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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2013, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Raymond Kerr; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Mike Gutonski. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; and Solicitor David Strellec.

Councilman Firko was 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 February 18, 2013. 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.

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser, West 8th Avenue, stated he sent a
MR. BOWSER letter to Mr. Rossey and asked if any Councilmen have seen it. He stated he hasn't received any money to repair the damage done to his houses by Green Thumb Excavating hired by the Borough to demolish houses.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated a letter was
BOROUGH received from Mr. Bowser's attorney, from the
MANAGER insurance company. The matter has been turned
ROSSEY into the Borough's insurance company and the deductible was paid on Mr. Bowser's insurance. He stated the Borough was not obligated to pay the deductible to Mr. Bowser, but did anyway. He stated Green Thumb Excavating has not been paid and will not be paid until the Borough is satisfied that all work has been completed and damage done by them corrected.

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A lengthy discussion was held regarding the damage done to Mr. Bowser's houses, the costs for repairs, who is responsible for those repairs and the company who did the demolition in the Borough. It was noted that the matter is now in the hands of the insurance companies of the parties involved.

REMARKS: Ms. Landa stated she is planning to pave her
MS. LANDA driveway and asked who she would contact to ask where the equipment could be parked to be out of the way of traffic and neighbors.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated if the work is going
COUNCILMAN to be done in one day, there shouldn't be a
GUTONSKI problem.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta suggested that Ms. Landa contact
MAYOR Chief Vakulick to help with any concerns she may
MAGNETTA have.

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated after demolition of 215 West
MR. LOVASIK 7th Avenue, the company didn't seem to level the property out and is concerned that someone may fall and there would be a lawsuit.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the company put
BOROUGH more fill in down by the barbershop and took down
MANAGER some of the wall. The company is returning to
ROSSEY replace the sidewalk in the front.

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated his niece and nephew moved
MR. LOVASIK into his property at 211 West 7th Avenue and are remodeling. He asked if a monument of some kind or a tree, a planter to fix up the front of the house could be placed there.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated as long as whatever
BOROUGH is placed there doesn't impede anything such as
MANAGER a wheelchair or anyone walking back and forth.
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Councilman Fox suggested a picture of what is to
COUNCILMAN be placed in front of the house be brought in for
FOX the Borough Manager and Code Enforcement to see
what she is planning.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's
COUNCILMAN Comments, on February 20, Mr. Rossey and he met
RAPP with Joe Greco in West Tarentum regarding ideas
about signage in the industrial area. He stated
on that date, also met with a representative from
Congressman Doyle's office who is setting up a
satellite office next to the Mayor so citizens
can contact them with any concerns. On February
21, attended the Recreation Board meeting. He
stated on February 22, Councilman Fox, the Mayor
and he met with democratic candidates for the
upcoming election in Harmarville. On February
28, attended the Tarentum business meeting.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
Mayor.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated he had no incident report.
MAYOR He stated on February 17, he spoke at the Black
MAGNETTA History Month Program at the Historical Society.
On February 22, attended a breakfast meeting at
RIDC Park with Congressman Rothfus. He stated
that evening he attended a major candidates rally
in Harmarville. He stated on February 28,
attended a meeting banquet at West Mifflin where
he was elected and installed as Mayor At Large
and a member of the Executive Board for the
Allegheny County Mayors' Association. He stated
he is very proud that Tarentum is featured in an
article in a magazine that is distributed all

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over the state regarding the LED lighting. Tarentum is the only municipality in the United States that has one hundred percent LED lighting. He stated it is very gratifying that Tarentum is being recognized. He stated Mr. Rossey and he participated in a movie for GE being produced for a TV program. He stated Tarentum Borough is one of six municipalities to be awarded the Allegheny County Banner Award Community. He stated the award will be presented at the Allegheny League of Municipalities conference held in Harrisburg next month in which Mr. Rossey and he will attend to receive the award. He stated he is very honored to be the Mayor of Tarentum and it's an honor when everyone throughout the state recognizes Tarentum.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated there is no police report.
Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated he added two resolutions to the agenda for the 7th Avenue waterline replacement and the 4th Avenue Bridge replacement. He stated once he submits those applications, he asks Council to call the elected officials informing them Tarentum needs these projects and funding for them. He stated on Saturday, March 30, at 9:00 a.m., is the Easter egg hunt at the park and another Easter egg hunt will be held at 12:00 p.m., also at the park. The public is invited to both events.

REMARKS:
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RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

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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 Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
approves the payment of the March 2013 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
13-02 Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes
Resolution 13-02, regarding the Community
Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CIFT) grant
application for the relocation of the West 7th
Avenue 12 inch waterline under the PennDOT Bridge
over Bull Creek.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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

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REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated Eureka Hose submitted a
COUNCILMAN report for the month of February 2013. There
GUTONSKI were 19 fire alarms; 214 EMS calls; and total of
52 hours of training.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
PURCHASE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PROPERTY agrees to purchase the property located at 114
West 7th Avenue, Lot & Block 1223-P-161 from
Rosewood Property Management, LLC, for a price of
\$20,000.00. This money is from a DCED Grant.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
PURCHASE Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
PROPERTY to purchase the property located at 116 West 7th
Avenue, Lot & Block 1223-P-157 from Gerardine &
Joe Clark, for a price of \$100,000.00. This
money is from a DCED Grant.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated there will still be
BOROUGH \$30,000 left. There will be closing costs and
MANAGER fees for the properties. He stated he will
ROSSEY contact the DCED to ask for an extension for a
period of time to spend the money towards
demolition. He stated there is rent being
collected on the properties, about \$1,700.00 a
month.

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

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RESOLUTION
13-03

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council, passes Resolution 13-03, regarding the Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF) grant application for the design, engineering and construction of the 4th Avenue Bridge over Bull Creek.

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
ABUNDANT
JOY

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants Abundant Joy Fellowship permission to use Riverview Park and the band shell on Thursday, May 2, 2013, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for the observance of the 62nd Annual National Day of Prayer.

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

RESOLUTION
SUMMIT HOSE

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants Summit Hose Company permission to use Dreshar Stadium on Tuesday, July 2nd and Wednesday, July 3rd for their annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration and to close First Avenue from Corbet Street to Cherry Street, on July 3rd from 5:00 p.m., to the finish of the fireworks display. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
SUMMIT HOSE

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVES, this Council grants Summit Hose Company permission to hold a tag day at Ross Street & 7th Avenue, on Saturday,

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May 11th and Saturday, June 15th to collect donations for the Fireworks Celebration.

RESOLUTION
HOLY MARTYRS
CHURCH

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council grants Holy Martyrs Church permission to use Riverview Park on Sunday, August 18, 2013, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., to hold their annual parish picnic and to close 1st Avenue from Wood Street to Corbet Street during this time. 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 a meeting will be held next week and Council will receive the information in their packet.

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.

RESOLUTION
13-01

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 13-01, creating a Tree Stewardship Committee. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the Borough is getting trees for 6th Avenue and West 7th Avenue. Tree tenders are need. He stated Councilman Rapp and he are tree tenders, but more are needed to get more trees. The Public Works employees are signed up to become tree tenders. They will be attending a class in June to become certified tree tenders. He stated a dinner will be held Wednesday evening by the Tree Revitalization Organization and two of the volunteers will be attending with him to learn about the program. He stated next week a stormwater seminar will be held in which a volunteer and he will be attending. He stated he appreciates these employees for stepping up to help the Borough.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated two of his directors at his workplace who live about 40 miles away commented that the Borough's roads were the best roads during the wintertime. He stated he asked Mr. Rossey to let the street employees know that they are doing a good job keeping the streets clear of snow and ice.

REMARKS:
MR. BOWSER

Mr. Bowser stated the streets in the Borough have always been taken care of when it snows. He stated West Tarentum needs some attention.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated some good things will be happening in West Tarentum. He stated it takes time.

REMARKS:
MR. LOVASIK

Mr. Lovasik stated it's nice that Council is thinking about doing something with West Tarentum. He stated he would like to see some trees plant in West Tarentum. He stated Conroy Way is in need of resurfacing and would appreciate if something could be done soon.

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REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa stated the CMU students will be listing vacant properties. She asked if the properties go up for sale, if the adjacent property owners will have first preference in buying those properties.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the CMU students have a list of all the vacant houses and vacant properties and are compiling the ownership of those properties and then looking at the neighbors on both sides of those properties to notify them to see if they would be interested in obtaining that property through the County Vacant Property Program.

REMARKS:
MR. BOWSER

Mr. Bowser stated there is an old house that has a roll off box sitting on 8th Avenue which should have cones or reflective paint so no one hits the roll off box.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos the meeting of March 18, 2013, was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager