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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2013, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Raymond Kerr; and Councilman Pete Varos. Also present were Borough Manager Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Police Chief Vakulick.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 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, 314 West 8th Avenue, stated the last
MR. BOWSER three months that he has been checking the police presence in West Tarentum has improved very much which is good.

REMARKS: Mr. Davidek, 230 Davidson Street, stated there
MR. JOSEPH has been two articles for the sale of the Train
DAVIDEK Station. He stated instead of selling the Train Station, the rent should be raised to cover the taxes on the property. He stated he thinks Council is making a mistake in selling the Train Station.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Mr. Greco is a good
BOROUGH businessman and does a lot for the Borough.
MANAGER The Borough is trying to let him recoup some of
ROSSEY his investment by collecting the lower rent. If anything major would happen on that property, the expense would be greater than what is collected in rent. The Borough is selling the building and

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not the parking lots.

A discussion was held regarding the reasons for the sale of the Train Station.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report, he was on vacation and has no report.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated, under the Mayor's Report, July 18, 19, 20 he attended the PA Mayor's Association Conference in Pittsburgh and was a very informative conference. On July 24, he attended and worked the Recreation Board's concert in the park. On July 28, he attended the First Baptist Church program in the park. On August 1, he attended and presented a recognition plaque to Dr. Lawrence Ferlan for 50 years of service to Tarentum residents and Allegheny Valley Hospital. On August 2, he attended the Abundant Joy Church program and festivities in the park. On August 7, he attended and worked the Recreation Board's concert in the park. On August 15, he attended the Allegheny County mayor's Association Executive Board meeting in Forest Hills.

The Calls for Service report for July 2013, there were 346 calls for service; 25 arrests; 73 citations issued; 14 total accidents with zero injuries; fines collected \$6,163.65; fines collected for the year \$44,558.80; 50 parking tickets issued.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

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REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated two search warrants were
CHIEF executed in the last month. One at 414 Walters
VAKULICK Way where three arrests were made for drugs. The
other warrant was for 1309 Bakers Town Road where
four arrests were made for drugs. He stated a
letter was received from Highlands Marching Band
Boosters for a tag day door to door. A letter
needs to be sent giving them permission to do
that.

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated a report has
BOROUGH been received indicating that the Borough's
MANAGER insurance rating for fire protection and water
ROSSEY system has gone to an ISO rating of three. The
last rating was a four. The Borough has improved
on its rating. He stated the better the ISO
rating the rates are better for homeowners
insurance and insurance on property.

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

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated last month Ordinance
SOLICITOR 13-03 was passed adopting the police pension
STRELLEC plan, as amended. This evening, Council will be
adopting 13-04 which repeals 13-03 for the reason
13-03 inadvertently re-established a killed in
service benefit paid by the Borough, when in the
year 2006, the Commonwealth took over that as an
option. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays a
killed in service benefit. He stated this is the
reason it's being done again this evening.

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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 Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves
the payment of the August 2013 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
seven (7) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION
GRANT FMLA

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants
Ken Misejka FMLA beginning Friday, August 2,
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.

RESOLUTION
ACCEPT BID

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council accepts
the bid from R. A. Monzo Construction Co., in the
amount of \$17,572.85, to replace the 16" water
supply line in the Water Treatment Plant.
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
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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RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
13-04

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council passes Ordinance 13-04 passing into law the Borough of Tarentum Police Pension Plan, as amended. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with seven (7) affirmative votes.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose report from June 18 to August 19, there were 22 total alarms; spent 234 man hours; responded to 7 automatic fire alarms; 8 transformer alarms; 1 structure fire; 1 vehicle fire; 1 vehicle into a house; 1 call of trees down on a house; 1 MDA motor vehicle accident; and 1 water flow fire alarm. Eureka Hose report for July, they had 35 alarms; 7 automatic fire alarms; 7 motor vehicle accidents; 5 water rescue related calls; 1 flooding; 3 wires or transformer calls; 3 physical rescues or searches; 2 times assisted police department; 1 smoke investigation; 2 vehicle fires; 1 EMS assist; 1 mulch fire; 2 residential structure fires; representing 202 personnel hours; responded Mutual Aid 8 times out of the Borough to Frazer, Pittsburgh and Baldwin. EMS responded to 251 calls representing 1,009 personnel hours.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Property & Zoning, Library & Health Committee.

RESOLUTION
13-08

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 13-08 approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as Lot and Block Numbers 1223-L-00203 would be in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the Municipality. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the Historical
BOROUGH Museum is going to take ownership of those lots
MANAGER through the Allegheny County Vacant Property
ROSSEY Recovery Program.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
ADVERTISE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
FOR agrees to advertise demolition of the
DEMOLITION following properties:

- a. 711 East 8th Avenue
- b. 542 East 8th Avenue
- c. 1014Coe Street
- d. 105-107 West 9th Avenue

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

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
AWARD Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council awards
CONTRACT the 2013 paving contract to A. Folino
Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$97,853.00.
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
GRANT Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants
PERMISSION the First Baptist Church permission to use the
band shell in Riverview Park, on Sunday, August
25, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to hold an
outdoor evening service.
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All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants permission to the Tarentum Area Lion's Club for a Children's "Book Walk", to be held in the park, for approximately an hour and a half, sometime in September.

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the concerts in the park are going very well. A concert will be held this Wednesday and the concert that was rained out will be held on August 28. He stated cards have been mailed out regarding the Christmas parade and work is continuing for the fall festival to be held at the end of September.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated information will be given in Council members' packets.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

Councilman Rapp stated there is no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
AWARD
PROJECT

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council awards the 2013 Streetscape Project to Ron

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REMARKS:
MR.
LOVASIK

Mr. Lovasik, 211 West 7th Avenue Rear, thanked Council for demolishing the building at 213 and filling it in. It was a very nice job. He stated next door to his property there is a vacant lot full of cars that are bringing in rodents. There is also a lot of garbage there. He stated the owner of the cars was notified and they were going to have them taken care of, but that was a month ago and the cars are still there.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated he would look into the matter in the morning.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of August 19, 2013, was unanimously adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
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PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. J. Wameanick	211 W 7th Ave Tarr.
2. Melan K... ..	211 W 7th Ave Tarr.
3. Merrilee Pluth	357 W 18th Ave Tarr.
4. JOE DAVIDER	230 DAVIDSON
5. Robert Steben	HHC
6. Ryley Wilcox	713 Mill St
7. M. WILLIAMS	RAMS.
8. J. B.	344 Wash St
9. Alberta	108 Vail St.
10. SUSAN CLARK	EUREKA
11. WALT ALTFATHER JR	917 CORBET ST.
12. BOB MCGRATH	EUREKA
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