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

Councilman Kerr 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 November 19, 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 Vacancy Board was and how many people are on the Board.

REMARKS: BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY Borough Manager Rossey stated one person serves on the Vacancy Board.

REMARKS: SOLICITOR STRELLEC Solicitor Strellec stated if a vacancy occurs on Council and there is a 3 to 3 vote by Council to appoint someone to the vacant Council seat and the appointment cannot be made within 30 days, the person on the Vacancy Board would make it a 7 member Council and would become the tie breaker.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, on December 5, attended a senior citizens bingo, with the Recreation Board, at Dalton's Edge, where a chicken dinner was served to the seniors. On December 7, attended the COG dinner with the Mayor, Councilman Fox, Mr. Rossey and Chief Vakulick at Harmarville. He stated on December 13, Councilman Fox, Mr. Rossey and he attended the Boroughs Association dinner in Pittsburgh. He stated this past Saturday, Christmas in the Park was held which was very well attended. He commended Borough employee Kenny Misejka who saved people in a recent fire. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

There was no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated, for the month of November 2012, there were 311 calls for service; 33 arrests; 152 citations; total accidents 10, nonreportable accidents 8, reportable accidents 2, with one injury; fines collected \$5,911.83; fines collected for the year \$77,662.20; parking tickets issued 6. He stated that the wide loads will be starting at midnight tonight and Thursday night into Friday. There may be parking restrictions on West 6th, 1st Avenue and Ross Street. He stated the wide loads may be able to get through without the parking restrictions, but for now the restrictions are in place.

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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 the healthcare for Borough employees may be changed. He stated he is waiting for the rates from UPMC and will review all the rates and benefits and compare them to what the Borough currently has which is High Mark, before a decision is made. If there is a change from High Mark to UPMC, it will be a great savings to the Borough for healthcare. He stated Frank Forbes sent a letter of resignation for his part time position as police clerk after the last Council meeting. The position needs to be filled before his retirement takes effect at the end of January 2013, so he can train that person. The position was advertised and many applications have been received. He stated Chief Vakulick and he reviewed the applications and held preliminary interviews. He stated the first of the year, he would like Council's permission with the Public Safety Committee and the Mayor to hire someone and make it official at the next Council meeting in January.

RESOLUTION
HIRE POLICE
CLERK

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council approves the hiring of a Police Clerk, a part time position, with a six month probation period. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report.

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

RESOLUTION
2013 BUDGET

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
passes the 2013 Proposed Budget.

A discussion was held regarding the amount of
dues paid, the costs of the present project in
the Borough, the increasing of the Fire
Departments' allocated amount from \$2,000 to
\$3,000 and the reading of electric meters.

VOTE ON
RESOLUTION

Upon roll call, the resolution was approved with
six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
13-01

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
approves the advertising of Ordinance 13-01,
setting the 2013 tax millage at 5.48 mills. (NO
CHANGE)
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
MEETINGS

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
approves the advertising of the following
meetings for 2013:

- a. Committee meetings 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
(as needed)
- b. Council Meetings 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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- c. Recreation Board 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
(as needed)
- d. Civil Service 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
(as needed)
- e. Planning Commission 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
(as needed)
- f. Zoning Hearing Board 4th Thursday at 7:00
p.m. (as needed)

All Meetings are held in the Borough Council
Chambers.

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

RESOLUTION
TAX
COLLECTOR
COMMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council sets
the 2013 Tax Collector commission rate at 2%, for
current year and 5% for prior year and delinquent
real estate and per capita taxes.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE
SOLICITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
to hire David P. Strellec, Esq., as the Borough
Solicitor for 2013.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE
ENGINEER

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
to hire Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc., as
the Borough Engineer for 2013.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE
AUDITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
agrees to hire Merge & Hill, P.C., as the Borough
Auditor for 2013.

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

RESOLUTION
APPOINT
VACANCY
BOARD

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Charles Blackburn to the Vacancy Board for 2013. 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 Frank Forbes' letter of retirement, effective January 31, 2013. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
APPOINT
SEW. AUTH.
BRD.

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council appoints James Newcomer to the Sewage Authority Board, for January 2013, for a five year term. This appointment will take effect at the end of Mr. Vinkovitch's term. 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 attended the Sewage Authority meeting and everyone was very cordial, but the Authority Board is very firm on the bill they sent to the Borough for the spray park, in the amount of \$4,000. He stated Councilman Rapp and he met with Mr. Kuhns to find out how they came up with the figure of \$4,000 and it was pointed out that Mr. Kuhns went on an internet site that had equipment similar to what the Borough has and it has the gallons per minute used on all the equipment. He stated he

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contacted the company that did the installation of the spray park and spoke with a representative who confirmed that the amounts are accurate. He stated the Authority Board is willing to drop the \$400 late fee that was placed on the bill. The Authority asked if the Borough would consider putting a meter on the line for a more accurate read.

A discussion was held regarding the spray park, the amount of water being used, the placing of a meter on the line for a more accurate reading of water usage and the changing of the system to a closed system.

RESOLUTION
PAY SEW.
AUTH. BILL

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of \$4,000 to the Sewage Authority. 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 stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
DONATE
ENGINE

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to donate the 1977 Seagrave Engine from Summit Hose Company to the Western Pennsylvania Firefighters Memorial Honor Guard. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated when a grant is received for an engine, under the federal guidelines, the engine cannot be sold for emergency use. With donating it to the Western Pennsylvania Firefighters Memorial Honor Guard, it will be used at firefighters' funerals, ceremonies and for display. He stated the report from Summit Hose, there were 3 fires; 4 vehicle accidents; 2 hazmat calls; 2 service calls; 4 automatic fire alarms; 20 administrative functions; detailed in 33 functions; total man hours of 95 for November. Report for Eureka Hose, there were 26 alarms; 6 motor vehicle accidents; one structure fire; 4 automatic fire alarms; 2 electrical fires; 7 smoke investigations; one physical rescue; 2 hazmat calls; 3 public service representing 107 personnel hours; and EMTs responded to 221 calls in November representing 889 personnel hours.

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:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
CARTER

Councilman Carter stated the work being done on 6th Avenue is going to cause a lot of problems. He stated he has been receiving phone calls from residents that are not happy with the work that is being done. He stated he avoids the area and many others are avoiding the area also. He stated if that is what is going to be done in the Corbet Street section, he can't go along with it. It will create more problems.

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A discussion was held regarding the work being done, the progress being made by the contractors and when the work should be completed.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated Dalton's Edge senior bingo
COUNCILMAN was attended by 83 people, 40 basket prizes were
FOX given out and dinner was served to all who
attended. He thanked everyone who helped with
the event. He stated Christmas in the Park was
the best turnout since the event began. He
stated they ran out of food and bags for over 300
children that attended. He thanked the Borough
workers, police and all who helped in the event.
He stated the Fire Departments did a boot drive
for the Polly family and collected \$362 which was
given to the family. He stated he is very proud
of the Recreation Board and all the work they do
and looking forward to next year.

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

There was no report.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN Redevelopment & Revitalization Committee.
RAPP

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There was no report.

REMARKS: Ms. Collins asked Council if the James
MS. COLLINS Newcomer appointed to the Sewage Authority Board
is a policeman in the Borough.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated yes, he is.
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Mr. Grim stated regarding the zoning ordinance
MR. GRIM amendment, Council was to advertise and have a
public hearing, discussion and vote on the
ordinance. He stated his counsel will do the
amendments to the ordinance, do the public
advertisement and give it to Council for their
review.

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated he spoke with Mr.
SOLICITOR Grim's attorney and what his attorney wants to do
STRELLEC would be fine, but the person it goes to would
not accept it without it being from Mr. Rossey or
himself.

A discussion was held regarding the process and
the length of time it is taking.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
ADVERTISE Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
ZONING to do all the necessary advertising for passing
CHANGE a new Zoning Ordinance and to hold a public
hearing at the February 18, 2013 Council meeting.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the deed to the
BOROUGH Laundromat building was signed over to Gillette
MANAGER with the stipulation that they have six months to
ROSSEY take the building down. He stated PennDOT's
reconstruction project on 366 turned out very

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well and left a lot of green space in the medians. He stated PennDOT has a roadside beautification project and he sent an application into PennDOT and spoke with the director and it looks like in the spring, Tarentum will get a nice landscaped gateway area coming in off of the expressway, the whole way up into town. He stated he was contacted by local business owners who want to help and participate in getting a sign at the end when you get off the expressway welcoming people to Tarentum and help to maintain and keep the area looking attractive.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp thanked Council for working together through the year. A lot of things were done and everyone should be proud of the work being done to improve Tarentum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Firko the meeting of December 17, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager