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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, February 17, 2014, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Eric Carter; and Councilman Raymond Kerr. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Regoli; and Officer Matt Kaminski.

Councilman Varos was absent.

RESOLUTION APPROVE MINUTES Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2014. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION At this point in the meeting, Council invites questions and comments from members of the audience.

REMARKS: MR. LOVASIK Mr. Lovasik, West Tarentum, stated the Tarentum Constable was charged with theft and was re-employed by the Borough. He asked why he was employed by the Borough.

REMARKS: SOLICITOR REGOLI Solicitor Regoli stated Council cannot discuss personnel issues at a public meeting.

REMARKS: MS. RATLIFF Ms. Ratliff, East Tarentum, stated she contacted Verizon directly to find out why she can't get Verizon Fios in Tarentum and was told they're not in Tarentum Borough.

REMARKS: BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY Borough Manager Rossey stated Verizon hasn't come to the Borough to ask for a franchise agreement for Verizon Fios. The Borough would welcome Verizon, but they never contacted the Borough.

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He stated the Borough is considered a small market.

REMARKS: Ms. Ratliff stated she would contact Verizon  
MS. RATLIFF again and ask them to contact the Borough.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser, West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated some of the  
MR. BOWSER citizens in town wanted me to give you this item  
which we feel may help you out. Mr. Bowser gave  
an item to Mayor Magnetta, Councilman Rapp and  
Borough Manager Rossey.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report,  
COUNCILMAN he had no report for the month.

RAPP  
Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the  
Mayor.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated, under the Mayor's Report,  
MAYOR on Friday, February 14, Tarentum Police  
MAGNETTA Department along with the Attorney General's Drug  
Task Force made drug arrests at two homes in the  
Borough, 212 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Apartment A and 808  
Short Street. Both raids were very successful  
and closed down two drug distribution points.  
These places were under surveillance for many  
months. He stated drug arrests do not happen  
overnight, but the police do a fantastic job and  
will not give up in the fight against drugs in  
the Borough. He stated there will be more raids  
in the future.

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

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REMARKS: Officer Kaminski stated there was no report.  
OFFICER  
KAMINSKI

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated on the agenda, are  
BOROUGH three requests for grants through Community  
MANAGER Infrastructure and Tourism Fund, one for the 4<sup>th</sup>  
ROSSEY Avenue Bridge, one for waterline replacement  
under the bridge on West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and one for  
the relocation of an antique steam locomotive.  
He stated he spoke with PennDOT regarding the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue Bridge and is working on getting help with  
the replacement. He stated there have been a few  
breaks on the waterline under the bridge and  
trying to get assistance for replacement of that  
line. He stated regarding the antique steam  
locomotive which was made in 1943, restored and  
sitting isolated in McKees Rocks and would like  
to make a permanent place for it in the Train  
Station area next to the restaurant. He stated  
he is trying to secure another grant for the  
Borough's storm water management through  
Allegheny County to put a rain garden in down at  
the marina. The water runoff from the parking  
lot will help manage that storm water going into  
the river and into Bull Creek. He stated a  
meeting is scheduled Tuesday, February 25, at  
6:30, at Tarentum Station for the landscape  
project on 366, to beautify that area coming in  
where PennDOT resurfaced the road and left the  
grass area.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the  
COUNCILMAN Solicitor.  
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REMARKS: Solicitor Regoli stated he had no report.  
SOLICITOR  
REGOLI

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 February 2014 bills.  
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with  
six (6) affirmative votes.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by  
14-01 Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council passes  
Resolution 14-01, regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge  
Replacement, requesting a \$250,000 grant through  
the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund.  
All Council members present were in favor and the  
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by  
14-02 Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes  
Resolution 14-02, regarding the replacement of  
the waterline under the West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge,  
requesting a \$250,000 grant through the Community  
Infrastructure and Tourism Fund.  
All Council members present were in favor and the  
resolution was adopted.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated the report for Eureka,  
COUNCILMAN there were 37 fire calls consisting of 12  
FIRKO vehicle accidents, 10 automatic fire alarms, one  
vehicle fire, one physical rescue, 7 water  
conditions, 4 smoke investigations and 2 working  
structure fires, representing 893 personnel  
hours. Also Mutual Aid responses in East Deer,  
Frazer, Cheswick and Springdale Township; EMS  
covered 246 calls, representing 898 personnel  
hours. Also, 74 training hours for the month.  
The report for Summit Hose, there were 2  
structure fires; 3 vehicle accidents; one carbon  
monoxide alarm; 2 service calls; 8 automatic fire  
alarms; representing 17 total calls. There were  
2 drills, 2 meetings, 2 work details, total man  
hours 27 ½. He stated everyone cherishes and  
respects the work the fire departments do and  
along with the police department the Borough has  
good emergency responders and deserve everyone's  
support.

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

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

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Streets &  
COUNCILMAN Sanitary Sewers Committee.  
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REMARKS: Councilman Carter stated he had no report.  
COUNCILMAN  
CARTER

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated he wasn't at the last  
COUNCILMAN Council meeting where a discussion was held  
FIRKO regarding hiring someone for the Street  
Department and asked for an update regarding the  
matter.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated it was discussed at  
COUNCILMAN the last meeting and most Councilmen seemed to  
GUTONSKI be in favor of hiring someone for the Street  
Department, but no timeframe was set.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated it is not in the  
BOROUGH budget to hire someone for the Street Department  
MANAGER at this time. If someone retires, it may be  
ROSSEY possible then to hire another employee. He  
stated the work that the Public Works Department  
has done over the last few months with the snow,  
the overtime and the salt that was bought is way  
over budget at this time and the budget is going  
to have to be adjusted to cover those costs. The  
Public Works Department has done an outstanding  
job in keeping up with the snow and keeping the  
streets clear for travel, but this winter has  
hurt the Borough. He stated \$25,000 was budgeted  
for rock salt and at least \$50,000 has been spent  
so far.

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated it should be a goal of  
COUNCILMAN the Borough to hire someone for the Street  
FIRKO Department.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Parks &  
COUNCILMAN Recreation Committee.  
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RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants the Women of the Moose permission to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Riverview Park, on Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. SHARP and to close 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue during this event. 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 Highlands Little League permission to use the fall fields at Dreshar Stadium, for their 2014 baseball season from March 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014. 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 Holy Martyrs Church permission to use Tarentum Riverview Park to hold their Church Picnic on Sunday, August 24, 2014, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
REQUEST  
EXTENSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants request for extension for nonexclusive lease dated August 26, 2014, for the Youth Rams Football 2014 season. 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.

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REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting is coming up  
COUNCILMAN and the minutes will be placed in Council's  
FOX packets. He stated at the last COG meeting, he  
was appointed Secretary/Treasurer for 2014.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by  
14-03 Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes  
Resolution 14-03, regarding the Relocation of the  
Antique Steam Locomotive, requesting a \$250,000  
grant through the Community Infrastructure and  
Tourism Fund.  
All Council members present were in favor and the  
resolution was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before  
Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski,  
seconded by Councilman Kerr the meeting of  
February 17, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at  
6:48 p.m.

  
William Rossey  
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET  
 REORGANIZATION MEETING  
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4. <i>M. Lang. Wash</i>	<i>WEST TARENTUM</i>
5. <i>Kathy Pearson</i>	<i>158 Randolph Tarentum</i>
6. Scott Mulhern	Summit Hose Co 282
7. <i>Bonny Stockman</i>	<i>+HK</i>
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