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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, April 16, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Raymond Kerr; and Councilman Pete Varos. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves
MINUTES the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of
March 19, 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.

REMARKS: Mr. Davidek, Davidson Street, stated the request
JOSEPH of Ross Grimm for the zoning change along Route
DAVIDEK 28, that Council should approve the request
because what Mr. Grimm wants to do there with the
signage and what he was told is going to be good
for Tarentum Borough. He asked if the Mr. Grimm
should have gone to the Zoning Hearing Board and
not to Council.

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated the Zoning Hearing
SOLICITOR Board grants variances and this request is not a
STRELLEC variance but a request for a change in zoning.

A discussion was held regarding the process in getting the zoning change, the area that would be included in the zoning change and the use of the property.

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REMARKS: Mr. Smith stated he has been in the Borough for
MR. SMITH 31 years and a lot has changed since then,
especially the parking. He stated he owns a lot
of houses and tenants tend to have two cars or
more and there aren't enough places to park now
on Summit Street. He stated he would like to
make a parking lot from part of his land. He
stated he has a surveyor drawing to show how wide
and how long the streets are and what he would
like to do.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated to submit the
BOROUGH drawings to him and copies will be made for
MANAGER Council's review and then be placed on the agenda
ROSSEY for consideration by Council.

REMARKS: Mr. Smith asked if he replaced his fence if a
MR. SMITH permit would be needed.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated a permit would be
BOROUGH needed and suggested Mr. Smith call the office
MANAGER for further information regarding the fence.
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik, West 7th Avenue, stated in front of
MR. LOVASIK him is a dilapidated building in which he has
been trying to get the owners to do something and
has also written Mr. Rossey regarding the
building. He stated there is someone interested
in the property. He stated the barber next door
said he would be interested in the property to
extend his barber shop. He asked if anything is
going to be done regarding the property.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he placed the property
COUNCILMAN on his list as one of the buildings to be torn
GUTONSKI down.

A discussion was held.

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REMARKS:
MR.
STOEBERNER

Mr. Stoeberner, Highland Hose, stated there were 14 alarms; 5 automatic fire alarms; 3 structure fires; 3 motor vehicle accidents; 2 illegal fires; 3 mutual aid calls into the Borough of Brackenridge.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, on April 10, Mr. Rossey and he went to Allegheny Ludlum for a street sweeper demonstration and to look at the street sweeper they are using. He stated the Borough could use a smaller street sweeper to get into the smaller streets. On April 13, attended Tarentum Area Business Association meeting and heard a proposal from two CMU students who are doing a project in the Borough regarding signage to find ways into the town. A formal proposal will be held in Pittsburgh, on April 25. He stated any member of Council can attend. He reminded everyone that April 24 is election day. He stated an Executive Session was held before the meeting regarding the upcoming police contract. He stated Council voted on doing away with the residency requirements because it is getting harder to find qualified police officers and extended it to a ten mile radius.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of March 2012, there were 408 calls for service which is a plus of 29 from 2011; 19 arrests which is a minus 17 from 2011; 224 citations issued which is a plus of 38 from 2011; 10 total accidents which is a plus 2 over 2011, 6 nonreportable accidents which is a minus 1 from 2011, 4 reportable accidents which is a plus 3 from 2011, and there was one injury which is a plus one from 2011; fines collected \$9,641.99 which is a minus of

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\$1,037.64 from 2011; fines collected for year \$28,267.50 which is a plus of \$13,501.04 from 2011; parking tickets issued 84 which is a minus of 101 from 2011. He stated the reason in the decline of parking tickets is that the message is getting through to some of the all day parkers that are parking in town where they are not suppose to park. The officers are tagging these cars and the fines are also being paid.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Chief of Police.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated he received a fax from Harrison Township regarding a drug take back day at their municipal building in Natrona Heights. The public can drop off any unwanted drugs, no questions asked, to be disposed of properly. The date is April 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the SPC traffic signals upgrade and traffic study discussed last meeting where Council requested further information be gathered regarding the program, Council has been given that information. He stated whatever the study indicates the Borough must comply with it. He stated that Council has indicated it does not want the study done. He stated that Corbet Street is an issue with the traffic signal and 366 is being completely resurfaced in June coming off the expressway down across the bridge. He stated Council individually should contact the representative and senator to ask that they finish the rest of 10th Avenue up to Brackenridge at the same time of

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the repaving and putting in the traffic lights as part of the project. He stated another demonstration of a street sweeper will be held on Wednesday, at the Borough garage. He stated the Allegheny County Boroughs Association membership meeting will be held April 26. He stated if anyone wants to attend, to let him know so reservations can be made. He stated County Executive Fitzgerald is having a luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held in May. He stated if anyone wants to attend the luncheon, to let him know so reservations can be made.

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

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 Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
approves the payment of the April 2012 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
seven (7) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
ACCEPT Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council accepts
RESIGNATIONS the resignations of Lou Ann Homa and Barbara
Bernard from the Zoning Hearing Board.
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resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION
APPOINT
ZON. HRG.
BRD.

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Timothy Kuhns and Jerry Johns to the Zoning Hearing Board.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Water Committee.

RESOLUTION
PURCHASE
TRAILER

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the purchase of an 18' Haulmark transport trailer from M. Reno Trailer Sales & Service, for a price of \$7,687.59, to be used to transport equipment and material needed for water breaks.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Electric Committee.

RESOLUTION
ACCEPT LEASE
PROPOSAL

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to accept the lease proposal from GE Lighting for the replacement of all the current cobra head streetlights in the Borough with new LED light fixtures.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated this will make the Borough the first all LED Borough in the state.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
REIMBURSE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
SUMMIT HOSE agrees to reimburse Summit Hose Company \$2,690.76
for repairs and maintenance to our building.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated for Eureka Hose, month of
COUNCILMAN March 2012, they had 28 fire alarms and
FIRKO represents 80.25 personnel hours; 197 EMS calls
and 76 hours of training.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Kerr stated a discussion to be held
COUNCILMAN regarding zoning change request from Ross Grimm
KERR on property owned along Route 28.

Councilman Kerr asked if the zoning were changed
on the property, if the Borough would lose
control of what can be placed on that property
and if Mr. Grimm would sell the property, what
kind of billboards could then be placed there.

REMARKS: Mr. Grimm stated it is basically commercial and
MR. GRIMM there are strict guidelines for commercial
property. This property has no right-of-way into
it. He stated it can only be commercial property
and only benefit the town.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated PennDOT would have a say
COUNCILMAN in what can be placed there.
RAPP

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REMARKS: Mr. Grimm stated PennDOT has to be notified for
MR. GRIMM any change of ownership and the new owner would
be responsible for the guidelines.

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated if Council rezones, it
SOLICITOR wouldn't just be Mr. Grimm's property, but it
STRELLEC would be all of that property. He stated Council
cannot spot zone.

REMARKS: Mr. Grimm stated he wants to promote the
MR. GRIMM businesses in Tarentum by putting signage so that
the traffic on 28 can see what businesses are
available in Tarentum. He stated it would get
people into downtown area to the different
businesses, restaurants and so on.

A discussion was held regarding the properties
that would be affected by the rezoning, the use
of the property and what can be placed there.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
SEND TO Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PLAN. COM. agrees to send the request of Mr. Ross Grimm for
a zoning change regarding his property to the
Planning Commission for their recommendation to
Council.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he received the
BOROUGH county reassessments for the Borough properties.
MANAGER The properties were also reviewed by the
ROSSEY Solicitor and it was determined that some of the
properties Council may wish to consider selling
since the Borough isn't using them. A list and
pictures of the properties will be given to
Council for their review.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Carter stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
CARTER

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants permission to First Baptist Church of
Tarentum the use of Riverview Park, on Sunday,
July 29, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., to
hold a Fun Fest for the children of Tarentum,
with a rain date of Sunday, August 5, 2012.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the Recreation Board is
COUNCILMAN getting ready for the year. The Recreation Board
FOX helped with the Easter Egg Hunt with the Moose on
the April 7 and it was well attended. There will
be summer concerts and a fall festival with
Summit Hose, with more information on both to
follow. He stated progress is being made on the
spray park.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the spray park
BOROUGH should be open by Memorial Day.
MANAGER
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if anything has been
COUNCILMAN heard regarding the skate park.
GUTONSKI

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the gentleman who
BOROUGH thought he had support to keep the skate park
MANAGER going found out that he does not have the support
ROSSEY needed.

A discussion was held regarding the skate park
and what use could be made of the park. Two
suggestions for its use were to put up basketball
hoops or use it for deck hockey.

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

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

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

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

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the installation
BOROUGH of the decorative streetlights will begin next
MANAGER week. He stated this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.,
ROSSEY the county will be opening bids regarding the
Bull Creek project which will start end of June,
beginning of July.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated two fisherman approached
COUNCILMAN him regarding the no parking signs at Davidson
FOX Street, Mill Street area and they were told the

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signs are there for no parking on the grass.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of April 16, 2011, was unanimously adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

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

NAME	ADDRESS
1. <i>James White</i>	<i>108 W. 4th St</i>
2. <i>Shirley Wilcox</i>	<i>713 Mill St</i>
3. <i>W. P. Pender</i>	<i>230 Penderon Lt</i>
4. <i>Roland Aycock</i>	<i>1st ave</i>
5. <i>Robert Stipan</i>	<i>HHC</i>
6. <i>Mark Amick</i>	<i>713 Western St</i>
7. <i>William E. Howard</i>	<i>211 W 7th Ave W. Tarentum</i>
8. <i>Ross C. Cox</i>	<i>307 Putnam Lane</i>
9. <i>Susan Clark</i>	<i>EUREKA</i>
10. <i>T. B. G. G. G.</i>	<i>HHC</i>
11. <i>Tammy Smith</i>	<i>617 Roup St Tarentum</i>
12. <i>Charles Smith</i>	<i>!!</i>
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