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ASSEMBLY

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; 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.

Councilman Carter was absent.

RESOLUTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 21, 2012.

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.

There were no questions or comments.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, on June 4 participated in a conference call with GE, the Mayor and Mr. Rossey. They were impressed that the Borough went totally LED with the street lights and they want to do a magazine article about what the Borough is doing. On June 6, attended a retirement luncheon for Pat Duffy, a dedicated employee and he will be missed. He stated on that date also had a meeting with Councilman Firko, Councilman Gutonski, Borough Manager and the police for ongoing contract talks. On June 13, attended the first concert in the park which was successful. On June 14, attended the Recreation Board meeting and also met with

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members of Summit Hose regarding the upcoming family fall festival. On June 15, attended Tarentum Business Advisory meeting in which they are considering doing something on a Sunday once a month in the summer having an activity for children. He stated Mr. Rossey found on the internet a group called the Wall Dogs who go around and paint murals on buildings. The group was contacted and awaiting to hearing back from them. He stated Summit Hose fireworks will be held July 4. He stated the big word of community is unity and there are a handful of people in town that are helping to do things. He encouraged people to come to the Borough with their ideas. He stated it takes everyone to keep the Borough going. The Borough is moving in the right direction and the more things everyone does the more people want to get involved.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of May 2012, there were 381 calls for service which is a minus of 22 from 2011; 28 arrests which is a minus 16 from 2011; 151 citations issued which is a minus of 71 from 2011; 7 total accidents which is a minus 2 from 2011, 5 nonreportable accidents which is a minus 4 from 2011, 2 reportable accidents which is a plus 2 from 2011, and there were no injuries; fines collected \$5,811.15 which is a minus of \$2,738.85 from 2011; fines collected for year \$41,501.60 which is a minus of \$724.30 from 2011; parking tickets issued 31 which is a minus of 49 from 2011. He stated the reason fines are down from last year is because there aren't as many arrests. He stated the police are doing a fine job and are to be commended. He stated the police are doing a good

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job of keeping the traffic moving during PennDOT's road project. He stated in addition to what was stated by Councilman Rapp, on May 24, he spoke at the banquet for Pioneer Hose. On May 27, he spoke at the Brackenridge Legion banquet. On June 6, attended a meeting with PennDOT regarding the expressway construction project. He stated he spoke at the 100th anniversary of Hebe in the park. He stated the statute has a leak so the water had to be turned off until it's repaired. He stated he attended the Pat Duffy employee luncheon. On June 13, attended the concert in the park. On June 14, attended the Recreation Board meeting and meeting with Summit Hose. He stated he would like Mr. Rossey to send a letter to the Eternal Order of Eagles thanking them for restoring the column that someone hit and was crumbling down in the park which cost them about \$5,000. He stated on Thursday, a dedication will be held for the spray park for anyone that can attend. He stated he would like Council to pass a motion that Monday, July 16, 2012 which is the next Council meeting to declare that day Gene Simon day. Gene Simon was the publisher of the Valley News Dispatch and he passed away recently at the age of 96. He stated he was a wonderful man and his employer for 23 years and did an awful lot for the Borough and the valley.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

There was no police report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the LED lights will
BOROUGH be ready for installation within the next few
MANAGER weeks.
ROSSEY

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 June 2012 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
ADVERTISE Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
ORDINANCE to advertise Ordinance 12-02, Borough of Tarentum
12-02 MS4 Prohibited Discharge Ordinance, to comply
with current DEP standards.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated this is done yearly
BOROUGH to comply with DEP standards. DEP is working on
MANAGER the ordinance regarding illegal discharges and
ROSSEY dumping. This ordinance gives the Borough the
power to fine those who do these types of

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acts and to notify the DEP.

RESOLUTION PURCHASE TRUCK
Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the purchase of a new F550 Ford Water Distribution Truck for approximately \$75,000.00. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN GUTONSKI
Councilman Gutonski asked if the water response trailer was delivered.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY
Borough Manager Rossey stated he received a call late today informing him the trailer is ready for pickup.

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

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

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN FIRKO
Councilman Firko stated before he makes the motion regarding the Motorola MTR 3000 UHF MotoTurbo Radio System, he would like to open it up for discussion so everyone understands why the purchase is being made and if anyone has any questions regarding the radio system. He stated the new system would comply with the narrow banding mandates that the FCC set up back in the nineties and compliance is mandated by December 31, 2012. This system would interconnect between

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police, fire companies and the Borough's Public Works Department. He stated Staley Communication is going to do it because they did all the Borough's radio work and they work with the county and the dispatch center. Staley Communication gave the Borough a special price for the radios and system of \$30,000.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated he would like to table the motion for the radio system so other bids can be received to see if the Borough could get a lower price for the system.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the radio system, the need for the new system and the need to advertise for bids for the system due to the cost being over \$18,500.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose's monthly report from May 22 to June 18, total alarms 9; 132 man hours; 5 automatic fire alarms; 2 structure fires; 1 smoke condition; 1 dryer fire; 1 mutual aid call to Arnold.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
VAROS

Councilman Varos stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the title searches have been completed regarding the properties to be demolished. After they are reviewed, Council will receive the list next Council meeting of the properties that can be demolished.

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

DISCUSSION A discussion was held regarding the request of
Mr. and Mrs. Cortez for permission to close their
street for a graduation party. Part of the
street will need to remain open for emergency
vehicles. Parking on the street was also
discussed.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants Ruben and Tina Cortez permission to close
the 700 Block of Roup Street on Saturday, July
21, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., to hold a
graduation party for their son, upon approval of
the Mayor and Chief of Police.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
HANDI-CAP Councilman Gutonski, this Council awards the 2012
RAMP Handi-cap Ramp project to Ron Gillette, Inc., at
PROJECT a cost of \$18,425.00.
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

DISCUSSION A discussion was held regarding the request of
Highland Hose for their annual festival held in
October.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the motion for the festival
COUNCILMAN was tabled last month so that Highland hose could
FOX submit their plan to the Mayor and Chief of
Police for approval and the plan has not been

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submitted as of this date.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated the chief and he have no objections to the festival. He stated Highland Hose has added hours to each day and that is something they are concerned about because the added hours mean another hour or so of darkness and that is when there are problems. He stated this is why they want to have a plan submitted and a meeting with Highland Hose to go over the plan. Last year Highland Hose gave a complete layout of what was going on, where the booths were to be located, the access and egress of the stadium and so forth. This year they have not submitted any kind of plan to be reviewed.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated as far as the motion states, Council can give the okay for the festival as long as the Mayor and Chief give their permission.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated the extended hours to 10:00 p.m., it's dark by that time in October. He stated last year the festival was in July until 9:00 p.m. and it being held in October this year, it gets dark earlier and for that reason he does not agree with the extended hours to 10:00 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the extended hours and the submitting of a plan for approval.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council grants Highland Hose Company permission to use Dreshar Stadium on Thursday, October 4, Friday October 5 and Saturday, October 6 for their annual festival and to close 1st Avenue from Corbet Street to Cherry Street during this event,

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provided they submit a plan that is approved by the Mayor and Police Chief.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
HIRE
CONTRACTOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to hire Michael F. Whalen Contracting to replace the band shell roof and the Snack Shack Pavilion roof at a cost of \$9,800.00.
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 Holy Martyrs Parish have their annual picnic on Sunday, August 26, 2012, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m., at Riverview Park and also upon approval of the Recreation Board letting them have the use of the Snack Shack only to hand out the food and to close the street from Wood Street to Corbet Street.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council grants permission to Highland Marching Band Boosters to sponsor a Tag Day in the Borough, on August 16, 2012, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on August 17, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and upon approval the students will be at several businesses and banks between August 16 and 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the Mayor asked for a motion to designate a Gene Simon Day and he thinks it is a good idea.

RESOLUTION
DESIGNATE
DAY

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council designates Monday, July 16, 2012 as Gene Simon Day.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the first concert in the park was held and it had a treat turnout. The next concert will be held June 29 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from AVN/COG Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated there is a meeting next week and the minutes will be given to Council.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
FOR SALE

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise "For Sale" the old decorative streetlights, at a price of \$200.00 each.

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

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa stated a couple weeks ago a group of people were taking pictures on 6th Avenue. She asked if Council is going to paint lines for parking on the street.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated he doesn't know who would be taking pictures on 6th Avenue.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding the traffic problems during the PennDOT project.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked if the police will be directing traffic Monday through Friday or how long will this go on.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated his department is only suppose to be there until Wednesday. He stated the Mayor, Borough Manager and he had a meeting with PennDot two weeks ago and it was suggested the police be there throughout the project to keep the traffic flowing, but PennDOT doesn't think it is needed. He stated he had a meeting with them today and was told there is no money to keep the police on traffic duty. He stated PennDOT wants to adjust the traffic lights to maybe help with the traffic flow instead of using police.

A discussion was held regarding the traffic backups, the closure of lanes and the length of the project.

Chief Vakulick stated the power is out in West Tarentum and they cannot find the problem. The problem is trying to be resolved as quickly as possible.

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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 June 18, 2011, was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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2. Juvare White	ruscourt St
3. Ruben Cortez	700 Roup Street
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