



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING
 Council Chambers
 Monday, January 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
 Meeting Minutes



<u>SWEARING IN/OATH OF OFFICE:</u>	Councilmembers were sworn in at 6:00 p.m. by the Honorable Carolyn S. Bengel. <i>Carrie Fox – Councilperson at-large (4 Year Term)</i> <i>Erika Josefoski – Councilperson of the 1st Ward (4 Year Term)</i> <i>Scott Dadowski – Councilperson of the 2nd Ward (4 Year Term)</i> <i>Jim Bonner – Councilperson of the 3rd Ward (2 Year Term)</i>		
<u>ORDER:</u>	The reorganization meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Eric Carter.		
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</u>			
<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	The following members were present: Mr. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Erika Josefoski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Scott Dadowski, and Mayor Eric Carter.		
<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u>	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	X
	POLICE PATROLMAN	JEREMY HOWELL	X
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
<u>REORGANIZATION:</u>	<p>1. Mayor to entertain nominations for the office of President of Council.</p> <p>Nomination order: Scott Dadowski Adam Blythe</p> <p>Roll call vote to elect Scott Dadowski as President of Council. The item passed 6-0.</p> <p>2. Mayor to entertain nominations for the office of Vice President of Council.</p> <p>Nomination order: Lou Ann Homa Adam Blythe</p> <p>Roll call vote to elect Lou Ann Homa as Vice-President of Council. The item passed 5-1 with Ms. Fox voting against.</p>		
<u>ADJOURNMENT OF REORGANIZATION MEETING:</u>	The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.		



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<u>ORDER:</u>	The regular meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.
<u>EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:</u>	None.
<u>AGENDA:</u>	Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Ms. Fox to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Josefoski to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2019 regular council meeting and the December 19, 2019 special council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
<u>CITIZENS:</u> <i>Regarding Items on the Agenda.</i>	None.
<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter – Women of the Moose – Easter Egg Hunt request. 2. Letter – Willard Pelican – Addressing Borough Items. 3. Letter – Carrie Fox – Resignation as 3rd Ward Councilperson. 4. Letter – Lorraine White – Requesting appointment to the Recreation Board.

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	
Mayor Report	
President Report	
Solicitor Report	
Engineer Report	Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i>
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	<p>Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i></p> <p>Demolition project update. Five of 23 properties brought down. Another round of demolitions should be starting this week.</p> <p>In 2019, many home improvements were made in the borough from porches, decks, roofs which is a positive sign that there is continuing investment into our town.</p>
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>January 27, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Zoning Hearing Board (Postponed)</p> <p>January 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting</p>
Public Works	<p>Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i></p> <p align="right">Ms. Homa</p>
Utilities	Mr. Dadowski



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Water	Monthly Report. <i>Posted on website.</i>	
Electric		
Intergovernmental		
AVNCOG	Borough was denied grant funding for the spring removal project on 7th and Ormond. We will try again this year for a grant to assist with this project. COG Budget adopted at last meeting, not many changes from prior year.	Ms. Fox
PSAB/ACBA/ALOM/PML	Legislative Locator and League Link reports. <i>Posted on website.</i>	Ms. Josefoski
Comprehensive Plan	Blight meeting tomorrow at Borough building. Next steering committee meeting will take place in late January 2020.	Ms. Homa
Finance & Admin.	2019.12 Budget Report. <i>Posted on website.</i> 2019.12 Check Register. <i>Posted on website.</i>	Mr. Blythe
Community Dev.		
Recreation/Library	Senior Bingo was a success. 85 seniors participate. Thanks to Janice Majoc for calling numbers. Rec Board Valentines Day luncheon will take place on February 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM, Brackenridge American Legion with a Vegas theme. Cost \$20.00 per ticket. Business Christmas Light decoration contest concluded. Top three winners were: 1) Streetlight Coffee House, W 7th Avenue; 2) Lehman Flower Shop, Corbet Street; 3) Growing Garden Child Care Center, Lock Street	Ms. Fox
Special Events/Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Parks	New pavilion looks nice.	Mr. Dadowski
Revitalization		Mr. Blythe
Property/Health/Zoning		Mr. Cornuet
Public Safety	Fire Department Report(s). <i>Posted on website.</i>	Mr. Cornuet

NEW BUSINESS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to pay the Borough bills for the month of December, 2019. The motion carried unanimously. 2. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Homa to accept the resignation of Carrie Fox as councilperson for the 3rd Ward. The motion carried unanimously. 3. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Dadowski to appoint Brian Snyder to fill the vacancy of councilperson for the 3rd Ward. The motion carried unanimously.
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4. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to appoint Cynthia Kramer to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Timothy Kuhns to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe to advertise the 2020 Tarentum Borough Regular Council meeting schedule for 6:00 P.M. as follows:

February 4, 2020	July 7, 2020	*November 24, 2020
March 3, 2020	August 4, 2020	December 1, 2020
April 7, 2020	September 1, 2020	*December 15, 2020
May 5, 2020	October 6, 2020	*December 29, 2020
June 2, 2020	November 5, 2020	* Denotes If Necessary

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to advertise vacancies on the various boards, committees, and commissions of the Borough of Tarentum for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to advertise the meeting schedule for the various boards, committees and commissions of the Borough of Tarentum for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to appoint David A. Regoli as the Solicitor of Tarentum Borough for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Josefoski to appoint Gibson Thomas as the Engineering Firm for Tarentum Borough for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Mark C. Turnley, CPA as Auditor for Tarentum Borough for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to appoint First National Bank as the Depository of Tarentum Borough for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Altany Insurance as the Insurance Brokerage of Tarentum for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to authorize Highlands Little League to utilize the Borough Building from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, February



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	<p>22, February 29, March 7, and March 14, 2020 for baseball registration signups. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>15. Motion Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to approve the request from the Tarentum Women of the Moose #296 to hold the Tarentum Easter Egg Hunt at Tarentum Park on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and to block First Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>16. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the Rams Youth Football Organization to use Dreshar Stadium including the baseball field adjacent to Brackenridge Park for the 2020 football season from June to November, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>17. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to ratify a one-year agreement with Waste Management to provide solid waste collection, removal and disposal services for Tarentum Borough at a rate of \$165.03 per ton, effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>18. Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Homa to appoint Lorraine White to the Recreation Board for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><u>CITIZENS:</u> <i>Regarding any Borough matter.</i></p>	<p>Gina Landa – 512 E 6th Avenue – Asked if the Borough would consider putting an annual letter in the utility bill regarding sanitation service details, pick up information and rules/regulations.</p> <p>Lorri Wildi – 450 E 7th Avenue – Asked about the Borough bank depository and whether there has been consideration to move from First National Bank to First Commonwealth Bank because FCB still maintains an office in town. Also presented concerns with some public safety issues that occurred at the recent food bank produce distribution event in December. Asked if the Borough could look in to coordination of safety measures because of vehicle and pedestrian safety concerns.</p> <p>Brian Snyder – 217 W 9th Avenue – Thanked Council for appointing him to fill the vacancy. Stated he is proud to serve the community and proud to be a member of this community. Looking forward to continuing the progress made last year.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN:</u></p>	<p>Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Josefoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.</p>