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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Raymond Kerr; Councilman Eric Carter; and Councilman Pete Varos. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Police Chief Vakulick.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves
MINUTES the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 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.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's
COUNCILMAN Comments, on September 16, representatives from
RAPP Middleton, PA came to tour Tarentum and to see what Tarentum was doing with the street lights and were impressed with what was going on in Tarentum. On September 20, attended Recreation Board meeting. On September 22, helped the Recreation Board at the Antiques in the Park. On September 27, 28, 29 the Fall Festival was held at the park with summit Hose. He stated a letter was received from Highland School Board commending on the help they received on the construction up by Grandview School. He stated on November 7, at 9:00 a.m., tree planting in town will take place and anyone wishing to help is welcome and would be appreciated.

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Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of September 2012, there were 307 calls for service which is a minus of 44 from 2011; 43 arrests which is a minus of 2 from 2011; 122 citations issued which is a minus of 61 from 2011; 15 total accidents which is a plus 6 from 2011, 13 nonreportable accidents which is a plus 7 from 2011, 2 reportable accidents which is a minus 1 from 2011, and there were 2 injuries which is a plus 2 from 2011; fines collected \$8,684.36 which is a minus of \$1,215.30 from 2011; fines collected for year \$67,091.70 which is a minus of \$4,786.00 from 2011; parking tickets issued 38 which is a minus of 71 from 2011. He stated a lot of the calls and citations are due to the construction that is ongoing and the accidents are up due to the same reason. He stated the new provisions of the Borough Code that went into effect in July for the mayors state the mayor must submit in writing to Council of his intentions on performing marriages. The mayor must state if he will accept monetary donation up to \$150 per wedding. He stated he will not accept any money to perform wedding ceremonies, but if the parties wish to make a donation, he will recommend that the donation be made to the Tarentum Recreation Board. He stated he performed a wedding ceremony on September 8 and they gave a donation of \$100 to the Recreation Board. He stated on September 13, he was elected as Mayor At Large and also a member of the Executive Board of the Allegheny County Mayors Association.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

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REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated regarding the construction by PennDOT, the closure of 9th Avenue has been delayed until this weekend which is when 10th Avenue is to be closed. So, both may be closed at the same time or 10th Avenue may not be closed until the following weekend. He stated starting on November 8, some wide loads will be coming through going to the mill from East Deer. The loads are big and West 7th Avenue between the two bridges and 1st Avenue will have to be closed. He stated a request was made for them to get a night permit to move the loads between midnight and 7:00 a.m. He stated the company will be paying for the time, closures and detours.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated he would like Council to consider the possibility of making Lock Street at the top of the hill a no left turn. The sign is up there now temporarily which seems to be working out a lot better.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated the traffic backs up on Lock Street and that traffic is trying to get out onto East 10th Avenue and causing more backups. There have been many accidents in that area.

A discussion was held.

RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council authorizes the Solicitor to create an ordinance regarding a no left turn from Lock Street onto East 10th Avenue and advertise the same for the November 2012 Council meeting. 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 the
Borough Manager.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
Solicitor.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
Administrative, Employee Relations, Finance
Committee.

RESOLUTION
PAY BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council approves
the payment of the October 2012 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
seven (7) affirmative votes.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
Water Committee.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
12-03

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council passes
Ordinance 12-03, designating the new rates for
metered water sold by the Borough to its
customers.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
seven (7) affirmative votes.

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

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

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 Benjamin Barch and Bruce Wigton, Jr., as part
OFFICERS time police officers.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated the monthly report from
COUNCILMAN Highland Hose, there were a total of 16 alarms; 5
FIRKO for the period of September 18 to October 5; 5
motor vehicle crashes; 8 automatic fire alarms; 1
EMS assist; 1 odor investigation; 3 Mutual Aid
calls, one to East Deer, two to Frazer. The
monthly report from Eureka Hose, 22 alarms; 9
motor vehicle accidents; 6 automatic fire alarms;
2 physical rescues, water rescues; 3
miscellaneous; representing 121 personnel hours;
244 EMS calls for August; for September, 38
alarms; 13 motor vehicle crashes; 7 automatic
fire alarms; 5 EMS assists; 3 odor, smoke
investigations; 4 miscellaneous fires or wires
down; representing 124 personnel hours and 270
EMS calls.
He stated regarding the radios for Public Works,
Staley's is in the process of getting permission
to place the antennas on the towers. He stated

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the licenses have been transferred and as soon as the antennas are placed, the radios will be installed.

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

DISCUSSION A discussion was held regarding the possibility
of putting out for bid the sale of the train
Station building.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the Borough is
BOROUGH breaking even on the building between the rent,
MANAGER insurance and taxes. The present tenant is
ROSSEY interested in owning the building due to the
investment he has in the building. He stated
there may be other people interested in
purchasing the building. A public auction could
be held with the starting bid of \$150,000.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated suggested a stipulation be
COUNCILMAN placed on the building that it be used for a
FOX restaurant and it doesn't turn into a junk
building.

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated language can be placed
SOLICITOR in the deed to state so long as it is used for a
STRELLEC restaurant, tavern, commercial retail purposes or
however Council decides on limitations for the
use of the building.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the language for the use of the Train Station building, limitations to be placed in the deed and the best way to conduct a sale of the building. Discussion was also held regarding the use of the proceeds of the sale.

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REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated Mr. Rossey and he will
SOLICITOR prepare a statement of sale for Council's final
STRELLEC approval and the auction can be held in the
summer.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated there is \$150,000
BOROUGH in grant money to be spent by June 2013 to
MANAGER purchase properties.
ROSSEY

A discussion was held regarding certain buildings
the Borough is trying to acquire and what would
need to be done with those buildings.

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
BOAT DOCK Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
LEASE to raise the Boat Dock Lease Agreement rate
AGREEMENT from \$10.00 per foot to \$12.00 per foot beginning
January 1, 2013.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the majority of the leases
COUNCILMAN for the boat docks is out of town people. The
FOX rates have not been raised in twenty years.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated there is a waiting
BOROUGH list of people who want to rent the dock spaces
MANAGER and none are available.
ROSSEY

A discussion was held regarding the boat docks.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
TRICK-OR- Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council approves
TREAT Door-to-Door Trick-or-Treat on Wednesday, October
31, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the last two concerts in
COUNCILMAN park were held on August 22 and 31. He stated
FOX it was a good year for the Recreation Board. A
meeting was held with Brackenridge for the
upcoming Christmas parade and there are going to
be more marching bands this year. He stated the
first fall festival held with Summit Hose and the
Recreation Board was a success and a lot of
compliments were received on the festival. He
stated everyone is ready to come back next year.
He stated the Boo-Fest is this weekend and there
are 180 children signed up for the event. The
fall bingo at Dalton's Edge was held and 90
people attended the event. The Christmas parade
will be held on December 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the minutes of the meetings
COUNCILMAN will be given to Council.
FOX

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

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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

DISCUSSION A discussion was held regarding the sewage
bill.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated Council asked for
COUNCILMAN representatives to attend the meeting
RAPP this evening to discuss the \$4,000 sewage bill
and they said they could not come to the meeting.
The sewage bill now has a late fee attached in
the amount of \$400.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated the bill is for the spray
MAYOR park for the children and not only Tarentum
MAGNETTA children, but for all children in the surrounding
areas. He stated the Sewage Authority should be
ashamed of themselves to send such a bill and
adding a late fee to it.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the Tarentum never
BOROUGH received a bill for the water used for the
MANAGER Snoopy Pool. The water for the spray park is not
ROSSEY metered, so there is no way of knowing how much
water is being used.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the bill
for the spray park, how much water is possibly
being used for the spray park and how best to
resolve the situation.

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RESOLUTION
EXTEND
INVITATION
SEWAGE
AUTHORITY

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to invite representatives of the Sewage Authority to attend Council's November meeting to discuss the sewage bill for the spray park. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa, East 6th Avenue, asked if Council can restrict the Train Station building to a certain type of restaurant so that the building couldn't become a fast food restaurant.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

Solicitor Strellec stated language can be placed in the agreement of sale to include certain restrictions of the use of the building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr the meeting of October 15, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager