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

Councilman Varos was absent.

RESOLUTION APPROVE MINUTES Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 16, 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.

REMARKS: MS. LANDA Ms. Landa asked what the status is of the litigation with the laundromat on Fifth Avenue.

REMARKS: SOLICITOR STRELLEC Solicitor Strellec stated a pretrial conference was held in the spring and it appears an agreement may have been reached. As soon as everything has been finalized, it will be made public.

REMARKS: MS. KANZIC Ms. Kanzic stated she is here on behalf of her mother who lives next to a vacant lot. There is poison ivy growing and snakes. There are a lot of trees and it's overgrown. She asked if the Borough can clear off at least the lower part of the lot.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated it is like woods
BOROUGH on the vacant lot that is between the two houses.
MANAGER He stated he will see what can be done to help
ROSSEY solve some of the problems with the vacant lot.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's
COUNCILMAN Comments, on August 10, interviews were
RAPP conducted for the hiring of a code enforcement
officer and attended a Business Advisory meeting.
On August 16, opened demolition bids and attended
and helped at the concerts in the park.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
Mayor.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of July
MAYOR 2012, there were 395 calls for service which
MAGNETTA is a plus of 36 from 2011; 36 arrests which is a
plus of 14 from 2011; 143 citations issued which
is a plus of 19 from 2011; 8 total accidents
which is a plus 1 from 2011, 7 nonreportable
accidents which is the same as 2011, 1 reportable
accidents which is a plus 1 from 2011, and there
were no injuries which is the same as 2011; fines
collected \$5,692.21 which is a plus of \$381.19
from 2011; fines collected for year \$52,832.30
which is a minus of \$2,238.80 from 2011; parking
tickets issued 38 which is a plus 2 from 2011.
He stated on July 18, attended a meeting with
Brackenridge Borough and East Deer regarding the
equipment moving through East Deer, Tarentum and
Brackenridge. On July 19 thru the 22, attended
the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Conference in
Lancaster. On July 24, attended a meeting on the
moving of equipment once again through Tarentum
for ATI. On July 30, attended a meeting with
Highland School District regarding the school bus
and traffic for Grandview School and attended a

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meeting regarding the highway and bridge project. He thanked the people who are showing patience during this project. He stated on August 1 and 15, he worked the concerts in the park. He stated he would like to recommend to Council the hiring of Paul Perriello, Jr., as a part time police officer.

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

There was no police report.

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the new street
BOROUGH sweeper should arrived within the next couple of
MANAGER weeks. He stated all the handicap ramps will be
ROSSEY completed within the next couple of weeks on the
designated streets.

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

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RESOLUTION
HIRE PART
TIME CODE
OFFICER

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council hires Tim Dzugan as Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
ACCEPT
RESIGNATION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the resignation of Dave Hilliard, effective August 24, 2012. All Council members were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated Mr. Betts has been filling in for Mr. Hilliard in the interim and suggested a motion be made for Mr. Betts to continue in that position until a final decision is made by Council.

RESOLUTION
INTERIM
STREET
FOREMAN

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Bob Betts as interim Street Foreman until Council takes further action. 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.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated Council has received proposed rate increase for the water for review. The rates are to cover the bond for the water tanks and treatment plant.

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REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for an update regarding
COUNCILMAN the water tanks.
RAPP

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the permits have
BOROUGH been submitted to DEP regarding the water tanks
MANAGER and the filters at the plant and work has been
ROSSEY started at the pump house.

A discussion was held.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Kerr stated he has received many
COUNCILMAN positive comments regarding the new streetlights.
KERR

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated Tarentum is the only
MAYOR borough in the United States that has all LED
MAGNETTA lighting.

A discussion was held.

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 Carter, RESOLVED, this Council hires
TIME Paul Perriello, Jr., as a part-time police
OFFICER officer.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose report from
COUNCILMAN June 19 to July 16, 2012, total alarms 15; total
FIRKO man hours 232; 5 automatic alarms; 3 power line
sparking; 2 motor vehicle accidents; 2 EMS

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assists; 1 structure fire; 1 vehicle fire; and assisted East Deer, Frazer and Brackenridge on mutual aid calls; and from July 17 to August 20, 2012, 13 alarms; 166 man hours; 1 structure fire; 1 water condition; 6 automatic fire alarms; 2 smoke investigations; 2 EMS assists; and 1 wire down. Eureka reported 42 alarms; 9 motor vehicle crashes; 9 wire transformer calls; 5 water rescue; 6 automatic fire alarms; odor investigations; 3 vehicle field brush fires; 4 physical rescues; 3 flooding and containment; 109 personnel matters; and 212 EMS calls. He stated the volunteers do a great job and have been doing it for years. He stated he received another bid for the radios. He stated after a lot of comparing and after speaking with Staley Communication, Inc., their bid came down to \$23,162 from \$30,000. Mobile Radio bid \$24,896. He stated he spoke with the Police Department and Public Works and both are interested in increasing the communications between them, especially during borough emergencies. The new radio system will improve communications between the Police Department, Fire Departments and Public Works. He stated he would like to make a motion regarding the purchase of the radios.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated some members of Council may have been caught off guard regarding a motion for the purchase of the radios due to it not being on the agenda. He stated he has not had a chance to meet with the Borough Manager to discuss the financing of the radios. He asked that the motion be made at next month's meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the need for the radios, the use of the radios and how the Borough would pay for the radios.

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RESOLUTION
 PURCHASE
 RADIOS

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council awards the bid for the purchase of radios to Staley Communication, Inc., at a cost of \$23,162.00.
 All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
 COUNCILMAN
 RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
 ACCEPT BID
 DEMOLITION

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the bid from Greenthumb Excavating in the amount of \$46,464.64, for demolition of the following properties:

215 West 7 th Avenue	414 West 7 th Avenue
132 West 10 th Avenue	300 West 9 th Avenue
316 West 8 th Avenue	410 West 7 th Avenue
812 Center Street	315 West 7 th Avenue

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

REMARKS:
 BOROUGH
 MANAGER
 ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the property at 414 West 7th Avenue is under appeal and the hearing is set for August 29, with the International Appeals Board. The owner lives in New York and is to be present for the hearing.

A discussion was held regarding the property and the hearing.

RESOLUTION
 LOT & BLOCK
 CONSOLIDATION
 PLAN

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Lot & Block Consolidation Plan from R&Z Tarentum Properties, L.P., for the consolidation of Lot & Blocks 1223-S-90,

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1223-M-58, 1223-M-60, 1223-M-57, 1223-M-56 and the vacating of Rose Alley to create one parcel. 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 COUNCILMAN Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants SCRAP FORD the Borough Manager permission to scrap the 1995 PICKUP Ford $\frac{3}{4}$ Pickup. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by COUNCILMAN Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants GRANT Stepp's West End Tavern permission to hold a PERMISSION charity fundraiser and Pig Roast on Saturday, August 25, 2012. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he spoke with the BOROUGH owners of the tavern and the charity is for the MANAGER woman who was the victim of a hit and run and ROSSEY lost her leg. There will be no alcohol on the street.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated there are two more COUNCILMAN concerts in the park scheduled. He stated it has FOX been a good season for the Recreation Board. The Board and committee have done a great job, with the help of the Mayor and President of Council. He stated the first fall family festival is

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being sponsored by Summit Hose and the Recreation Board will be held September 27, 28 and 29. He stated the crafts in the park this year have been very well attended. It was held for six weeks, for a two hour period. The annual Christmas parade is being planned. There will be more marching bands this year. He stated the volunteers put a lot of time and effort in planning all of these events. He stated the painting that was done on the band shell and snack shack looks great and there was a lot of good feedback regarding the painting.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated there is a meeting next
COUNCILMAN week and the minutes will be given to Council.
FOX There was no meeting in July.

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: Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
KERR

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik thanked Mayor and Council for the
MR. LOVASIK demolishing of the building at 315 West 7th
Avenue. He stated a professor from Mellon

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Institute is going to do an autobiography of his father's life of when he came to this country, where he worked and when he had the grocery store. He discussed his father's artifacts and what was going to happen with them.

REMARKS:
MS. KANZIC

Ms. Kanzic stated the park is looking very nice and the kids are enjoying it. She stated she will be teaching as a Head Start pre-school teacher at the Highland Family Center on 4th Avenue and they will be using the park with the children.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Firko the meeting of August 20, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 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. Robert Stebener	401 EAST 8th Avenue HHC
2. Dina Landa	1512 E 6TH
3. Muley Jacobs	211 W 7th Ave
4. Mary Jo Kanzi	1427 4th St Nat. Hts. 1315 Alten Ave. Tarentum
5. Sheryl Wilentz	713 Mill St Tar.
6. Brad James	Eureka Fire Rescue
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