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- ASSEMBLY** Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular Session on Monday, January 19, 2015, with Councilman President Michael Gutonski; Councilman Timothy Firko; Councilman Raymond Kerr; Councilman Peter Varos; and Councilman Joseph Davidek. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta, Jr.; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor Charles T. Clark; and Chief William Vakulick.
- RESOLUTION APPROVE MINUTES** Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 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.
There were not questions or comments from the audience.
- REMARKS: COUNCILMAN GUTONSKI:** Councilman Gutonski stated, under President's Report, that he and all Council Members were asked by Mr. Rossey to prepare a list of the top five houses to be torn down in Tarentum. Councilman Gutonski stated that the two in dire need are 200 West 12th Avenue and 136 West 12th Avenue. He stated that 200 West 12th Avenue is sliding down towards the sidewalk.

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Mr. Rossey was asked how soon he wanted the list, and he replied he would like it in a couple weeks.

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA: Mayor Magnetta stated that for the month of December 2014, there were 394 calls for service, which is plus 128; 294 action necessary; 100 no action necessary; 16 arrests, which is minus one from 2013; 125 citations issued, which is plus 69 from 2013; 14 total accidents, which is the same as 2013; zero accidents with injuries, the same as 2013; \$3,908.15 in fines collected, which is plus \$1,723.47 from 2013; \$47,005.70 in fines collected, which is minus \$13,280.43 from 2013; 11 parking tickets issued, which is minus 21 from 2013. Half the month was free parking for Christmas holiday.

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

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK Chief Vakulick stated he applied for another grant through USDA for in-car computers. Currently down to two that were bought in 2005. It's a matching grant. Total project is \$19,100. Borough's part would be \$4,775. If Borough gets a forfeiture from a narcotics case that happened in 2010, that would cover the Borough's part of the cost for the grant.

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Councilman Gutonski asked if Chief Vakulick got all the information he needed from the auditors. Chief Vakulick stated he got it all.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated that Linda Walker will be the new stenographer due to the retirement of Barb Backus after December's meeting after 15 years.

Borough Manager Rossey stated that last week there was a meeting with PennDOT concerning the 4th Avenue Bridge. Also present at the meeting was State Senator Vulakovich, Congressman Mike Doyle's office and Representative Frank Dermody's office. A letter was sent to Jim Hassinger from SPC asking for \$900,000. The Borough has received a \$500,000 grant for the bridge. Total cost to replace bridge would be \$1.4 million. Letters were sent to all business owners along 4th Avenue asking that they send letters to Jim Hassinger from SPC and to District 11 of PennDOT. PennDOT has agreed to help with the design and the bid for replacement of the 4th Avenue Bridge.

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Should be able to get this out for bid this summer. It Looks favorable that the Borough will be able to get The \$900,000 from SPC. Hopefully early next year we'll start replacing the 4th Avenue Bridge.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
CLARK

Solicitor Clark stated that an injunction was removed on the Laundromat and the demolition continues.

Additionally, we closed on the Sebek property, so we can move forward when we're ready on that.

Solicitor Clark stated that he took a look at the MDIA Proposal, and it all seems reasonable. He checked with Mr. Fabec, and he has a good working relationship with those folks. Mr. Gutonski stated, referring to our motion under property and zoning. Solicitor Clark stated that is correct.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
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Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from Administrative Committee.

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- RESOLUTION
PAY JANUARY
BILLS
- Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the January 2015 bills.
- VOTE ON
RESOLUTION
- All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.
- RESOLUTION
PASS
ORDINANCE
15-01
- Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Vardos, RESOLVED, this Council passes Ordinance 15-01 setting the 2015 tax millage at 5.48 mills, which is no change.
- VOTE ON
RESOLUTION
- All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.
- RESOLUTION
TO APPOINT
1ST WARD
SEAT
- Councilman Firko stated the third motion will be done in two parts. Motion made to appoint majority vote receiver to the vacant 1st Ward Council seat. Seconded by Councilman Kerr.
- Councilman Gutonski asked for remarks. No remarks
- VOTE ON
RESOLUTION
- All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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A roll call vote was taken on who was felt to be the majority vote getter.

Councilman Varos stated Greg.

Councilman Davidek stated Greg.

Councilman Kerr stated Greg Schmidt.

Councilman Firko thanked the candidates for their interest to serve on Council, and voted for Greg Schmidt.

Councilman Gutonski stated he will go with Mr. Schmidt. And thanked the candidates for their interest encouraged them to pursue this issue in the upcoming election.

Mayor Magnetta swore in Mr. Schmidt.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the Water Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
DAVIDEK

Councilman introduces Tom McCaffrey from DEP and Sherene Hess from RAIN regarding the Lower Allegheny River Partnership Source Water Protection Plan.

Tom McCaffrey and Sherene Hess made their presentations to Council. Mr. McCaffrey presented

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their draft plan to Council and showed what the final plan will look like. Ms. Hess explained their goals of protecting drinking water in Western Pennsylvania, and that they are looking to be a provider of education in a general sense.

Jeff Adams stated that we had discussed this about five years ago and met with these folks in Kittanning. No cost to the Borough.

Councilman Gutonski asks Council if they feel they are in a position right now to vote on this, or do they want to take time to discuss the issues and bring them up at the next meeting.

Mr. Adams stated that it won't hurt to take another month to discuss this.

Councilman Gutonski stated that he would like to wait until the next Council meeting to approve this so we can get more information and discuss it amongst ourselves. Councilman Firko agreed. Councilman Davidek stated he thinks Council can vote tonight.

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Councilman states that a rough majority is in favor of waiting till the next Council meeting to vote.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated that we will continue on with the Electric Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR

Councilman Kerr stated there is nothing to report this month.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report on Public Safety.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated that he has reports for Highland Hose Company and Eureka Fire Rescue.
For Highland Hose Company, November 2014, there were 18 fire calls consisting of 45 and a half man-hours. They had two training sessions constituting 40 hours in man-hours.
Eureka Fire Rescue, December 2014, 21 fire calls representing 73 personnel hours, man-hours; 5 mutual mutual aid responses for Frazer, Harrison and Cheswick; EMS, 254 calls representing 940 personal hours; total company training hours for the month were 15.

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from Property
COUNCILMAN and Zoning.
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
COUNCILMAN Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, to terminate the
KERR contract with Building Inspectors Underwriters, Inc.,
effective immediately, and hire Middle Department
Inspection Agency, Inc., as the Borough's third-party
code enforcement agency.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if there are any remarks.
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Councilman Kerr stated to Chris, this is what we talked
COUNCILMAN last month.
KERR

REMARKS: Councilman Davidek asked if the charges are falling on
COUNCILMAN the property owners' responsibility.
DAVIDEK

REMARKS: Code Enforcement Officer Fabec stated we would only
CODE utilize them for two things, a plan review and an
ENFORCEMENT electrical inspection. Plan review would be a basis of
OFFICER \$75 and then a cost per square foot; middle department

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Says \$89 as a flat fee.

REMARKS: Councilman Davidek asked if somebody were building a
COUNCILMAN new home, would they need to use this company?
DAVIDEK

REMARKS: Code Enforcement Officer Fabec stated they would use
CODE him.
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if there were any other
COUNCILMAN questions. There were no questions.

VOTE ON The resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative
MOTION votes.

REMARKS: Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
COUNCILMAN Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, a motion to advertise
KERR for bid the following properties for the purpose of
obtaining an oil and gas lease. These properties consist
of the KOZ, Borough Garage, Riverview Park, and
the Flood Properties at the end of Davidson Street,
Crab Diamond, Marina, Water Plant, and Water Tank
Properties.

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if there were any remarks.
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta asked what this means.
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated this means that we are
going to have these properties able to do drilling, and
it's going to create income for the Borough.
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated that a consultant
was hired a few months ago, and he's ready to put
it out for bid. He has three companies that are
interested. The bid will state that we can reject any
and all. It totals about 80 acres, and we can get
between four and five thousand an acre for a signing
bonus. Councilman Davidek asked how they would go
into our park. Borough Manager Rossey stated they
will come from the other side of the river. He's been
contacted by EQT, and they stated they will come under
the river and under the park.
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

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VOTE ON MOTION The resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative votes.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from Streets and Sanitation.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO Councilman Firko stated there was no report.

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, to grant Highlands Little League permission to use the fields at Dreashar Stadium for their 2015 baseball season beginning March 1, 2015, through October 31, 2015.

VOTE ON MOTION The resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative votes.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, to grant the Rams Youth Football Organization permission to use the Fields at Dreshar Stadium for their 2015 football Season beginning June 20, 2015. Because of playoffs, no definite end date.

VOTE ON
MOTION

The resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative votes.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated there was no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked for a report from the KOZ Committee.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated there was no report.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

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

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated there was no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated that everybody receive in their packets the revision from the Allegheny County Health Department on open burning. He stated that the Borough regulations exceeds the County's minimum revisions on open burning.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman asked if there were any citizens comments.

REMARKS:

Jim Bowser, 314 West 8th Avenue. Asked if Officer Hanford and another officer were here to give a pat on the back for the good job they did in Brackenridge.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated they would be here in the future.

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REMARKS: Sandy Collins, 209 Main Street, asked if the oil and gas
SANDY drilling on the KOZ properties affects any of the
COLLINS cemeteries up there.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated no, that's above them.
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Sandy Collins read in the Dispatch that Council was
SANDY going to formulate a plan to collect back taxes in
COLLINS in conjunction with the Highland School District, and
asked if there was any progress in that area.

Councilman Firko stated that a list was published.

Sandy Collins stated that Mr. Rossey and Mr. Rapp were mentioned in the article.

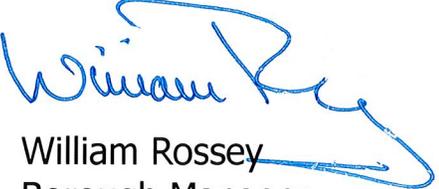
Borough Manager Rossey stated that we talked about it, but nothing was done.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if there were any further
COUNCILMAN comments. There were none.
GUTONSKI

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ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before Council,
Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
Councilman Davidek, the meeting of January 19, 2015,
was unanimously adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

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 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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3. Shirley Wilcox	713 WEST ST
4. Scott McInerney	Tarentum Fire Department
5. Suzanne Jakubik	105 Waltham St
6. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
7. J.J. Bower	314 10th Ave Cannon
8. Robert Steben	HHC
9. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
10. L.H.	11th
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12. Brad James	EUREKA FIRE RESCUE
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14. Tom McCaffrey	400 Waterfront Dr Pgh 15222
15. MARK JANSICK	713 Western St Tarentum
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