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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2014, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Raymond Kerr; Councilman Tim Firko; and Pete Varos. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnosta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor Charles Clark; and Chief William Vakulick.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by  
APPROVE Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council  
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 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: Attorney Regoli stated he was the solicitor for  
ATTORNEY Tarentum Borough for the last seven months or so  
REGOLI after the passing of Solicitor Strellec and is tendering his resignation due to his appointment as a judge in Westmoreland County. He stated he personally wanted to come to the meeting to thank each and every Council member and citizens of the Borough for giving him the opportunity to serve the Borough of Tarentum.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's  
COUNCILMAN Comments, stated in the last month he attended  
RAPP the Recreation Board meeting and concert in the park last week which had a good crowd and did a walk around with Mr. Rossey and the architect for the next phase of Streetscape.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

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REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of June  
MAYOR 2014, there were 479 calls for service which is a  
MAGNETTA plus of 66 from 2013; action necessary 355; no  
action necessary 124; 19 arrests which is a minus  
31 from 2013; 118 citations issued which is a  
plus 6 from 2013; total accidents 9 which is  
equal to 2013, accidents with injuries none which  
is a minus 1 from 2013; fines collected \$3,672.22  
Which is a minus \$331.58 from 2013; fines  
collected for year \$21,543.59 which is a minus  
\$16,847.51 from 2013; parking tickets issued 10  
which is a minus 41 from 2013.

Mayor Magnetta stated for the past month on June  
14, he spoke at the Elks for a Flag Day program.  
On July 2, worked the concert at the park. On  
July 3, worked the fireworks event for Summit  
Hose. On July 5, performed a wedding at the  
gazebo and no fees were accepted. On July 10,  
attended the Allegheny County Mayor Association  
dinner meeting in Harmar Township. He stated he  
attended the Recreation Board meeting and worked  
at the concert in the park last Wednesday.

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

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the cameras have been  
CHIEF installed in four police cars which include audio  
VAKULICK and video. He stated funding for the cameras was  
through a grant from the Department of  
Agriculture Rural Development Community  
Facilities.

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

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REMARKS:  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated as of this afternoon, a sinkhole developed on East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and it's being worked on now. He stated it looks like a sewer line collapsed and there's a water break also. He stated a grant from the County for \$500,000 has been received to repair the Fourth Street Bridge. He stated the total amount to repair the bridge will be \$1.2 million dollars. He stated an application has been submitted to PennDOT for a grant and he is waiting to hear if the Borough will receive any grant money from them. He stated letters have been sent to all elected officials asking them for their help in pushing for grant funds for the bridge repair. He stated \$700,000 is needed in grant money to repair the bridge.

A discussion was held regarding what the Borough would do if it doesn't receive further grant money and how the bridge would be funded by the Borough.

Borough Manager Rossey reminded everyone to sign the sign-in sheet that is on the table, by the door, so there is a record of who attends the meetings. He stated Ms. Landa is here and would like to thank her personally for the work she does on the gardens for Streetscape. He stated she also walks through the town and the park and helps keep it clean by pulling weeds and picking up garbage.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Administrative, Employee Relations, Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION  
PAY BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the July 2014 bills.

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Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with seven (7) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION  
ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the resignation of David Regoli, Esq., as Tarentum Borough Solicitor. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION  
APPOINT  
SOLICITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Charles T. Clark, Esq., as Tarentum Borough Solicitor. 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  
14-12

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-12, opposing the expansion of federal control under the Clean Water Act. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he spoke with the foreman at the Water Plant and he was informed that an employee there is going to be retiring in August and the foreman feels that there is a need to hire someone to replace him. He stated he would like Council to think about hiring someone to replace the retiring employee. He stated Mr. Bowser comes to the meetings every month and he has an issue with this bill from Busy Beaver, \$181.72. There is a lot that a tenant has cleaned up and bought materials from Busy Beaver to make the lot look nice and continues to

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maintain the lot. The lot is next to where the tenant is living.

RESOLUTION  
REIMBURSE  
MR. DRUM

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to reimburse Mr. Drum for the materials that he bought from Busy Beaver to fix the lot next to the house where he is a tenant in the amount of \$181.72.  
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.

RESOLUTION  
ADOPT FIRE  
CODE

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council adopts the 2012 International Fire Code, as written by the International Code Council, addressing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, explosion, handling or use of hazardous materials and the use and occupancy of buildings and premises within Tarentum Borough.  
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated there was a lot of questions regarding what people are allowed to do when it comes to open burning. He stated fire pits are becoming widely popular throughout the region and asked the code enforcement officer to

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look up the rules for open burning and he drafted a letter from the International Code which will be mailed to residents in their water bill to answer their questions. Copies of the letter will also be available here at the municipal building. He reminded residents to be responsible while using open fire pits and in the Borough.

RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council grants Highlands Marching Band Boosters permission to hold a "Tag Day" fundraiser on Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22, 2014. Highlands Marching Band members will be going door-to-door and stand in front of several businesses. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose Company report for June 2014, there were 10 fire calls representing 246 man hours and 3 training sessions representing 246 man hours. Eureka Fire and Rescue report for June 2014, there were 36 fire calls representing 84 personnel hours and 227 EMS calls representing over 1,100 personnel hours; and 60 training hours for the month.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION  
ADVERTISE  
PUBLIC  
AUCTION

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise for Public Auction the sale of the Borough owned property identified as Block & Lot 1223-M-315 (Building at 101 Station Drive commonly known as the Tarentum Station Restaurant). The auction will take place on

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Monday, August 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in  
 Tarentum Borough Council Chambers.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the Borough isn't  
 BOROUGH in the business to be a landlord and the matter  
 MANAGER has been discussed and it has nothing to do with  
 ROSSEY the business at Tarentum Station, the business  
 isn't closing. The Borough is selling the  
 building to get out of the landlord business and  
 the responsibility for maintaining the building  
 and paying insurance on the building. He stated  
 the funds received from the sale will be used to  
 buy a backhoe since the Borough's backhoe is 16  
 years old and a small excavator to be used for  
 water breaks and different repairs within the  
 Borough. The starting price for the Train  
 Station will be \$150,000.

A discussion was held regarding the sale.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by  
 14-11 Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes  
 Resolution 14-11, approving that the acquisition  
 and subsequent disposition of the following  
 parcel of vacant property known as Block and Lot  
 No. 1223-H-138 (542 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) would be in  
 accord with the Comprehensive Plan of Tarentum  
 Borough.

REMARKS: Councilman Kerr stated he is recusing himself  
 COUNCILMAN from the voting since he is trying to acquire  
 KERR the property.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated this property is  
 BOROUGH being purchased through the Vacant Property  
 MANAGER Program through Allegheny County by Councilman  
 ROSSEY Kerr.

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VOTE ON MOTION Six (6) Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted. Councilman Kerr recused himself and did not vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION ADVERTISE AMENDMENT TO Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise for amendment Ordinance 12-02, Section 265-409, Part E, (1), RC, Roadway Commercial District of the Tarentum Borough Zoning to read Billboards may not exceed forty-eight feet (48') in width and fourteen feet (14') in height. Currently it reads not to exceed forty-two feet (42') in width and fourteen feet (14') in height.

REMARKS: BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY Borough Manager Rossey stated Mr. Grim who would like to put a billboard on his property along Route 28 made a miscalculation regarding the size of the billboard and asked if Council could amend the ordinance so his billboard would be in compliance with the ordinance. He noted that Mr. Grim will pay for the advertising of the amendment.

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

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

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter stated he had no report.

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

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REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the concert in the park that was held last week had a good turnout and another concert will be held at the end of the month. The concert that was rained out will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. He stated the blanket that was discussed that represents the Borough of Tarentum has been received and will be on display at the Borough building for anyone who wishes to order one. The cost of the blanket will be \$35.00. He stated the Recreation Board members do a fantastic job and do everything for free. Any money made from the Snack Shack is put back into the fund. He stated the Recreation Board had their meeting and discussed the fall festival.

RESOLUTION  
GRANT  
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council grants Abundant Joy permission to use the gazebo in Riverview Memorial Park, for the week of July 28 thru August 1, 2014, from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for their Vacation Bible School, and to block 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for August 1, 2014. 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.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the minutes of the meeting will be placed in Council's packets.

REMARKS:  
COUNCILMAN  
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from  
COUNCILMAN Redevelopment & Revitalization Committee.  
RAPP

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he had no report.  
BOROUGH  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik, West Tarentum, stated he notified  
MR. LOVASIK code enforcement regarding property at 209 Conroy  
Way, a double house, and the West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
double house. The building is in deterioration  
that it has to be looked at. The building is  
owned by someone who works for Nick's Chevrolet.  
He stated the owner stated he was going to occupy  
the structure and it's still in disarray. He  
stated rodents are around the building, the grass  
is very high and there's garbage all around it.  
He stated he's bringing it to Council's attention  
so that the property gets taken care of.

REMARKS: Mr. Mangol stated the property at 132 East 8<sup>th</sup>  
MANGOL Avenue owned by Bill Woods, his mother passed  
away ten years ago and he is not keeping up with  
the property. He stated the last two years he  
had to call the Borough to have them come up and  
cut the grass. He stated this year he has cut  
the grass himself. The house has been broken  
into and the copper was stolen out of it, the  
roof leaks, ceilings have caved in and the  
property can't be sold in such a condition. He  
stated the house needs torn down. He stated if  
it gets torn down, he would purchase the  
property.

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A discussion was held regarding the property.

REMARKS: Mr. Mangol stated up Grandview every time it  
MR. MANGOL rains it comes over the hillside and the drains  
get clogged.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the issue would be  
BOROUGH addressed.  
MANAGER  
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Mangol stated he is having a problem with  
MR. MANGOL neighbors that are harassing his family. He  
stated his family is afraid to go out on the  
porch or to go outside.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated that's an ongoing problem  
CHIEF and will be taken care of. The parties will be  
VAKULICK at the magistrates office.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if a company is coming  
COUNCILMAN into the Borough to cut back the trees from the  
GUTONSKI wires and if a couple of the telephone poles that  
are leaning badly within the Borough will be  
replaced.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he is waiting to  
BOROUGH hear from Schultheis on what it's going to cost  
MANAGER to cut the trees back. He stated the replacement  
ROSSEY of the leaning poles are also being looked into  
and what the cost would be.

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser stated Ms. Landa should be recognized  
MR. BOWSER with a gift certificate for her time and being a  
good citizen of Tarentum Borough. He stated he  
tried to get a piece of property and can't get  
one, but a Council member can.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he has copies of  
BOROUGH letters sent to Mr. Bowser with applications and  
MANAGER Mr. Bowser refuses to fill out the application  
ROSSEY and send it in.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated the next Council meeting  
COUNCILMAN is scheduled for August 18, 2014.  
RAPP

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before  
Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski,  
seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of July  
21, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
William Rossey  
Borough Manager

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

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Robert B Stepbener	HHC
2. WALT ALTFATHER JR	917 CORBET ST.
3. James White	102 Clark St
4. Scott Rulheim	Summit Hose VFD
5. DAVIDEK JOE	DAVIDSON ST
6. Tim "DAVID" Kuhne	Kuhne DR.
7. M. Laurent	TARENTUM WEX
8. Shannon White	W. Tarentum
9. Jim Boun	314 West Ave Canton
10. LARRY TROUTMAN	1ST AVE
11. HARRY L. MADGOL	130 E 8TH AVE
12. Tina Feuda	512 E 6th Ave
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