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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2013, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Mike Gutonski; and Councilman Raymond Kerr; and Councilman Pete Varos. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Regoli; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Carter 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 November 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: Ms. White stated the garbage on Ross Alley
MS. WHITE hasn't been picked up because of a van and trailer parked in the alley. The last garbage collection day the van wasn't parked there and the garbage still wasn't picked up.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated a call was made to
BOROUGH Waste Management and they were to take care of
MANAGER the matter. He stated the code enforcement
ROSSEY officer talked to the person about parking the van and trailer at the end of the street instead of in the alley. So, both matters should be resolved.

A discussion was held regarding the garbage pickup and vehicles parking in the alley.

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REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated for the fourth time, he's
MR. LOVASIK asking Council to pave 200 Conroy Way. He stated
Council can at least fill the potholes so vehicle
tires won't get damaged.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated that the potholes were
COUNCILMAN patched.
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated the potholes were patched and
MR. LOVASIK those patches are worn down already. He stated
his niece lives in front of him and there are
problems with drug situations down on West 7th
Avenue. People are going in and out of certain
places all the time. He asked if any police
surveillance can be started at these places.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated that the police are doing
MAYOR an excellent job regarding these problems, but
MAGNETTA it's not publicized on what is going on with any
type of surveillance. There have been many raids
not only in Tarentum, but around the whole
valley. He stated what Mr. Lovasik is talking
about is known by the police, but the proper
legal steps have to be taken before anything can
be done.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report,
COUNCILMAN on November 23, attended Tarentum/Brackenridge
RAPP Christmas parade. He stated on November 25, the
Mayor, Borough Manager and he attended a luncheon
with the new state senator. On December 4,
attended Tarentum Business meeting. He stated
the evening of December 4, Councilman Fox, Mayor
Magnetta, local business people and he met at the
Train Station to discuss the placing of
ornamental plantings along Route 366 from Bull
Creek to Grandview School. He stated on

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December 5, Councilman Fox, Councilman Kerr, Borough Manager Rossey and he attended the COG dinner in Harmarville. This past Saturday the Christmas parade was held and Christmas in the Park with the Recreation Board. Both were well attended.

Councilman Rapp stated a letter was received from the owner of the Train Station restaurant regarding the metered parking lot.

A discussion was held regarding the metered parking lot.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, under the Mayor's Report, for the month of November 2013, there were 247 calls for service which is a minus 64 from 2012; 18 arrests which is a minus 17 from 2012; 69 citations issued which is a minus 92; total accidents 10 which is the same from 2012, accidents with injuries one which is a minus 7 from 2012; fines collected for the month \$2,368.02 which is a minus \$3,543.81; fines collected for the year \$58,101.45 which is a minus \$19,560.75; parking tickets issued 89 which is a plus 83 from 2012.

Mayor Magnetta stated he attended the events as Councilman Rapp stated and also attended the Christmas parade and Christmas in the Park which was well attended even with the bad weather. He thanked the firemen and volunteers for all their help. He stated on December 12, attended the Allegheny County Mayor's Association meeting and banquet and was installed as vice-president of the association.

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

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated he had no report.
CHIEF
VAKULICK

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated under the Water
BOROUGH Committee, Ordinance 14-02, an addition has
MANAGER been made for the water haulers who have been
ROSSEY hauling water for the fracking companies. The
Borough will be raising the rates to a flat rate.
A meter and replacement hydrant will be installed
so the water can be metered. He stated the pole
attachment agreements with Comcast and others
will also be raised.

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

REMARKS: Solicitor Regoli stated the resolution for the
SOLICITOR pole attachment agreements have been prepared for
REGOLI Council's review. If Council approves the
resolution, it will be advertised and Council can
vote on the resolution next meeting. He stated
he received a letter from Attorney DeAngelis
regarding the cemetery in Brackenridge. He noted
that no part of the cemetery is in Tarentum
Borough. He stated the letter is asking for
donations, but legally the Borough has no
responsibility.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated when he spoke with
BOROUGH Brackenridge, he indicated that if they needed
MANAGER help cutting the grass, that the summer help may
ROSSEY be able to help out due to a lot of civil war
people from Tarentum being buried there.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN Administrative, Employee Relations, Finance
RAPP Committee.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
PAY BILLS Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
approves the payment of the December 2013 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
PROPOSED Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council passes
BUDGET the 2014 Proposed Budget.

A discussion was held regarding certain line
items in the budget.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated the crossing guards have
MAYOR not been given a raise and would like Council
MAGNETTA to consider giving them fifty cents an hour more
and giving the part time police a raise of one
dollar an hour.

A discussion was held. It was noted that the
school district pays fifty percent of the
crossing guards' salary and that the dollar raise
for the part time police would not change the
budgeted amount.

ROLL CALL ON Upon roll call, the resolution, was adopted
RESOLUTION with six (6) affirmative votes.

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RESOLUTION
AMENDMENTS
TO BUDGET

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to give the part time police officers a \$1.00 an hour increase, the library an increase of \$150.00 and a \$.50 increase to the crossing guards.

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa stated she doesn't see a reason to give the library an increase in funds. She stated the library may not use the money to take care of the library here, but to use it at other places.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the money given to the library does not even pay their rent for a year.

A discussion was held.

VOTE ON
RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
14-01

Upon roll call by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise Ordinance 14-01, setting the 2014 tax millage at 5.48 mills. (No Change)
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
MEETINGS

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise the following meetings for 2014:

- a. Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Committee Meetings 2nd Monday at :30 p.m. (as needed)
- c. Council Meetings 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Recreation Board 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)
- e. Civil Service 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (as needed)

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- f. Planning Commission 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
(as needed)
- g. 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
SET TAX
COLLECTOR
RATE

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council sets the 2014 Tax Collector commission rate at 2% for current year taxes.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE
SOLCITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council hires David Regoli, Esq. as the Borough Solicitor, for 2014.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE
ENGINEER

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council hires Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. as the Borough Engineer, for 2014.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE AUDITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council hires Merge & Hill, P.C. as the Borough Auditor, for 2014.

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

RESOLUTION
APPOINT
VACANCY BRD.

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Charles Blackburn to the Vacancy Board, for 2014.

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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
ORDINANCE
14-02

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise Ordinance 14-02, adding Section 2.1 to the Water Rate Fee Schedule for water hauling companies and setting the rate at \$7.50 per 1000 gallons.

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.

RESOLUTION
13-10

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 13-10, amending the rate charged by the Borough for Pole Attachment Agreements, from \$8.00 per pole per year to \$14.80 per pole per year, effective January 1, 2014.

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated the report for Eureka Station 281, for November 2013, there were 23 fire calls; 5 were Mutual Aid representing 68 personnel hours; 211 EMS calls. The report for Summit Hose Company, Station 282, there were 9

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fire calls; 15 total details; 25.12 total man hours.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
REQUEST Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
OFF-STREET approves the request from Andy Roenigk to create
PARKING off-street parking area at 629 East 7th Avenue and
Negley Street.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
13-09 Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
passes Resolution 13-09, approving the
acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant
property known as Lot and Block 1223-K-154, 105-
107 West 9th Avenue, in accordance with the
Comprehensive Plan of the municipality.
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

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated the mechanic in the
COUNCILMAN Public Works Department has gotten a new
GUTONSKI job elsewhere and the Department is in need of a
mechanic. He stated Tim Dzugan who recently has
been hired in the Street Department has knowledge
in repairing vehicles, but doesn't have any kind
of certifications. Allegheny County Community

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College offers a four day class for \$168.00 for this certification to be a Pennsylvania inspector. Mr. Dzugan is willing to take the class and this would help keep costs down for the Borough.

A discussion was held regarding the class, what it would mean to the Borough and the cost savings to the Borough.

RESOLUTION
ATTEND
CLASS

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to have Tim Dzugan take the four day course through Allegheny County Community College and the Borough of Tarentum to pay for the course. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated the Public Works Director would like Council to consider hiring another person for the Street Department. He stated the Director feels the money would be there through retirement and money being saved elsewhere that it won't be a burden on the Borough to hire someone.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated he would like to have the Public Works Director attend a meeting to discuss what he wants Council to consider and Council would be able to ask him questions, if necessary.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated that heads of departments should attend the Council meetings and be present to answer any questions from Council or from the public.

A discussion was held.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the Christmas parade was
COUNCILMAN held and it was a fantastic turnout and
FOX everything went well. The Recreation Board did
the Christmas bingo at Dalton's Edge where about
90 people attended. There was food, cake, gifts
and baskets given away. He stated the Christmas
in the Park was held which was very nice and a
lot of treats and food was given out. He thanked
all the volunteers that helped with the events.
He stated the Recreation Board is looking at the
possibility of a newsletter to inform the
residents of what is going on and when.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting will be held
COUNCILMAN next week and the minutes will be placed in
FOX Council's packets.

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

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REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated a new Code Enforcement Officer was hired last month and Council suggested to look into some kind of continuing education for him. Allegheny County Community College has a four day class beginning in January regarding the Property Maintenance Code which the Code Enforcement Officer will be attending. He stated in February, the state is having a four day class near Harrisburg in which if he passes the class, he will be certified on inspections for occupancy. The Borough would then save money by doing its own occupancy inspections instead of paying a third party.

A discussion was held regarding the savings to the Borough.

Borough Manager Rossey stated Code Enforcement was out today writing citations for snow removal. Residents and businesses have 24 hours to clean their sidewalks. Fines begin at \$50.00. He stated residents were given a warning last week and today Code Enforcement went back to those places to see if anything was done.

A discussion was held regarding the senior citizens who may not be able to clear their sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr the meeting of December 16, 2013, was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager