

**TARENTUM BOROUGH REORGANIZATION/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING,
JANUARY 4, 2016, 6:30 P.M.**

ASSEMBLY

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. for Reorganization meeting with Mayor Magnetta, Councilman Pete Varos, Borough Manager Mike Gutonski, Solicitor Charles Clark and Chief William Vakulick.

Mayor Magnetta called the meeting to order. Council members Eric Carter, Erika Josefowski, Carrie Fox and William Rossey were officially sworn in as council members.

REMARKS --

MAYOR MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta welcomed the new council members to the board.

ROLL CALL

Councilman and President Eric Carter; Councilwoman and Vice President Erika Josefowski; Councilman Pete Varos; Councilwoman Carrie Fox; Councilman William Rossey. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager Mike Gutonski; Solicitor Charles Clark; and Chief William Vakulick.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Upon nomination by Councilman Rossey, this Council approves the election of Eric Carter, President of Council.

VOTE ON THE NOMINATION

All Council members present were in favor and the nomination was approved.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Upon nomination by Councilman Rossey, this Council approves the election of Erika Josefowski, Vice President of Council.

VOTE ON THE NOMINATION

All Council members present were in favor and the nomination was approved.

RESOLUTION ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Upon motion of Councilman Rossey, seconded by Councilwoman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the resignation of Erika Josefowski from the two-year seat of the First Ward,

effective immediately.

VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Upon motion of Councilman Rossey, seconded by Councilwoman Josefoski, RESOLVED, this Council accepts the resignation of Carrie Fox for the two-year seat of the Third Ward, effective immediately.

VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE

Upon motion of Councilman Rossey, seconded by Erika Josefoski, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to advertise the following:

- A. Third Ward seat, two-year term;
- B. First Ward seat, two-year term.

VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND MOTION APPOINTING CHARLES BLACKBURN AS VACANCY BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Upon motion by Councilman Rossey and seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, that Council approves to rescind motion appointing Charles Blackburn as vacancy board chairman.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated that at the time with reorganization meetings, it stated specifically a vacancy chairperson position be appointed at this meeting. He said at the last meeting when Mr. Blackburn was nominated, his letter of interest was not yet received for that position. Borough Manager Gutonski said he received a letter from Mr. Blackburn this morning. He said there are two individuals of interest with this position, Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Timothy Kuhns.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHARLES BLACKBURN AS VACANCY BOARD CHAIRPERSON:

Upon motion by Councilman Rossey and seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, that Council approves the appointment of Charles Blackburn as vacancy board chairman.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION Upon roll call, the Resolution was adopted with four (4) affirmative votes and (1) negative. Councilwoman Fox voting no.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilwoman Fox, seconded by Councilman Rossey, RESOLVED, that Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2015.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated a correction to be made in the Minutes for December 21, 2015 Council Meeting. He stated with the approval for the dump truck for Tarentum Borough, the money being used to purchase the vehicle will be through liquid fuels monies.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION

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.

No comments at this time.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter stated he did not have a President's report at this time.

REMARKS --

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

REMARKS --

MAYOR MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of November, calls for service were 392; action necessary, 244; no action necessary, 148; arrests, 14; citations issued, 39; total accidents, 6; accidents with injuries, nothing; fines collected, \$1,682.73; fines collected for the year, \$42,192; parking tickets issued, 4.

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 a report from the Borough Manager.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated he's been looking into the Borough's electric contract. He stated there was a reduction in the budget for electric service. He stated he was approached by a former line man of the Borough, Tom O'Conner, who was interested in a part-time position within the Borough. He stated if Tarentum Borough would go with the part-time position, more money would be saved than was reflected in budget. It would be part-time basis, no more than 30 hours a week. The position would not require health benefits. He stated the only thing Mr. O'Conner would request is to be paid for holidays that other employees of Tarentum are paid for. He stated that to go this route, the Borough would have somebody here during the day every day of the week exclusively for Tarentum.

REMARKS --

MAYOR MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta asked if Mr. O'Conner would handle emergencies.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated that, yes, Mr. O'Conner would handle all the emergencies. He stated Mr. O'Conner is familiar with Tarentum's system. He feels it will be a good move for Tarentum and it will save the Borough a lot of money. He stated Mr. O'Conner is in town, so that will save response time.

REMARKS --

COUNCILWOMAN FOX Councilwoman Fox asked when Borough Manager Gutonski was planning on doing this.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated he would not do anything until he spoke to Council. He stated he had preliminary talks with Mr. O'Conner and was approached by him.

REMARKS --

COUNCILWOMAN FOX Councilwoman Fox asked if a contract will be drawn up.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated that there will be a contract. He stated they discussed possibly a two-year contract drawn up. He recommended having a meeting with the solicitor regarding specifics. He stated right now Tarentum Borough is paying a contractor about \$88 an hour. He stated the Borough would be paying Tom O'Conner \$50 an hour. He stated there would be a huge savings. He stated lately the contractors are bringing in two people all the time. He stated it's not necessary to have two people here continuously. He stated a second person would only come in when necessary.

REMARKS --

MAYOR MAGNETTA Mayor Magnetta asked if this would be an on-call position or a regular position that he's going to work so many hours every day.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated that he would be a part-time employee where he would work 6 hours a day. He stated that right now the contractor is coming in once a day and we're spending somewhere around \$1,600 a day for them to come in. He said on top of that, they are coming in on other days to do other work for the Borough. It's really not one day a week. It's usually two days, sometimes three.

Borough Manager Gutonski stated our budget for the electrical services was pretty outrageous the past years. He stated this is a good way for the Borough to save. Again, you're going to bring somebody in on a part-time basis that has knowledge of the system. It will save the Borough a lot of money in doing that. He said Mr. O'Conner only wants paid for hours he works. If there's a day he can't work or he has to leave for a half day, he won't get paid for that time being off. Maximum 30 hours, but it could be 20 hours if he's not needed. He's asking for time and a half on call outs and weekends, which is norm for anybody. We would still have contact with other agencies, other contractors, for back up, if needed.

REMARKS --

COUNCILWOMAN FOX Councilwoman Fox stated she would like to see a comparison of what is being paid out now, versus what you think will be paid out.

REMARKS --

BORO MGR. GUTONSKI Borough Manager Gutonski stated we're paying out close to \$200,000 this past year for the

contractors. He stated the Borough would be nowhere near that amount with having Mr. O'Conner in here in a part-time basis. He stated Mr. O'Conner would be making a hundred thousand dollars if he was a full-time employee at that rate.

Borough Manager Gutonski stated he was just looking for permission to at least meet with Mr. O'Conner and maybe draw up a contract. Before he would sign it, have everybody take a look and see if you're comfortable with it.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter stated he doesn't see a problem with at least looking further into it. He asked Solicitor Clark if he could have something written by next meeting. Solicitor Clark indicated yes.

REMARKS --

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

REMARKS --

SOLICITOR CLARK Solicitor Clark stated he had no report.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for the administrative, employee relations, finance committee report; water committee report; electric committee report; public safety/civil service committee report.

REMARKS --

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEFOSKI Councilwoman Josefoski stated a decision was made to wait on the 6th Avenue guard rails because of the expense. They were going to put jersey barriers on Pearl Street. She stated that Alter Avenue in West Tarentum was priority.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE JERSEY BARRIERS AND GUARDRAIL

Upon motion by Councilwoman Josefoski, and seconded by Councilman Rossey, RESOLVED, to purchase the guardrails for Alter Avenue at a cost of \$7,350; and to purchase four jersey barriers at a cost of \$220 for Pearl Street.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION

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

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for the property and zoning/library and health committee reports; streets and

sanitary sewers committee report; parks and recreation committee report;

RESOLUTION TO HOLD EASTER EGG HUNT

Upon motion of Councilwoman Josefoski, seconded by Councilwoman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council grants permission to the Moose Auxiliary to hold the Easter egg hunt March 26 at 9 a.m. in the park.

A question on the motion by Borough Manager Gutonski to get together with the police and street department regarding blocking off the streets in that area.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION

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

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter asked for the AVN/COG committee report; the KOZ committee report; the redevelopment and revitalization committee report. No reports.

REMARKS --

CINDY HOMBERG Ms. Homberg asked if there will be an agenda meeting a half hour prior to the regular meeting next month.

REMARKS --

COUNCILMAN CARTER Councilman Carter stated next month there will be an agenda meeting at 6 p.m., a half hour prior to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Councilman Rossey, seconded by Councilwoman Fox, the meeting of December 14, 2015, was unanimously adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY



MICHAEL GUTONSKI

MANAGER TARENTUM BOROUGH

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