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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, November 19, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Eric Carter; Raymond Kerr; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Mike Gutonski. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

RESOLUTION APPROVE MINUTES Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated the building in which the public library is housed is being sold and she is concerned that the library may not have a place to go to in the area. She asked if a committee could be formed to help the library find another place to move to in the area.

REMARKS:  
BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY Borough Manager Rossey stated everyone is concerned about the library and he has spoken to a some business owners who may be interested in buying the building that the library is housed in to try to keep the library in the area.

REMARKS:  
MR.  
CIESLINSKI Mr. Cieslinski, First Avenue, stated he is concerned about the power grid and asked when the Borough is going to upgrade it for the lower half of the Second Ward.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated improvements have  
BOROUGH been made to the power grid.  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Cieslinski stated he is concerned about the  
MR. rearranging and eliminating of the island on  
CIESLINSKI 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and narrowing of the streets that  
emergency vehicles, trucks and buses will have a  
hard time getting through and making turns. He  
stated traffic is going to be backed up if  
someone stops for the train.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he wasn't on council  
COUNCILMAN when this was discussed and passed. He stated he  
GUTONSKI looked at some of the work being done and he  
doesn't think it's the greatest idea. He stated  
he would like to have seen better plans made,  
but, at this point, it's already been contracted  
out.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated the Borough was concerned  
COUNCILMAN about public safety and that's one of the  
RAPP reasons the work is being done there. It was  
advertised one to two years ago. There were  
committees to study the project. He stated  
meetings were held and very few people showed up  
and after a while, no one showed up at the  
meetings. He stated this is what the committee  
proposed.

A discussion was held regarding the project, the  
safety factor and the traffic concerns.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's  
COUNCILMAN Comments, on October 23, he attended a parade  
RAPP meeting at Brackenridge with the Recreation  
Board. On October 29, an emergency management  
meeting was held regarding super storm Sandy  
which little held little effect for the area.

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He commended the fire departments and emergency committee for their preparation regarding the storm. He stated on November 6, he attended another Christmas parade meeting. On November 9, attended Tarentum Business Advisory Committee meeting, with Councilman Fox and Mr. Rossey. He stated on November 15, Councilman Fox, Mayor Magnetta, Mr. Rossey and he attended a meeting in Harmar with county representatives. He stated the county representatives indicated the communities who attend the meetings and show an interest will be given priority over the communities who don't attend. He stated on November 17, the Christmas parade was held.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:  
MAYOR  
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, for the month of October 2012, there were 322 calls for service which is a minus one from 2011; 41 arrests which is a plus of 12 from 2011; 126 citations issued which is a minus 20 from 2011; 16 total accidents which is a plus of 11 from 2011, nonreportable accidents 13 which is a plus of 6 from 2011 and reportable accidents 3 which is a plus of 3 from 2011, with one injury which is a plus of 1 from 2011; fines collection \$4,658.91 which is a minus \$442.42 from 2011; fines collected for the year \$71,750.60 which is a minus \$5,282.40 from 2011; parking tickets issued 14 which is a minus 103 from 2011. He stated due to the PennDOT project, officers are not on the streets issuing traffic tickets and the accidents are up. The project is soon coming to an end. He stated he attended most of the meetings Councilman Rapp mentioned. He stated November 10 he spoke at the Tarentum VFW Brackenridge for the Veteran's Day Program. He stated on November 14, Chief Vakulick and he

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attended a meeting for the contract regarding the moving of heavy equipment that will be starting the beginning the middle of December for Allegheny Ludlum. The equipment will be moving through from East Deer through Tarentum, Brackenridge and into Harrison. The route will be closed from New Kensington Bridge to Tarentum Bridge. The moving of the equipment will be done from midnight to 7:00 a.m. He stated the Christmas parade was very successful and nearly two hours long. He stated the Borough workers did a great job with the decorations in the park and around town.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

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

REMARKS:  
CHIEF  
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated the PennDOT project on 366, on Wednesday, traffic will be moved over to the proper lanes. There still will be one lane shut down on each side, but the open lane will be on the proper sides. The project won't be finished for another two weeks at least. He stated the moving of the heavy equipment will begin the second week of December, between midnight and 7:00 a.m. and then about 11:00 a.m., the empty part will be taken down to the docking area at East Deer. It will take about four hours to move it, so it will affect traffic during the day also. He stated he agrees with Mr. Cieslinski regarding 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He stated the traffic is stop and go and there will be problems there.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

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REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER

Borough Manager Rossey stated a copy of the proposed budget has been given to Council for review. The budget includes the increase for healthcare and waiting for quotes from UPMC and Health America. He stated the budget doesn't include a raise in taxes and it worked out well. He stated the Borough is still waiting for the new assessments. He stated if Council has any questions regarding the budget, to call him. He stated the Borough Association membership dinner is on December 13. He stated if anyone is interested in attending, to let him know. He stated the COG dinner is on December 7 and if anyone is interested in attending that dinner, to let him know. The Allegheny League of Municipalities reception will be held January 10, 2013. He stated one of the issues facing the Borough now is the repairing of the Fourth Avenue Bridge in which the cost will be close to a million dollars. He stated with the new gaming funds that was set up for major municipal projects, the Borough can apply for a grant in the amount of half a million dollars and maybe get a match from the state to help with the costs of repairs. He stated the Borough can apply for the grant in the spring. He stated tomorrow night he will be attending a meeting in Monroeville, at 6:30 p.m., for Allegheny County Storm Water Management Program. He stated if anyone is interested in attending, to let him know.

REMARKS:  
MAYOR  
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated the Fourth Avenue Bridge will need to be closed down to one lane after the first of the year. He stated a lot of companies use that bridge everyday. He stated he contacted Senator Dermody and Representative Doyle regarding the bridge. He asked all Councilmen to contact these individuals regarding the bridge and requesting their help.

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A discussion was held regarding the Fourth Avenue Bridge.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:  
SOLICITOR  
STRELLEC

Solicitor Strellec stated in January, Council passed a zoning ordinance that attempted to make a provision to allow billboards specifically on Mr. Grim's property, but didn't satisfy the requirements of PennDOT. A Planning Commission was held in the summer and the parts of the ordinance were addressed, the location of a permitted billboard use and to remove the rural resources overlay over the Tarentum Borough property east of Bakerstown Road north of 28 and just keep it on the west side which would encompass the KOZ property. That information was sent to the Allegheny County Planning Division which is part of the Allegheny County Economic Development for review. It was reviewed and in addressing their responses, Mr. Grim's attorney wrote a proposed section of the ordinance. He stated the rectangular shape on the map would be the area zoned Roadway Commercial District and it permits many different things, but basically, it's for billboards. There is no roadway access to the property. In the ordinance, No. 12 of Section B is billboards and basically, that's what this whole section is. A public hearing will be held regarding the ordinance to add a section on billboards and to remove the rural resource overlay. He stated the request is being made by Mr. Grim and Council can approve the request or not approve it.

A discussion was held regarding the amendments to the ordinance, billboard placement and scheduling a public hearing.

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

RESOLUTION  
REAPPOINT  
DELEGATES

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council reappoints William Rossey as the Official Delegate and Carl Margetta, Jr. as the Alternate Delegate to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association for 2013. 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:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Electric Committee.

RESOLUTION  
AWARD  
PROJECT

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council awards the Riverview Park Decorative Lighting Project to Sternberg Lighting for the purchase of 20 decorative light poles with LED light fixtures, for the bid amount of \$30,000.00. A \$10,000.00 grant from Port of Pittsburgh Foundation will be used towards the purchase.

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

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

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated the report from Highland  
COUNCILMAN Hose Company for the period of October 15 to this  
FIRKO date, there were 8 total alarms which consisted  
of one motor vehicle crash, one odor  
investigation, 3 automatic fire alarms, 3  
structural fires and one mutual aid call to  
Harrison Township for total man hours of 114.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked for an update regarding  
COUNCILMAN the new radios.  
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated the radios are in,  
COUNCILMAN however the permissions for the tower are  
FIRKO pending.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated the school was offered  
COUNCILMAN the old fire engine of Eureka Hose and they  
RAPP are not interested in it. He stated he would  
like Council to consider placing that up for  
sale.

A discussion was held regarding the sale of the  
fire engine.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by  
ADVERTISE Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees  
FOR SALE to place Eureka Hose's old fire engine on Craig's  
List or Ebay for bids.  
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resolution was adopted.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Varos stated he had no report.  
COUNCILMAN  
VAROS

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

REMARKS: Councilman Carter stated a discussion to give the  
COUNCILMAN Upper Allegheny Joint Sewer Authority permission  
CARTER: to construct a road at the end of Conwell Street  
towards the PennDOT culverts to access their  
system.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he spoke with Tim  
COUNCILMAN Kuhns who is in charge of this project and the  
GUTONSKI Authority doesn't want a road. The Authority  
needs to clean out a sewer. They need to drive  
over land to get to the sewer which will just be  
one time.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the  
Authority's need to get to their sewer through  
Borough property, the making or not making of an  
access road by the Authority to get to the sewer  
and the sewage bill sent to the Borough for the  
spray park.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by  
PERMISSION Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council  
TO ACCESS gives the Upper Allegheny Joint Sewer Authority  
SEWER permission to access their system by going  
through the Borough's property.  
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resolution was adopted.

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A further discussion was held regarding the sewage bill sent to the Borough, the placing of a meter to monitor the use of water for the spray park and sending representatives of Council to the Sewage Authority meeting to discuss the bill.

RESOLUTION  
RELAY FOR  
LIFE

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to give the Relay for Life permission to hang purple banners and ribbons in Tarentum, for their annual Relay for Life Event, to be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

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

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Parks & Recreation Committee.

RESOLUTION  
FALL  
FESTIVAL

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council grants Summit Hose Company and the Tarentum Recreation Board permission to use Tarentum Riverview Park on Wednesday, September 25 thru Saturday, September 28, to hold their 2013 Family Fall Festival and to close First Avenue during this event.

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

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the Christmas parade was fantastic. He stated he received calls from Arnold and New Kensington stating it was the best parade put on. There were a lot of new things in the parade. He thanked all the volunteers who helped make the parade a success. He stated the senior bingo at Dalton's Edge will be held on December 5. A chicken dinner will be served and prize baskets will be given away. Christmas in

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the Park will be held December 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Santa will be there, caroling from the Highland quire and much more. He stated he wants to thank the Borough staff, the workers and police force, along with the firemen for all that they do for the Borough.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated Council will receive the  
COUNCILMAN minutes of the meeting in their packet.  
FOX

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: Ms. Collins, Main Street, stated she had a  
MS. COLLINS neighbor move in a couple years ago which has been an unpleasant situation. She stated charges were filed April 17, 2012 of harassment and disorderly conduct and a hearing was held in which she and her mother attended July 12, 2012. The neighbor did not show up. She stated the officer asked if they would come back another time to a second hearing. A second hearing was

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never scheduled. She stated she's asked numerous times why the hearing was never scheduled and had no reply.

REMARKS:  
CHIEF  
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated that Ms. Collins had been called numerous times, by the arresting officer, and never returned the calls. He stated he received e-mails from Ms. Collins indicating that she and her mother would not attend any further hearings. He stated a hearing was held and the neighbor was found guilty for one of the counts and since Ms. Collins did not appear, those charges were dismissed. The neighbor went to jail and her children were taken off of her. He stated the neighbor has been back about two months and the police have not heard from her.

REMARKS:  
MS. COLLINS

Ms. Collins stated the neighbor is throwing stuff in the yard again and sent an e-mail about it.

REMARKS:  
CHIEF  
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated Ms. Collins needs to call 911 when it is happening so an officer can respond at that time. The e-mails are not received until a day or two after it happens.

A discussion was held regarding the problems Ms. Collins is having with the neighbor and her appearance at a second hearing.

REMARKS:  
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa stated the decorative lighting project with LED light fixtures is \$30,000 with a \$10,000 grant and asked where the \$20,000 left will be coming from.

REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated from the electric fund.

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REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated on behalf of Council,  
Chief and Mayor wished everyone a Happy  
Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before  
Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski,  
seconded by Councilman Varos the meeting of  
November 19, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at  
7:57 p.m.



William Rossey  
Borough Manager