

MINUTES

TARENTUM BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

An executive meeting was held at 6:00 PM to discuss personal issues.

ASSEMBLY:

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2105, with Councilman and President Tim Firko; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Raymond Kerr; Councilman Gregory Schmitt; Councilwoman Erika Josefoski; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Joe Davidek. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager Mike Gutonski; Solicitor Charles Clark; and Chief William Vakulick.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilwoman Josefoski, and seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, that Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2015. 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 --**MS. HAMBURG**

Ms. Hamburg, 538 East 10th Avenue, with the Tarentum History and Landmarks Foundation, regarding new sign in Marina. Ms. Hamburg presented Council with a picture of new sign and requested placement in borough building.

REMARKS --

MR. ALTFATHER Mr. Altfather asked about removing the residency requirement for union.

REMARKS --**BORO MGR.**

GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated this was an agreement that was done with the union.

REMARKS --

MR. ALTFATHER Mr. Altfather asked if the police retirement fund in very good condition?

REMARKS --

BORO MGR.

GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated that it is.

REMARKS --

MS. COLLINS Ms. Collins, 209 Main Street, would like to give a pat on the back to our new code enforcement officer, Mr. Phillip Davidek.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN FIRKO Councilman Firko stated he would like to resign his position on the Council at this time. Councilman Firko thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as Council President.

RESOLUTION

ACCEPT RESIGNATION RESOLVED, this Council accepts the resignation of Tim Firko as Council President, effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION

APPOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENT upon motion of Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the appointment of Councilman Eric Carter as President of Tarentum Borough Council, effective immediately.

Six (6) Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted. Councilman Carter abstained.

RESOLUTION**APPOINT VICE**

PRESIDENT Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the appointment of Councilwoman Erika Josefowski as Vice President of Tarentum Borough Council, effective immediately.

Six (6) Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Josefowski abstained.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS --

MAYOR MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta stated for October 2015 calls for service, 439; action necessary, 244; no action

necessary, 195; arrests, 19; citations issued, 54; total accidents, 12; accidents with injuries, 0; fines collected, \$3,372.46; fines collected for the year, \$40,509.27; parking tickets issued, 5.

Mayor Magnetta stated in the last month he gave a graduation speech at the ITT Institute, attended executive board meeting at the Allegheny County Mayor's Association, attended the meeting of the recreation board, attended Allegheny County Mayor's Association General Meeting, worked three days at the fall festival sponsored by Summit Hose and the Recreation Board, spoke at the VFW Brackenridge Legion Valentine's Day program. He stated Thursday he will be sworn in as president of Allegheny County Mayor's Association.

Mayor Magnetta stated Saturday is a tenth annual Tarentum Brackenridge Christmas parade. The parade is one o'clock. The parade starts underneath the bridge, runs down Fifth Avenue to Corbet Street, Corbet Street to First Avenue all the way on First Avenue into Brackenridge up Morgan Street.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from the Chief of Police.

REMARKS --

CHIEF VAKULICK chief Vakulick stated he had no report.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for the manager's report.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated everyone received the preliminary budget for this upcoming year. He stated he would like to have the budget meeting at the next agenda meeting on December 14th. He stated the numbers in the budget are true and accurate.

Borough Manager Gutonski stated there will be no increases to utilities or taxes. He encourages everybody to be here on the 14th.

He stated the water line underneath the bridge on Bull Creek Road on West 7th Avenue has been advertised twice. He stated no response was received for this project. He stated at this time we will be allowed to entertain any bids or inquiries concerning this job and will be doing so

in the near future.

Borough Manager Gutonski stated he does not have the actual numbers for the election results. He stated that the Council-At-Large position, Mr. Rossey accumulated 300 and some votes; Sandra Collins accumulated 130 or 40; Erika Josefoski won both seats on the First Ward Council. Carrie Fox won both seats in the Third Ward Council. Eric Carter won the Second Ward seat. He stated the results weren't advertised in the paper.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER councilman Carter requested the solicitor's report.

REMARKS --

SOLICITOR CLARK Solicitor Clark stated that he acted and prepared resolution for Council tonight. He stated with regard to the water line, document that well and call around as much as we can and get pricing. He said we are permitted, with the better practice, to get as many people involved as you can to try reduce the cost.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for reports of administrative, employee relations, finance committee.

RESOLUTION

PAY BILLS Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the November 2015 bills.

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

RESOLUTION

AMEND

SECTION 20.6 B Upon motion of Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council approves to amend Section 20.6B removing the residency requirements from the current A.F.S.M.E. union employee contract.

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

RESOLUTION

HIRE AP PERSON Upon motion by Mr. Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council hires Michelle Williams as accounts payable employee, effective 12/1/15.

A discussion was held regarding the Accounts Payable

employee.

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

RESOLUTION

HIGHLANDS HOCKEY TAG DAY Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council approves Highlands tag day at First Commonwealth Bank November 30, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION

GIRL SCOUTS Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council grants permission to Girl Scouts Unit 5905 to use the band shell bathrooms and electric along with closing First Avenue from Lock Street to Corbet Street on June 4, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for fundraiser.

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

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for Water Committee report.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN DAVIDEK Councilman Davidek stated he had no report.

RESOLUTION

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
WITH WEST PENN**

POWER Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Mr. Davidek, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to not sign the proposed interconnection electrical agreement with West Penn Power.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN SCHMITT Councilman Schmitt asked if the assumptions were correct.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN KERR Councilman Kerr stated that they were.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from

public safety and civil service committee.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 15-05 Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Davidek, RESOLVED, Council agrees to accept Resolution 15-05 stating police officers do not need to contribute to the uniform pension fund for the years 2014 and 2015.

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

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN FIRKO councilman Firko stated the report for Eureka Fire Rescue October 2015 there were 30 fire calls representing 98 hours; 5 mutual aid responses, East Deer and Frazier Township. EMS, emergency medical services, responded to 251 calls represented 944 personnel hours. And Total company training hours were 66 hours.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from Property and Zoning, Library and Health Committee.

RESOLUTION

SEND CODE

ENFORCEMENT

OFFICER Upon Motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council approves motion to send code enforcement officer to Harrisburg from February 1st to February 5, 2016, for certification training and for the borough to pay for the travel and lodging expenses.

VOTE ON

RESOLUTION Six (6) Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted. Councilman Davidek abstained.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from Streets and Sanitary Sewers, Parks and Recreation Committee.

REMARKS --

COUNCILWOMAN

JOSEFOSKI Councilwoman Josefoski reported that the Brackenridge parade will be 12:00 p.m. and parade starts at 1:00 p.m., 12/21/15. She stated the winners of the scare crow contest were Community Life; second place was Maskas; and third place is Gunner's Landing

She stated on behalf of rec board, thank you. She stated the rec board also had their annual Boofest with 85 kids showing up. She stated the Christmas senior bingo will take place a Dalton's Edge at 1:00 p.m. on December 2nd.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from AVN/COG Committee.

REMARKS --

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEFOSKI Councilwoman Josefoski stated she had no report.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

REMARKS --

MAYOR

MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for a report from the Redevelopment and Revitalization Committee.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN KERR Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.

REMARKS --

MR. BOWSER Jim Bowser, owner, 314 West 8th Avenue Tarentum. Presented a paper about the LED lighting.

REMARKS --

MS. LANDA Ms. Landa asked about residency requirement for union employees. Can you still give preference to people who live in Tarentum?

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated in the contract it states it's still 10 air miles that the applicant has to live within.

REMARKS --

MR. ALTFATHER Mr. Altfather asked if the rest of the people in the office are union employees.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR.

GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated there's only two

ladies in the office. One lady is a confidential secretary. She deals with payroll and such that would conflict with the union being in that position.

REMARKS --

MR. ALTFATHER Mr. Altfather asked, the payroll clerk, is there a reason you would have her in the union?

REMARKS --

BORO MGR.

GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated it conflicts with the other union employees. She's not in the union.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr, the meeting of November 16, 2015, was unanimously adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted



Michael Gutonski
Borough Manager

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
COUNCIL MEETING

Dec. 21, 2015

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Bob Betts	Public Works Director
2. Brad Richards	Public Works Archivist
3. JEFF ADAMS	WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR
4. Ed BAZALIC	Water Distribution
5. Karen Marcelly	Kuhnsler Tarentum Tax Collector
6. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
7. GINA LAUDA	512 E 6TH
8. Carrie FOX	170 Cedar St.
9. John White	108 Wauk St
10. J. J.	610 E 7th Ave
11. Kathy Pearson	158 Madison St.
12. Scott Mulhern	Tarentum Fire Department
13. J. Kuhn	100 Kuhn Ave
14. J. Gorawski	428 W. 9th Ave
15. WALT ALTFATHER JR.	917 CORBET ST.
16. JINDY HOMBURG	538 E 10TH Tarentum Pa
17. Bobby Stebbins	HHC
18. BRAD JAMES	Evella Fire Rescue
19. Christina Steller	219 Wood St.
20. Tim Dzyga	109 11th
21. Josh Fox	Summit Hose VFD
22. LARRY TROUTMAN	1ST AVE
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