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ASSEMBLY

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Mike Gutonski. Also present were Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Kerr was absent.

RESOLUTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 20, 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, East 6th Avenue, stated she's asking this question on behalf of a resident of East 10th Avenue. She asked what the Borough is going to do with the flower boxes up by the fence, across from Gatto's and what is going on with the skate park.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the flower boxes will be weeded and the skate park is being turned into deck hockey. Dick's Sporting Goods is donating the nets and the Borough is repairing the fence and painting the hockey lines on the concrete. He stated the reason for the deck hockey is that the skate park needed too much work and it would have been costly to the Borough.

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A discussion was held regarding the hockey deck and the damage that was done when it was a skate park.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, a meeting was held with Mr. Rossey, Councilman Gutonski, Councilman Firko and the police for early contract talks. Also attended another concert in the park. He stated on August 29, Mr. Rossey and he met with local county and state officials at LaRusse Beer Distributing who is now out of business and discussed some options that can be done with the building. On August 31, the last concert in the park was held. On September 4, attended a meeting with the Recreation Board and Summit Hose on the upcoming Fall Festival. He stated the Tarentum Business Advisory cancelled their meeting due to lack of attendance. He stated the Streetscape Project will be starting soon. He stated he hopes residents will take an interest in the things that are being done in the Borough and volunteer their time. He stated it makes a big difference when everyone helps.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

There was no report.

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

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated, for the month of August 2012, there were 376 calls for service; 30 arrests; 97 citations issued; 12 accidents in total; fines collected for the month \$5,574.97; fines collected for the year \$58,407.30; parking tickets issued 30. He stated the Police Department has received a couple of new cars and

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the equipment for the cars are on backorder. One of the cars has been equipped and waiting for the equipment for the other car. He stated one of the police cars was wrecked by a hit and run driver on the bridge. The car is being repaired and the department was provided a loaner to use until the car is returned.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding the progress of the PennDOT project, the traffic and the people that are flagging and not paying attention to traffic.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated there is a problem with the light at Mill Street. He stated he met with PennDOT and they brightened the red light. He stated people are still going through it. He stated once he gets the manpower, he can post a policeman to sit at the light.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the paving has been completed. He stated this Saturday is Antiques in the Park and 1st Avenue will be closed from the bridge to Corbet Street, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The new street sweeper has been delivered. It is running and everyone who will be running it has been trained. He stated the Streetscape project will begin on Monday. It will begin at Massart's and work toward the bridge. All the brick will be reset, the bumps taken out, new curb cuts and trees planted. He stated the Borough received 16 trees through the tree vitalization grant. The trees will be planted November 7, at 9:00 a.m.

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Anyone interested in helping is welcome. He stated the three species of trees were handpicked. He stated he applied for a grant for 21 more trees for next year, to do West 7th Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
MMO approves the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)
for the uniform employees for 2012 of \$71,459.00.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
MMO approves the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)
for the non-uniform employees for 2012 of
\$70,941.00.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION
APPOINT
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Robert Betts as the Public Works Director at a starting salary of \$50,000 per year, with a probation period ending December 31, 2012. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

A discussion was held regarding Mr. Betts and the Union.

RESOLUTION
HIRE FULL
TIME CODE
OFFICER

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council hires Timothy Dzusan as full time nonunion employee Code Enforcement Officer with full benefits. Starting rate at 70% of AFSME. He will be full time Code Enforcement Officer and be available as last call for assistance with AFSME duties, provided that AFSME concurs that Code Enforcement position is nonunion and he may assist last call out for assistance. He will serve probationary for 6 months and assist with Police Department, when needed. 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
APPROVE
WATER RATE

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council approves the proposed water rate increases of 10% for 2013. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
APPOINT
SUPERVISOR

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Ted Bajack as Water Distribution

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Supervisor pending union approval.
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.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
CARTER

Councilman Carter made a motion to advertise for bid the sale of the 1996 Ford Large Electric Bucket Truck.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he does not agree to selling the truck. The Borough has its own electric company. He stated to not have the proper equipment when needed in an emergency is not right. He stated transformers cannot be changed unless you have one of these trucks. If there is an emergency and the Borough does not have the proper equipment, it may take hours before that piece of equipment is available.

A discussion was held regarding the costs of keeping the truck and the need for the truck.

MOTION
FAILED

There was no second to the motion and the motion failed.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Public Safety & Civil Service Committee.

RESOLUTION
APPROVE
LABOR
CONTRACT

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the tentative five (5) year labor contract agreement with the Tarentum Borough Police Department.
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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated the negotiations went well and the police also have the needs of the Borough in mind. He stated the contract worked out with the police is a very workable and fair agreement.

Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose Company for August 20 thru September 17, 2012, total alarms 8 which included 3 automatic fire alarms, 3 structure fires, 1 odor of gas, 1 wire down; 2 mutual aid calls, one to Lower Burrell and one to East Deer; total man hours 120. He stated as far as the radios are concerned, the company is waiting for the license before any programming can begin.

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 contractor for the demolition of the properties is scheduled to begin October 1. The property at 414 West 7th Avenue the owner has been working to improve the property and will not be demolished at this time.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Streets & Sanitary Sewers Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
CARTER:

Councilman Carter stated he had no report.

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated the company that did
COUNCILMAN the street paving did a good job, but the men
GUTONSKI working for the company were very rude and the
police had many complaints.

A discussion was held.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated this coming weekend the
COUNCILMAN Recreation Board will be helping the 4th Annual
FOX Riverside Antique Fair at the park. The final
concert in the park was held and the Recreation
Board and volunteers did a great job and really
put their hearts into making it success. He
stated this is all volunteer work and the
Recreation Board does not take any money for what
they do. The Recreation Board will be helping
Summit Hose with their fall festival. There is a
lot of good feedback from residents saying they
are very excited about having a family oriented
festival in the park. He stated a number of
donations have also been received. He encouraged
everyone to attend the festival.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
AWARD Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council awards
PROJECT Allegheny Fence Company the Riverview Park
Improvement Fence Project for a bid of
\$37,530.00. The Borough has a CDBG Grant for
\$20,645.00 for this project.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

There was no report.

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa asked the status of discussions with Tim Kuhns of Upper Allegheny Joint Sanitary Authority regarding the \$4,000 sewage bill the Borough received for the new spray park.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated the Borough received a phone call indicating they could not be at the meeting this evening, so it was tabled until they can attend a meeting.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated a former Councilman, Frank Yannuzzi, has died and asked that he and his family be remembered in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of September 17, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager