to pay the Borough bills for the month of September 2019. The motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Dadowski to schedule the Tarentum Borough trick or treat night for Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Dadowski to hire Theodore Bajack, Jr. as water treatment plant operator pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, retroactive to October 1, 2019. The motion carried 5-0 with Ms. Fox abstaining.</li> <li>Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to hire the law firm of Campbell, Durant, Beatty, Palombo and Miller, P.C. as special labor counsel. The motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to ratify Resolution #19-15:   <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”).</p> The motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to ratify Resolution #19-16:</li> </ol>
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL TO PERFORM REQUIRED DUTIES, AND PROVIDING ASSURANCES FOR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to ratify Resolution #19-17:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL TO PERFORM REQUIRED DUTIES, AND PROVIDING ASSURANCES FOR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Mr. Blythe to adopt Resolution #19-18:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2020.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the request of the Tarentum Recreation Board to hold the Boo Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM, and to close First Avenue from Ross Street to Bridge Street for the hayride attraction. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to accept the bid from Ron Gillette, Inc. in the amount of \$85,500 for the Tarentum Borough Water Valve Replacement Project Phase IV. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Mr. Snyder to promote Kurt Jendrejewski to the position of Sergeant in the Tarentum Borough Police Department, effective October 6, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare a letter asking the legislators representing Tarentum



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	<p>Borough to support and co-sponsor the legislation of Representative Rob Kauffman and Senator Doug Mastriano to amend the Borough Code to clarify that Pennsylvania's Gross Receipts Tax ("GRT") does not apply to transactions where the Borough purchases power from an electric power supplier. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b><u>CITIZENS:</u></b> <b><i>Regarding any Borough matter.</i></b></p>	<p>Bill Mayhugh – 347 W 11th – Asked about the possibility of adding private demolitions into a bid package to help lower the overall cost of the Borough demolitions. Solicitor responded that it was not possible through the public bid process but there are other ways to create a joint effort.</p> <p>Gina Landa – 512 E 6th – Asked whether a private residential demolition requires asbestos testing in Allegheny County.</p> <p>Patrick Dzugan – 801 Butler Street – Hopes to build a deck on the left side of his house; inquired about the potential of acquiring the property adjacent to his home which is possibly an unopened Borough road; Borough officials will examine this location and request.</p> <p>Lorri Wildi – 450 E 7th – Asked whether the natural spring issue on the 400 block of E 7th Avenue is part of the DEP consent order project requirements; Borough informed that the natural spring issue in the DEP consent order is located at the end of E 7th Avenue at Ormond Street.</p>
<p><b><u>ADJOURN:</u></b></p>	<p>Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.</p>