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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Pete Varos; Councilman Raymond Kerr; and Councilman Mike Gutonski Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Carter was absent.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by  
APPROVE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council  
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2012.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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

There were no questions or comments.

PRESENTATION A presentation was made by Austin Ashe, Regional Sales Manager, for General Electric Lighting Solutions regarding the new LED Cobra Head Street Lighting. Mr. Ashe talked about the company of General Electric and the specifics of the Tarentum Borough Street Light Application and how it affects Tarentum, the way the LED lights work, the number of street lights needed, the financial aspects for the lights, the savings to the Borough with the LED lights and the costs of maintaining the lights. A question and answer session was held after the presentation.

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REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, another conference call was held with Congressman Critz office regarding the Bull Creek dredging and what they are going to do now is try to use the money not spent on equipment and maybe try to get more work done further back on the creek. He stated it doesn't look like Tarentum is going to get any equipment. On March 1, met with Mr. Ashe and Mr. Bartus regarding the streetlights. On March 7, attended a street sweeping demonstration at the garage. On the same date in the afternoon attended the streetscape bid opening. He stated on March 8, Mr. Rossey and he met with two gentlemen on getting trees for streetscape. On March 9, met with personnel from First National Bank to look at what is out there for financing. He stated attended a Tarentum Business District Financial Committee meeting. He stated there is a new business in West Tarentum called West Tarentum Classic Cuts, formerly Bill's Barbershop.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:  
MAYOR  
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, for the month of February 2012, there were 371 calls for service which was a minus 90 from 2011; 23 arrests which is a minus 2 from 2011; 223 citations which is a minus of 87 from 2011; total accidents 13 which is a plus of 5 from 2011, injuries 2 the same as 2011; fines collected \$7,080.07 which is a plus of \$1,388.07; fines collected for year \$14,086.50 which is a plus of \$4,539.04 from 2011; parking tickets issued 121 which is a minus of 41 from 2011. He stated there is going to be an informational town hall meeting hosted by Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald on Wednesday, at the Harmar House, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., regarding any concerns about the reassessments. This meeting

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will be held to explain the process and to assist people on how to file for an appeal if they don't agree with their reassessment. He urged everyone to attend the meeting, including Councilmen to find out what is going on.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he will do the  
BOROUGH one-call to get the information out to the  
MANAGER residents.  
ROSSEY

A discussion was held.

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

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated he had no report.  
CHIEF  
VAKULICK

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Council has  
BOROUGH received a list for the street paving and  
MANAGER demolition. He stated if Council has any other  
ROSSEY streets for paving or houses for demolition, for  
consideration, to let him know.

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

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report. He  
SOLICITOR stated the streetlight by Duster Funeral Home  
STRELLEC needs replaced. It has been out for the past  
three days.

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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 Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council  
approves the payment of the March 2012 bills.  
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with  
six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by  
APPOINT Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council  
PLAN. COM. appoints Carrie Fox to the Planning Commission  
for a four year term.  
All Council members present were in favor and the  
resolution was adopted.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he had no report.  
COUNCILMAN  
GUTONSKI

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

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

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

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REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated discussion to be held regarding the draft proposal from Domenic D'Andrea from SPC, on the upgrading of the traffic signals at Corbet Street and East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the traffic signals along West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated SPC works with PennDOT upgrading traffic signals. He stated the Borough applied a couple years ago to a Sync-Up Program which syncs up traffic signals to make traffic more efficient, as far as the timing of the lights. He stated the program didn't have funding the first year and now funding is available to work on the Borough's project improving the lights at Corbet and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the three intersections along West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In the draft they sent, they agreed that Corbet Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue lights definitely need to be switched out, improved, changed and put a turning lane light in for turning left down onto 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and so forth. He stated they will also do a traffic study on West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and when they do the study on West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, if they deem some of those lights to be not necessary anymore, with the Borough signing the agreement for them to improve Corbet Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Borough has to go by the traffic study. So, if they say signals are not needed at certain streets, stop signs will be put in place of the signals. He stated that is what the Borough would be agreeing to.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated they did a traffic study previously on West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and they determined that at least one, if not all, of the lights weren't needed. He asked if there was anything that can be done to change their mind.

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REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated it is whatever their engineer states in the study. He stated he will meet with them and see if a study can be done with the Borough being able to agree or disagree with the study and recommendations.

A discussion was held regarding the study and the safety issues of removing traffic signals at certain streets and avenues.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated regarding the upgrading of the radios, he is still working on getting a cost of the radios and also, if the repeater can be placed on the Comcast tower. The radio upgrade must be in place by the end of the year. He stated he will update Council next meeting on the costs of the radios. He stated last month Council received a list of the fire companies that went through the safety course and their participation and Highlands Fire Company will also get the full allotment for participation. He stated he is still trying to get one report from all the fire companies. Eureka has submitted a report which indicates, for the month of February, 24 fire rescue calls; 9 motor vehicle crashes; 5 automatic fire alarms; 4 odor investigations; 1 river rescue; 5 miscellaneous responses; and also did Brackenridge and other mutual aid towns 7 calls; and 232 EMS calls. He stated Summit Hose got the fire grant from U.S. Firemen's Administration for \$280,000, for a new fire engine. The Borough's part was \$180,000 for the purpose of the vehicle and the fire engine should be delivered within the next three to four weeks.

A discussion was held regarding the aging of the fire trucks and equipment.

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REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Property  
COUNCILMAN & Zoning, Library & Health Committee.  
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Varos stated he had no report.  
COUNCILMAN  
VAROS

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated the welcome to  
COUNCILMAN Tarentum signs are deteriorating rapidly. He  
GUTONSKI stated he called and got prices for new signs  
from the original company they were purchased.  
The bigger signs would cost \$550 each and the  
smaller signs would cost around \$350 each.

A discussion was held regarding the replacement  
of the signs and the costs involved. It was  
noted that the signs were purchased about eight  
years ago and money is budgeted for sign  
replacement.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated he had no report.  
COUNCILMAN  
FIRKO

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated on Friday, there was a  
COUNCILMAN spill in Brackenridge. Due to the concrete  
RAPP spill in Brackenridge, the trucks were hauling  
concrete down Corbet Street and concrete was the  
whole way up to Bridge Street along the curb.

A discussion was held.

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

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RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council grants Highlands Little League permission to use the ball fields at Dreshar Stadium, from March 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012, for their 2012 baseball season.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Abundant Joy Fellowship permission to use the band shell in Riverview Park, on Thursday, May 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for the observance of the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society permission to use Tarentum Riverview Park the weekend of July 21 and 22, 2012, for the 78<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Freeport to hold their Civil War Encampment.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council grants Central Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church permission to use the band shell at Tarentum Riverview Park, on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., to hold an evening service along with the King's Ambassadors Band.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Dynamite Daycare permission to use the band shell at Tarentum Riverview Park, on Thursday, May 24, 2012, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., to hold their annual preschool graduation and to block the street during this event. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FOX

Councilman Fox stated there is a joint letter from the Recreation Board and Summit Hose asking for a Tarentum Family Fall Festival to be held in September.

REMARKS:  
MS. MAGNETTA

Ms. Magnetta stated Summit Hose Fire Company came to the Recreation Board and asked if we would consider doing a fall festival together. She stated her daughter and son-in-law went to different festivals and brought back about 75 cards from vendors who may be interested, especially if no alcoholic beverages were being served.

A discussion was held regarding the festival, what the electric needs would be for any carnival rides and where activities will take place.

RESOLUTION  
FALL  
FESTIVAL

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council grants the Recreation Board and Summit Hose Fire Department approval for the use of Riverview Memorial Park for the Tarentum Family Fall Festival, on Thursday, September 27, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. and to close the road from Ross Street to Corbet Street. No alcoholic beverages to be served.

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

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated the fire companies are to  
MAYOR commended for all the hard work they do and the  
MAGNETTA work they do for fundraising. He commended the  
fire companies for going after grants to help get  
new equipment and fire trucks. He stated he is  
very proud of the fire companies.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the Recreation Board will  
COUNCILMAN help the women of the Moose with the Easter Egg  
FOX Hunt on April 7, 012, by the band shell, at 9:00  
a.m. He stated progress is being made regarding  
the concerts in the park, with a list coming out  
soon.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting is scheduled and  
COUNCILMAN the minutes will be given to Council.  
FOX

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

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated progress is being made.  
MAYOR  
MAGNETTA

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from  
COUNCILMAN Redevelopment & Revitalization Committee.  
RAPP

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REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated this spring and summer thanks to some grants received and the Borough's match on some of the projects, the streetscape and downtown business district, the Borough will be spending over \$350,000 on streetlights, new sidewalks, trees and landscaping areas the whole downtown business district from the bridge passed the Train Station. He stated this is part of the Allegheny together Program that was started five years ago and Tarentum was one of the first four pilot communities in that program. He stated Allegheny County Executive Fitzgerald is one hundred percent behind the program and has agreed to come to Tarentum on April 2, at 2:00 p.m., to do a press conference on the success and use Tarentum as an example of what this Allegheny together Program can do for other communities. He urged everyone to try and attend the press conference.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FOX

Councilman Fox stated Highland School Board meeting is this evening and there are rumors that some members of the School Board are looking to close Grandview Elementary again and some members are opposed to the closing and fighting to keep it open. He stated the School Board meetings are not well attended and those who oppose the closing need to be heard. He urged everyone to call the School Board members and let them know if they're opposed to the closing of the Grandview School.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated a request has been made for a zoning change and asked if this request goes before the Zoning Hearing Board.

REMARKS:  
SOLICITOR  
STRELLEC

Solicitor Strellec stated the request is for Council to rezone the owner's property commercial. The owner wants to place billboards on his property and when Council passed the new

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Zoning Ordinance, did an overlay to permit billboards on that property in question. He stated PennDOT said it has to be zoned commercial if billboards are to be placed on that property, so the owner is requesting a change to commercial.

A discussion was held regarding the rezoning of the tract of land and the type of billboards to be placed on that tract of land. Council decided to review the Zoning Ordinance and the request for a change before a decision is made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of March 19, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



William Rossey  
Borough Manager

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 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET  
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NAME	ADDRESS
1. Steve Widger	713 mill st
2. George White	100 Walnut St
3. Barbara Magnotta	169 Cedar St.
4. Jack Maslow	113 Locust Ln
5. John Hudac	334 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
6. Matt HENSEL	338 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> AVE.
7. J. T. Smith	230 Davidson St.
8. R. Aron	301 LUTHERAN CHURCH
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