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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, January 20, 2014, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Mike Gutonski; and Councilman Pete Varos. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Regoli; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Firko and Councilman Kerr were absent.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by  
APPROVE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council  
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2013 and the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2014. 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. Protz, Brackenridge, stated he is the leading  
MR. PROTZ observer for the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the falcons on the bridge. He stated during the redistribution of benches in the park, the bench he uses had been removed and would like it replaced. It's the bench that's right along the fence, behind the door on the maintenance room door, on the bandstand. He stated this bench is used for watching the falcons. He stated he would appreciate it if the bench could be returned to that position.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated he will look into the  
COUNCILMAN matter and see what can be done.  
FOX

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REMARKS:  
MR. BOWSER

Mr. Bowser, West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he hopes Council starts out the new year with a better attitude and willingness to work with the citizens of this Borough and do things the way they're suppose to be done.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, on January 8, attended a meeting of the Tarentum Business Association Committee. He stated all Council is invited to attend the meetings.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:  
MAYOR  
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of December 2013, there were 266 calls for service which is a minus 2 from 2012; 17 arrests which is a minus 2 from 2012; 56 citations issued which is a minus 71 from 2012; total accidents 14 which is a plus 1 from 2012, accidents with injuries none which is a minus 1 from 2012; fines collected \$1,745.07; fines collected for year \$60,286.13 which is a minus \$21,515.64 from 2012; parking tickets issued 32 which is a plus 26 from 2012.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

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

REMARKS:  
CHIEF  
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated he had no report.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

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REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated last week Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening there were power outages in the same location, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue up to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Corbett Street. The fuse was increased from 140 amp fuse to a 200 amp fuse on that circuit. The whole system has been checked and nothing was detected out of the ordinary. He stated with the new transportation bill, he will be meeting with the engineers regarding the replacement of the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge. He stated the congressman and state representatives will be contacted for their help. One option is filing an application with PennVEST for a loan to replace the bridge and liquid fuels funds can be used to repay the loan. With that option, using liquid fuels to repay the loan, would reduce the amount of paving that can be done in the Borough. The liquid fuels amount the Borough will receive this year is \$92,000 which has gone down every year.

A discussion was held regarding the power outages and replacing the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:  
SOLICITOR  
REGOLI

Solicitor Regoli stated Council has received the ordinance that will be voted on this evening. Paragraph 2.1 was added to the Water Rate Fee Schedule setting a flat rate fee.

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 Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the January 2014 bills.

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

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
14-01

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council passes Ordinance 14-01, setting the 2014 tax millage at 5.48 mills. (NO CHANGE)  
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with five (5) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION  
APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Joseph Davidek to the Upper Allegheny Sewer Authority Board to represent Tarentum Borough.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted with five (5) affirmative votes.

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 Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes 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.  
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with five (5) affirmative votes.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Electric Committee.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
CARTER

Councilman Carter stated he had no report.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated Eureka Hose and Summit  
COUNCILMAN Hose incident reports were received. Eureka Hose  
GUTONSKI for December 2013, there were 28 fire calls; 43  
EMS calls; incident reports for last year 372;  
2,988 EMS calls; total personnel hours of 12,164.  
Summit Hose for December 2013, there were 11 fire  
calls; a total of 15 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

REMARKS: Councilman Carter stated Mr. Betts, Public Works  
COUNCILMAN Director, would like to address Council.  
CARTER

REMARKS: Mr. Betts stated he would like Council to  
MR. BETTS consider hiring an additional employee for the  
Public Works Department. He stated there are  
additional lots to maintain, including PennDOT  
properties, the new flower planters,  
approximately 52 water valves need installed,  
maintenance to the Borough vehicles and equipment  
and the Department is down to seven employees.

A discussion was held regarding the work the  
Public Works Department does, the need for an  
additional full time employee and where the

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funds would come from to pay for the employee.

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 Highlands Emergency Services Alliance  
permission to use the Dreshar Hockey Rink on  
February 22, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to dusk, to  
hold a hockey tournament for a fundraiser to  
benefit the fire training program at Highlands  
High School.  
All Council members present were in favor and the  
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the Recreation Board would  
COUNCILMAN like to thank Mayor Magnetta for all his time and  
FOX effort going into businesses to secure funds for  
the Christmas parade and Christmas in the Park  
was also a success.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting will be held  
COUNCILMAN this week and the minutes will be placed in  
FOX Council's packets. He stated the COG President  
passed away on New Year's Eve.

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

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.  
MAYOR  
MAGNETTA

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REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

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

Councilman Rapp stated there was no report.

REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

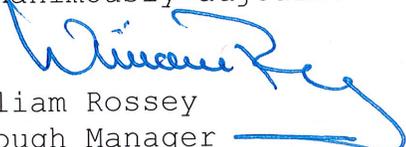
Borough Manager Rossey stated for those who aren't aware of the Highlands Emergency Services Alliance program, it is a program at Highlands High School and the only school that offers this type of program in their curriculum as an elective. The program was started about six years ago and it has gone from one class with about twenty students to two classes with about thirty students in each class. The students that take the classes are future junior firemen for the community. They learn fire training and the hockey tournament will be their fundraiser to fund their field trips. He stated under consideration is building a training site at the high school to allow all the fire companies in the district to use as a training center instead of going to North Park, North Hills or Butler. The school has allotted a piece of property behind the school to allow the training facility to be built. He stated this is a great program and is happy to see it going as strong as it is.

REMARKS:  
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa stated the Public Works Department is fantastic. She stated she sees them all the time and they really work hard and don't even take breaks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Varos the meeting of January 20, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
William Rossey  
Borough Manager