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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2013, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Raymond Kerr; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Mike Gutonski. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnosta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Firko and Councilman Carter were absent.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 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 January 10, Mr. Rossey, Councilman
RAPP Fox and he attended the Allegheny League of Municipalities dinner in Pittsburgh and met with federal, state and county representatives; and on January 11, attended Tarentum Business Committee meeting.

SPECIAL Councilman Rapp presented a Special Recognition
RECOGNITION Award to Ken Misejka for actions taken at a fire
AWARD on December 14, 2013.

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

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REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated, for the month of
MAYOR December 2012, there were 268 calls for service
MAGNETTA which is a plus 13 from 2011; 19 arrests which is
a minus 34 from 2011; 127 citations which is a
plus 34 from 2011; total accidents 13 which is a
plus of 2 from 2011, reportable accidents 7 which
is a minus 1 from 2011, nonreportable accidents 6
which is a plus 3 from 2011, accidents with
injuries 1 which is a minus 2 from 2011; fines
collected \$4,139.61 which is a plus \$2,060.27
from 2011; fines collected for the year
\$81,801.80 which is a minus \$7,309.30; parking
tickets issued 6 which is a minus 37 from 2011.
He thanked everyone for the cards, letters and
phone calls due to his recent surgery. He
thanked the Chief and his staff for keeping him
informed of what was going on and Eureka Hose for
bringing him home from the hospital.

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

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the supersized loads will
CHIEF begin tonight and go for the next three weeks.
VAKULICK The moving of the equipment will be on Tuesdays
and Thursdays. No parking signs have been posted
on West 6th Avenue, 4th Avenue, Ross Street and
First Avenue between the hours of midnight and
7:00 a.m. He stated February 5 will be the last
supersized load that will be moved.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if there are any police
COUNCILMAN assigned to sit at the school, Ross Street, or if
GUTONSKI it's whenever they can go and if there is some
way to show some kind of police presence there
for an extended period of time. He stated the
crossing guard almost got hit by a car flying
through.

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REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the Department was short
CHIEF a man and now that he has been approved, he is on
VAKULICK the schedule for next month and now able to have
a presence at the school zone morning, afternoon,
back and forth.

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he applied for
BOROUGH interns from Carnegie Mellon for the spring and
MANAGER the Borough was awarded three or four interns.
ROSSEY The project the interns will work on this year is
abandoned and vacant properties in the Borough.
The interns will be making a complete inventory
of all empty buildings or vacant lots in the
Borough and through the Allegheny County Vacant
property Recovery Program will try to solicit the
neighbors to see if they would be interested in
taking over some of the properties which would
free up some of the Borough employees from taking
care of the lots, plus get them back on the tax
rolls. The interns will then do a presentation
of the project at the end, at Carnegie Mellon.
He stated the Borough received \$150,000 for
Streetscape this year which will allow the
program to continue on down.

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

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report.
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

PRESENTATION A presentation was given by Ken Orie, from
Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc., regarding

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the televising of the sewer system in the Borough. It was noted that the Borough has been under an EPA consent order the last few years regarding the sewer system on how much the Borough dumps into the sewer and how much ends up at the sewage treatment plant and the Borough is required by federal mandate to inspect all of the sewer system. This process shows if any repairs are needed to the system. It was noted that the Borough's sewer system is sound, but there are areas where water is leaking. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

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 January 2013 bills. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with five (5) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
13-01

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council passes 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
ALOM
CONFERENCE

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves Council, the Mayor police Chief and Borough Manager to attend the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) Conference at Seven Springs on April 4th thru April 7th, 2013. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION
LEASE
AGREEMENT
Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council approves lease agreement for Tarentum Station Restaurant.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI
Councilman Gutonski asked why the recommendation of the real estate company that set the rental rate wasn't being followed and asked if the idea of selling the property is still ongoing.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY
Borough Manager Rossey stated the rate was negotiated with owner of the restaurant and the property is still going to be sold. This resolution is to just secure the lease and move on from there. The lease expired the end of December 2012.

ROLL CALL
ON
RESOLUTION
Upon roll call, the resolution was approved with four (4) affirmative votes and one (1) negative vote. Councilman Gutonski voting no.

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.

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

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

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REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated Eureka Hose submitted a
COUNCILMAN year end report for 2012. There were a total of
GUTONSKI 359 alarms, covering 14 communities. For
Highland Hose 2012, a total of 140 alarms. The
December 2012 report for Eureka Hose, a total of
36 alarms and 265 EMS calls.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
ORDINANCE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
13-02 passes Ordinance 13-02, amending Ordinance 86-5
and Chapter 250 of the Tarentum Code establishing
no left turn going north onto East Tenth Avenue
from Lock Street.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
ANNUAL Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants
EASTER EGG the Women of the Moose #296 permission to hold
HUNT the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Tarentum Riverview
Park on Saturday, March 30, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.,
and to close 1st Avenue during this event.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION
APPOINT
REC. BRD.

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Barbara Magnetta to the Recreation Board.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
APPOINT
REC. BRD.

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Jeremy Fox to the Recreation Board.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from AVN/COG Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated Council will receive the minutes of the meeting in their packet and a report of what is going on with the COG. He stated Council is invited to attend the COG meeting on Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., at the Harmar Municipal Building. Congressman Doyle will be there.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR

Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated it is his understanding that the backhoe is going to need repairs. He stated he looked at the budget and there is not a lot of money for repairs of the backhoe.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated that is why the Borough would like to sell the Train Station, so the Borough would have funds for repairs needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr the meeting of January 21, 2013, was unanimously adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager