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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2014, with Councilman President Mike Gutonski; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Raymond Kerr; Councilman Tim Rapp; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Joe Davidek. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor Charles Clark; and Officer Matt Kaminski.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 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. Bowser, West 8th Avenue, wished everyone a
MR. BOWSER Merry Christmas.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated, under President's
COUNCILMAN Report, the Borough received the Standard and
GUTONSKI Poor's rating and the Borough dropped to a Triple B minus rating. He stated the reason seems to be that the Borough is relying too much on the utility income. Real estate taxes have not been raised since 2007. The report states that the Borough is not cutting expenses and spending too much. He stated the report does state if the Borough addresses these issues, there is a good possibility the rating could go up. He stated Council should meet with the Borough's accountants to get their opinion on what can be done that's best for the Borough.

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Mayor.

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REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of November 2014, there were 425 calls for service which is a plus of 178 from 2013; 417 action necessary; 8 non-action necessary; 29 arrests which is a plus 11 from 2013; 378 citations issued which is a plus 209 from 2013; 7 total accidents which is a minus 3 from 2013; accidents with injuries zero which is a minus 1 from 2013; fines collected \$3,462.12 which is a plus \$1,094.10 from 2013; fines collected for the year \$43,097.55 which is a minus \$15,003.90 from 2013; parking tickets issued 11 which is a minus 78 from 2013.

Mayor Magnetta stated a letter was received addressed to him, as Mayor, members of Council and Chief Vakulick from Chief Jamie Bock of Brackenridge stating their thanks and appreciation to Officer Hanford and Officer Friberg for their assistance at a fire at the Brackenridge Apartments the morning of December 5, 2014. He stated the officers will be attending the next Council meeting so they can be recognized for the help they gave Brackenridge.

Mayor Magnetta stated the Recreation Board this past month has been fantastic. The Board worked with the parade from start to finish and the following week held the Christmas on Corbet Street which was a success with the food and prize giveaways. The senior bingo was also held last week at Dalton's Edge with about 90 people attending, with prizes given away and dinner being served. He commended the Recreation Board for all their work.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

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REMARKS: Officer Kaminski stated he had no report.
OFFICER
KAMINSKI

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Borough Manager.
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated there are some
BOROUGH issues with the company that manages the pension
MANAGER fund such as retirees not getting their checks on
ROSSEY time and taxes not being withdrawn, so a meeting
was held with the actuary to get proposals from
other companies to handle the pension fund.
Proposals were received last week and were
reviewed. He stated a change will be made the
first of the year for a new company to handle the
pension fund. He stated PNC Investment Bank is
who will be taking over the police pension fund
at about half the fees per year. The police have
reviewed it and agreed to the change.

Borough Manager Rossey stated he applied for and
received a grant for rain gardens at the marina.
A meeting will be held Thursday in Pittsburgh if
anyone wants to attend. The rain gardens will be
at the marina in the little islands and what they
do is manage the storm water under EPA consent
order, plus the MS4 reports that the Borough has
to do for the storm water management all through
DEP. These rain gardens will help the Borough to
comply with the order. These rain gardens are
set up so the water that runs off will go into
the rain beds and filter through the ground and
not run directly into the sewer, into the river.
He stated a kiosk will be placed there to educate
the public on storm water management.

Borough Manager Rossey stated several years ago
the scouts painted all the catch basins. This is

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a grant through Allegheny County Conservation District and will apply for it sometime in the spring. He stated anyone wishing to attend the meeting that is scheduled to let him know. He stated the Train Station was sold and part of the reason was the Borough needed new equipment for the Street Department. The funds from the sale of the Train Station are going to pay for a new backhoe and excavator. No funds will be coming from the Borough.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski commended Mr. Rossey for the work that he does for the Borough. He stated Mr. Rossey applies for many grants and gets money for the Borough to do a lot of things. He stated there are grants out there that many people don't know about, but Mr. Rossey finds them and applies for them and these grants do make a difference. He stated Tarentum does get noticed for these projects.

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
CLARK

Solicitor Clark stated an executive session was held before the Council meeting, to discuss personnel matters. He stated he has been working on acquiring the Sebak property in which there is a resolution this evening for Council's consideration. He stated there is an injunction against the Borough from tearing down the Laundromat. He stated the injunction was obtained last week and he received no notice of it. He stated a hearing will be held on Wednesday and he expects to either have that injunction dissolved and/or have it withdrawn.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE
ENGINEER

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council hires Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc., as the Borough's Engineer, for 2015.

A discussion was held regarding the engineer for the Borough.

VOTE ON
RESOLUTION

Six (6) Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted. Councilman Kerr voting no.

RESOLUTION
PAY BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Rapp, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the December 2014 bills. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
PASS BUDGET

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council Passes the 2015 Proposed Budget.

A discussion was held regarding the \$500 for each of the Fire Departments being included in the budget and for how long it will remain in the budget. Borough Manager Rossey indicated that the \$500 for the Fire Departments can be taken out of the budget or changed at any time.

VOTE ON
RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
15-01

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise Ordinance 15-01, setting the 2015 tax millage at 5.48 mills. (No Change)

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
 COUNCIL MEETING
 DECEMBER 15, 2014

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. <i>Bob Burns</i>	
2. <i>JOSEPH FOX</i>	
3. <i>JOSEPH FOX</i>	<i>Summit House</i>
4. <i>TRICK MATEO</i>	
5. <i>WALT ALTEATHER JR</i>	<i>917 CORBET ST.</i>
6. <i>Yvonne White</i>	<i>108 Waltham</i>
7. <i>CARRIE FOX</i>	<i>170 Cedar St.</i>
8. <i>J. Brown</i>	<i>344 W. 1st Ave. The Grove</i>
9. <i>GINA LANDA</i>	<i>512 E 6TH</i>
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12. <i>Brad J.</i>	<i>Eureka Fire Rescue</i>
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All Council members were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
MEETINGS

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise the following meetings for 2015:

- a. Council Meetings 3rd Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Committee Meetings 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)
- c. Recreation Board Meetings 1st Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)
- d. Civil Service Board 34d Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (as needed)
- e. Planning Commission 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (as needed)
- f. 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
TAX COLLECTOR
COMMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council sets the 2015 Tax Collector commission rate at 2%, for current year taxes.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE BOROUGH
SOLICITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council hires Charles T. Clark, Esq., as Borough Solicitor, for 2015.

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE AUDITOR

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council hires Merge & Hill, P.C., as the Borough Auditor, for 2015.

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

RESOLUTION
APPOINT
VACANCY BRD.

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council appoints Charles Blackburn to the Vacancy Board for 2015.

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

RESOLUTION
14-16

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-16, amending Ordinance 1403, amended 2-26-1945 pertaining to the annual fees charged for Amusement Devices (Mechanical Devices), effective January 1, 2015.

The following yearly fees shall apply:

- a. Poker Machines \$500.00
- b. Jukeboxes and Pool Tables \$100.00
- c. All other coin operated devices \$200.00

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

RESOLUTION
HIRE WATER
PLANT
POSITION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council hires Tim Rapp for the Water Treatment Plant position, effective January 1, 2015.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated there were two candidates under consideration for this position. He stated a lot of conversations were held regarding the candidates and which candidate can give the most to the Borough and this is one of the reasons he is in favor of Tim Rapp for the position.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
DAVIDEK

Councilman Davidek stated he doesn't feel the position needs to be filled.

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VOTE ON
RESOLUTION

Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with four (4) affirmative votes and two (2) negative votes and one (1) abstention. Councilman Davidek and Councilman Carter voting no. Councilman Rapp abstaining.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated Tim Rapp is a devoted worker of Tarentum Borough. He has been on Council for a number of years, helped out on the Recreation Board, helped the Borough Manager and has helped out in any position any time needed. He stated everyone deserves a second chance being that Tim is an upstanding citizen and individual of the Borough.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated he would like to resign his position on Council at this time.

RESOLUTION
ACCEPT
RESIGNATION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the resignation of Tim Rapp from the Borough of Tarentum Council, effective immediately. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey asked that Mr. Rapp send a letter of resignation to Council, so there is a record of it.

REMARKS:
MR. RAPP

Mr. Rapp stated it was an honor to serve on Borough Council and with the members of Council. He thanked Council on behalf of his daughter and himself.

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RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
VACANT
COUNCIL
SEAT

Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise the vacancy for the First Ward Council seat.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Water Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
DAVIDEK

Councilman Davidek stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Electric Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR

Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated the report for Eureka Fire, Rescue, November 2014, there were 33 fire calls representing 144 personnel hours; 6 mutual aid responses; EMS 202 calls representing over 826 personnel hours; total company training for the month 20.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

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RESOLUTION PURCHASE PROPERTY Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council a to purchase the property designated as Block & Lot 1223-J-375, 301 West 12th Avenue, from John and Frances Sebak, in the amount of \$38,835.00. This property will be used as the site for the new water storage tanks.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN DAVIDEK Councilman Davidek asked when the property will be developed.

REMARKS: BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY Borough Manager Rossey stated the drilling has already been done, the core sampling has been done and the ground is level and the specifications have been written for the tanks. All that needs to be done now is the advertising for the construction of the tanks.

A discussion was held regarding the property and any buildings on the property.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN DAVIDEK Councilman Davidek stated the properties at 100 Block and 300 Block have been demolished and is just a parking lot now. He stated he would like to see something done with the properties.

REMARKS: BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY Borough Manager Rossey stated the Mayor and he spoke with a real estate agent to try to market some of the properties that the Borough has sitting empty. The agent was given a list of the properties and will see what can be done with them.

A discussion was held regarding the properties.

VOTE ON MOTION Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative votes.

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN Streets & Sanitary Sewers Committee.
GUTONSKI

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded
14-17 by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, to pass
Resolution 14-17, approving the PennDOT
Reimbursement and Maintenance Agreement No.
118970, for construction of ADA compliant
pedestrian facilities on State Route 1001 (Tenth
Avenue).

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated that's all the
BOROUGH crosswalks on Tenth Avenue from Lock Street to
MANAGER Warner Street in Brackenridge. Next year the
ROSSEY ramps will be put in.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
PURCHASE Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
EQUIPMENT to purchase a backhoe and excavator from Groff
Tractor and Equipment, with the funds from the
sale of the Train Station, for \$128,506.66.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from Parks
COUNCILMAN & Recreation Committee.
GUTONSKI

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants the Highlands Emergency Services Alliance
permission to use the Deck Hockey Rink on
Saturday, January 3, 2015, to hold their Annual
HESA Winter Classic Hockey Tournament fundraiser.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR

Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa, East 6th Avenue, asked why Council was looking for new engineers.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated there were some problems with the current engineers over the water plant and the renovations that were done. There were also some issues with change orders and items left out in the bid documents and there were a couple of omissions on their layout of the plant.

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa stated she is a retired engineer and knows what omission is and knows what incompetence is.

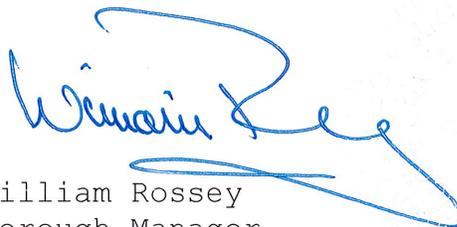
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REMARKS: Mr. Bowser stated it was mighty kind and out of
MR. BOWSER Council's heart to give Mr. Rapp a chance to try
to be good and take care of his daughter. He
stated Mr. Rapp deserves a second chance and is a
good outstanding citizen in this Borough and done
a lot for this Borough.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski wished everyone a Merry
COUNCILMAN Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated the
GUTONSKI next meeting will be held January 19, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before
Council, upon motion by Councilman Davidek,
seconded by Councilman Firko the meeting of
December 15, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at
7:10 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager