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ASSEMBLY

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, February 20, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Mike Gutonski; and Councilman Raymond Kerr. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Varos was absent.

A correction was made to the January minutes that Councilman Gutonski did attend the meeting. Councilman Gutonski's name was inadvertently left out of the Councilmen attending.

RESOLUTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 16, 2012, with the correction. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

At this point in the meeting, Council invites questions and comments from members of the audience.

REMARKS:
MR. STOEBNER

Mr. Stoebner, Highland Hose, stated for the month of January 2012, there were 14 alarms; total of 218 man hours; 2 motor vehicle accidents; 4 odor investigations; 2 structure fires/ 4 automatic fire alarms; 1 brush fire; 1 false alarm; and 5 mutual aid calls.

REMARKS:
MR. JAMES

Mr. James, Eureka Hose, stated for the month of January 2012, there were 32 fire calls and 215 E.M.S. calls.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, with the elections coming up, attending a lot of functions and being asked for Tarentum's support and taking the opportunity to also ask for their support. He stated on January 19, attended River Trails meeting with Mr. Rossey and surrounding communities to discuss the bike trail for along the river. On January 19 and 23, executive sessions were held to discuss personnel issues. On January 20, attended Tarentum Business Area Advisory Committee meeting. He stated on January 25, walked around town with Mr. Rossey delivering business licenses and met some of the business owners. On January 26, met with Highlands School District Superintendent and their business manager along with Mr. Rossey to discuss options for Grandview playground and the Borough Engineer also examined the playground for some ideas. He stated evening of January 26, attended campaign kick-off for State Representative Dermody at Harmar Township, along with Mayor Magnetta, Councilman Fox and Mr. Rossey and also met new congressman and newly elected local officials. On February 1, attended a conference call with Mr. Rossey and representative from Mr. Dermody's office to discuss status of the Bull Creek dredging. He stated the County is not willing to give the equipment the Borough was suppose to get. He stated that matter is still being discussed. On February 2, attended another bike trail meeting with local communities and County representatives. He stated part of the discussion was to contact Allegheny Ludlum officials to see if they can help out in any way for the bike trail. He stated after attending a Brackenridge Council meeting, he thanks this Council for working together and getting things done. On February 4, attended Allegheny County Boroughs Association dinner at Station Square

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with Mr. Rossey, Mayor Magnetta and Councilman Fox. On February 7, attended a spray park meeting with Mayor Magnetta, Mr. Rossey, the Borough Engineer, County representatives and the contractor to discuss the upcoming spray park. On February 10, attended another Tarentum Business Advisory Committee meeting. He stated that evening attended Valley Democratic Committee meeting in Harmarville with Mr. Rossey, Mayor Magnetta and Councilman Fox. On February 12, attended Democratic Endorsement on the South Side.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated he attended most of the functions and meetings that was stated by Councilman Rapp. He stated for the month of January 2012, there were 372 calls for service which was minus 111 from 2011; arrests were a minus 13 from 2011; citations issued were a minus 73 from 2011; total accidents were plus 1 over 2011, nonreportable accidents were minus 1 from 2011, reportable accidents were plus 2 from 2011, and there were no injuries; fines collected \$8,077.97 which was a plus of \$1,071.51 from 2011; fines collected for year \$10,157.30 which was a plus of \$3,150.84 from 2011; parking tickets issued 93 which is a plus of 27 from 2011. He stated the calls for service is down as well as injuries which indicates the Police Department is doing a wonderful job and are to be commended.

Mayor Magnetta introduced Jim Burn who is the Borough's representative on County Council. Mr. Burn is also the Chairman of the State Democratic Party.

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DISCUSSION Mr. Burn addressed and discussed with Council and members of the audience regarding any questions or concerns they had. One of the subjects discussed was regarding the Bull Creek project and the needed equipment for the Borough.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Chief of Police.
RAPP

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated he discussed with PennDOT
CHIEF regarding the school zone lights and their
VAKULICK engineer was there to watch the school children
 and the lights, but the lights are still staying
 the same. He stated Representative Dermody is
 trying to help with the school zone lights. He
 stated discussions have been held with the School
 District and the Transportation Director
 regarding the school zone lights and the only
 problem seems to be with PennDOT not acting on
 the request to have the school zone lights on
 longer to slow down traffic and for the children
 to safely cross

A discussion was held regarding the school zone lights and what further can be done to solve the problem.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Borough Manager.
RAPP

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Public Works
BOROUGH Director David Hilliard's mother passed away and
MANAGER the viewing will be Tuesday from 2 p.m to 8:00
ROSSEY p.m., at Ajak Funeral Home in Creighton.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Solicitor.
RAPP

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REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report.
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN Administrative, Employee Relations, Finance
RAPP Committee.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
PAY BILLS Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves
the payment of the February 2012 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated one person is needed to
COUNCILMAN serve on the International Appeals Board, no
FOX term limit, and one person is needed to serve on
the Planning Commission, four year term.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he received a call
COUNCILMAN from Karen Marietti, Borough Tax Collector,
GUTONSKI informing him that over the last couple years,
she has lost approximately \$2,300 in revenue from
taxes being collected by other entities. Ms.
Marietti is asking if there is anything Council
can do to help her in this situation. She pays
\$150 a month for rent which equals \$1,800 per
year. He asked if Council would consider
lowering her rent from \$150 to \$125 per month.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated the rent of \$150 per month
MAYOR includes utilities, free parking, she pays for
MAGNETTA postage, but has use of the Borough's postage
machine and use of the copy machine.

A discussion was held.

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RESOLUTION
LOWER
RENT

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council lowers the monthly rent of Karen Marietti, Tax Collector, from \$150.00 to \$125.00. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with four (4) affirmative votes and (2) negative votes. Councilman Fox and Councilman Rapp voting no.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Water Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated Mr. Betts is taking great initiative with the waterlines and replaced a lot of hydrants and adding shut-off valves. Mr. Betts would like to add shut-off valves throughout the Borough in case of a waterline break in which the water could be shut off in a limited area at a time. He stated the cost for this work would be close to \$300,000. He stated maybe Council could keep this project in mind for next year and do it a portion at a time.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated if there would be any monies left from the bond to do the water tanks and water plant, that the valve work could be considered by Council.

A discussion was held regarding the costs of the valves, which would include costs of engineering and other costs involved in the project.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked the status of the purchasing of a trailer.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the quotes
BOROUGH received were from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for a new
MANAGER trailer. With a new trailer, you would have a
ROSSEY warranty and the trailer would be set up
correctly rather than a used trailer. He stated
a final bid will be presented to the Board next
meeting.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Electric Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
KERR

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Public
COUNCILMAN Safety & Civil Service Committee.
RAPP

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
HIRE PART Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council hires
TIME Theodore P. Bajack, Jr. as a part time police
OFFICER officer for the Borough of Tarentum Police
Department.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
12-01 Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes
Resolution 12-01, adopting the Allegheny County
2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
12-03 Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves
Resolution 12-03, acknowledging that no employee
contribution is required by members of the

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Borough Police Department into the Police Pension Plan for the year 2012.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated this past week the firefighters held their safety classes in the Borough building. He stated Council has received a list for their review regarding the providing of allotments. The fire companies will also receive it for their review. He stated he met with the Borough Manager, Mayor and Police Chief regarding the radios for the Public Works Department. The deadline is December 31, 2012 for the narrow banding mandate. He stated frequencies are being discontinued. The Police Department and Fire Departments are already in compliance with the mandate. The Public Works Department needs to be updated so that during emergencies in the Borough, they would be able to have the correct frequency to know what is going on and where they would need to be. He stated once the quotes are received for the new radio for Public Works Department, it will be presented to Council for review.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Property & Zoning, Library & Health Committee.

RESOLUTION
12-02

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 12-02, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the vacant property known as Lot and Block 1223-G-132, 916 Dickey Street, in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the Borough, to Richard and Sarah Geahry.

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All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Streets &
COUNCILMAN Sanitary Sewers Committee.
RAPP

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves
REQUEST the request from Gatto's to hold their annual
GATTO Block Party and Ride for Homeless Vets, on
Saturday, July 28, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00
p.m. and Sunday, July 29, 2012, from 11:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants
PERMISSION Summit Hose Company permission to hold two tag
SUMMIT HOSE days at the intersection of 7th Avenue and Ross
Street on Saturday, May 5, 2012, from 10:00 a.m.
to 4:00 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, May
12, 2012 and on Saturday, June 16, 2012, from
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a rain date of
Saturday, June 23, 2012.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Parks &
COUNCILMAN Recreation Committee.
RAPP

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants
PERMISSION the Women of the Moose #296 permission to hold
WOMEN OF the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7,
MOOSE 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in Riverview Park and to
close 1st Avenue during this time.

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All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINT REC. BRD. Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council re-appoints Cathy Blythe and Becky May to the Recreation Board, for a four year term. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION GRANT PERMISSION SUMMIT HOSE Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Summit Hose Company permission to use Dreshar Stadium on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, to hold their annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration and to donate \$1,500.00 to this community event. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: CHIEF VAKULICK Chief Vakulick stated Summit Hose came to talk to him regarding the 4th of July Celebration and it was decided there would be no alcohol at the event.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN RAPP Councilman Rapp asked for a report from AVN/COG Committee.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FOX Councilman Fox stated a meeting will be held on Wednesday and the previous meeting minutes have been provided to Council members.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN RAPP Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

REMARKS: MAYOR MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
Redevelopment & Revitalization Committee.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated a bid opening will
be held March 8th for the Streetscape Project. He
stated the street lights should be here around
April 7th, and installation will begin. He stated
three interns from Carnegie Mellon University are
here working for a semester on a way finding
project in the Borough. The signage will help
identify where the business district, Borough
building, Police Department and so on are in the
Borough. The interns will also be working on a
map/pamphlet of businesses and locations. He
stated the interns will be working on a little
parklet that use to be up by the news stand that
Gatto's owns to make it a green space project and
turn it into something more appealing in the
middle of the business district. The interns are
free to the Borough through Sustainable
Pittsburgh.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated the Street Department
is having issues with their two dump trucks when
salt is in them, the brakes are getting hot and
preventing them from coming to a complete stop.
He stated there is a Jake brake system that can
be attached to the trucks that will essentially
slow the engine down and helps the truck to stop.
He stated for approximately \$1,100 a kit, they
can be installed in the trucks.

RESOLUTION
PURCHASE
BRAKE KITS

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
to purchase two Jake brake kits to be installed
on the two trucks in the Street Department.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of December 19, 2011, was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
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PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Bob Stebbins Jr	Highland Hose Fire Company
2. Mattie A. [unclear]	917 CORBET ST.
3. [unclear]	108 Walth St
4. Sheryl [unclear]	713 [unclear] St
5. Vance McGOY	312 [unclear]
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