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ASSEMBLY

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, June 16, 2014, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Raymond Kerr. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Regoli; and Police Chief Vakulick.

Councilman Firko was absent.

RESOLUTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 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. MILLER

Mr. Miller, 712 Laurel Lane, stated his residence borders Tarentum and his neighbor across the alley at 711 East 9th Avenue has extremely large trees that are overhanging onto his house. Code Enforcement was to send this neighbor a letter requesting that he take care of the overhanging trees. He stated the neighbor feels that the trees are the Borough's responsibility because they're outside his fence and the Borough is stating the trees are on his property.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated if the trees are on Mr. Miller's property, Mr. Miller has a right to trim the trees back from his property, provided that no damage is done to damage the trees.

A discussion was held regarding the large trees and what can be done to remedy the problem.

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REMARKS:
MR. LOVASIK

Mr. Lovasik congratulated Mr. Rossey on his marriage. He stated he is still trying to get Conroy Way paved and the cars off the alley. The cars are gone, with the exception of the 200 Block. He stated he met the landlord from New York City and spoke with him about getting the cars off the alley and making parking in the yards. The landlord stated it would be nice, but it's too expensive for him to do and the liability was too high. He stated maybe Council can get together with the landlord and see if anything can be done.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report, that he has no report this month.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, under the Mayor's Report for May 2014, there were 465 calls for service which is a plus of 43 from 2013; actions necessary calls were 334 which is a plus 12 from 2013; no action necessary calls were 131; arrests 25 which is a plus 7 from 2013; citations issued 143 which is a plus 22 from 2013; total accidents 9 which is a minus 5 from 2013; accidents with injuries zero which is equal to 2013; fines collected \$2,415.21 which is a minus of \$2,011.41 from 2013; fines collected for year \$17,871.37 which is a minus \$14,432.60 from 2013; parking tickets issued 38 which is a plus 5 from 2013.

Mayor Magnetta stated on May 25, he spoke to the Brackenridge Legion, Tarentum VFW Memorial Day ceremony. On June 5, attended the Allegheny County Mayor Association Executive Board meeting. He stated he attended the Recreation Board meeting and on June 4, spoke at the Tarentum Elks Flag Day ceremony. He stated this afternoon he

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attended the bid opening for the handicap ramp.

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 the Borough
BOROUGH received one hundred fifty thousand dollars
MANAGER CDBG money for Streetscape. He stated because
ROSSEY Council has done so much in the Borough and able
to show a very positive cooperation in the
Borough, the County asked if the Borough could
spend another five hundred thousand dollars in
the Borough. He stated the County is giving this
money for work on the downtown and part of that
money is going to be earmarked to bring the
antique steam locomotive from McKees Rocks into
Tarentum for display. He stated a pavilion can
be made to display the locomotive and have it as
a destination tourist attraction in the Borough.
He stated Norfolk-Southern Railroad is behind the
idea of displaying the locomotive and preserving
history of the railroad. He stated the money can
also be used to pave the Train Station parking
lot and to widen 5th Avenue from Corbet Street to
Lock Street. He stated the railroad is also
receptive to the Borough taking ten to twelve
feet of their right-of-way along the tracks and
widening that road for diagonal parking the whole
way down which would be additional parking spots
and widen the road to make it easier to drive

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down 5th Avenue and turning at Corbet.

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

REMARKS: Solicitor Regoli stated the subdivision has been
SOLICITOR recorded. The deed has been given to Mr. Rossey
REGOLI for the Parking Authority to transfer the Station
and the parking lot.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
PAY BILLS Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves
the payment of the June 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

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he went to the Water
COUNCILMAN Plant last week and extensive work is being done
GUTONSKI at the plant to bring it up to date. This work
will modify the entire process.

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

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

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

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated the report for
COUNCILMAN Eureka Hose Company for May 2014, 27 fire calls
GUTONSKI resulting in 94 personnel hours; 215 EMS calls
resulting in 996 personnel hours with a total of
69 hours for training. The report for Highland
Hose for the month of May 2014, 9 fire calls; 133
man hours; and 126 man hours for retraining.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants Jamie Bombalski permission to hold a block
party on Sunday, June 28, 2014, from 12:00 noon
to 9:00 p.m., and to close Ormond Street from
East 8th Avenue to East 9th Avenue during this
time. Please note the street will be accessible
for emergency vehicles at all times.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Carter stated he is not prepared to
COUNCILMAN make the motion for the Paving Contract for the
CARTER Train Station parking lot. He stated the money
that comes to pave that lot should be used to
pave other streets in the Borough that need

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paved.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he looked at the list of streets given to Council to be paved and he personally feels that it's not Council's responsibility to pick the streets to be paved. He stated it's the Borough Manager's responsibility to pick the streets to be paved and Council's decision to agree with the list or not to agree. He stated the Borough Manager picked the streets to be paved and half of those streets don't need to be paved. He stated the streets that are in dire need of repaving aren't on the list. He stated he doesn't feel the effort has been put into the streets that need paved. He asked why the bid was given to Ron Gillette for paving when he created so many problems in this Borough with the building he's suppose to be tearing down and leaving a pile of rubble and what he did with the Streetscape making many residents of the Borough upset.

A discussion was held regarding the streets and why they were chosen to be repaved, the streets that are in most need of repaving, making a new list of streets to be repaved and why the parking lots are included in the repaving. A discussion was also held regarding Ron Gillette. It was noted that his bid was the lowest bid.

RESOLUTION
AWARD PAVING
CONTRACT

Upon motion by Councilman Rapp, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council awards the 2014 Paving Contract to Ron Gillette, Inc., at a bid price of \$165,191.25. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with four (4) affirmative votes and two (2) negative votes. Councilman Carter and Councilman Gutonski voting no.

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RESOLUTION
AWARD
PROJECT

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council awards the Handicap Ramp Project to Joe Palmieri Construction, at a bid price of \$28,635.00. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with five (5) affirmative votes and one (1) negative vote. Councilman Gutonski voting no.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Parks & Recreation Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the first concert in the park was rained out and the second one is scheduled for June 25th. He stated the Recreation Board is really busy this year with a lot of new ideas. There is going to be Story Time in the Park where stories will be read to the children on June 30th and July 28th, between 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Crafts in the Park will be held beginning June 13th for six weeks. He stated a friend of his gave him a woven blanket of his town in Tennessee which shows different areas of his town. He stated the Recreation Board contacted the blanket maker to see if it could be done for Tarentum. He stated photos were taken of certain places and landmarks of the Borough to be sent to the blanket maker. The Recreation Board will have a blanket made and if the Board agrees, would sell the blankets as a fundraiser for the Recreation Board. He stated the Recreation Board has also started working on the Christmas parade.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

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REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting is scheduled.
COUNCILMAN He stated at the last meeting, a discussion was
FOX held with the other municipalities that are in
the local COG the idea of purchasing equipment to
share between municipalities. The COG can apply
for grants for this purpose.

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

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser, 314 East 8th Avenue, stated the
MR. BOWSER grass cutting on the property of 316 was a nice
job. He stated the property owner spent his own
money \$181.00 to make that property look nice
that the Borough told him they were going to get
topsoil put on it and grass planted over a year
and a half ago and never did. He stated this man
should be reimbursed his money since the Borough
didn't hold up to their end of the deal. He
commended Councilman Gutonski on speaking up
about what streets need to be paved and speaking
up against Ron Gillette getting the bid for the
paving. He stated Ron Gillette causes a lot of
problems for Tarentum and Council is giving him
more money. He stated Council should start
taking care of the citizens of Tarentum.

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REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa, East 6th Avenue, stated some of the gates are opened to the docks and asked if they could be locked to keep children from going down to the river. She stated it's a safety issue.

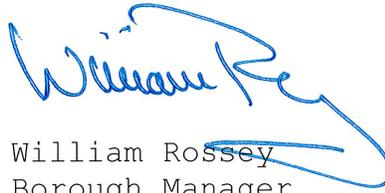
REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated they are all rented and it's up to the dock owner to secure the gates. He stated he will send the dock owners a letter regarding the issue.

A discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr the meeting of June 16, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
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NAME	ADDRESS
1. MILAN LOVASIK	West Tarentum
2. Scott Mulheim	Summit Hose Company 282
3. Steven Kehle	108 Walnut St
4. Janelle Rossey	120 2nd Ave Tarentum
5. William J Miller	712 Laurel Lane Brackensville
6. Robert B. Stovine	Highland Hose 280
7. [Signature]	314 W 8th Ave
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