

Tarentum Borough, Regular Meeting, March 1, 2016

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: All were present with exception of William Rossey at Work.

Executive Session was held to discuss personnel litigation issues.

Motion to approve minutes from February 1st council meeting: By Councilman Varos, 2nd by Councilwoman Fox, motion carried.

Comments from Mr. Robert Fratto from law office of Wayne Gerhold and Mr. Chris Shelby and Mr. Mike Schmitt from Piper Jaffray: regarding the restructuring of the 2011 General Obligation Bond.

Chris Shelby: With reference to the bond we would be able to complete a refinancing of the loan. Running the computation you would be able to get a refund of interest. The debt service, length of bond, all would stay the same. Just like refinancing-identical term-savings-is cash savings-footprint identical. Cash you can take is about \$250,000.00 if cashed today and closed tomorrow. The use is limited under law to use for Capital Service, exclusive for brick and mortar repairs or can reduce debt over identical term. Cost of issuance in total at \$45,000.00, would be included into the closing cost.

Councilman Schmitt: If we chose to lower outlay what are the terms, Current terms goes to 2041.

Chris Shelby: Reduction over the life of the loan divide over 25 years. Another option is to over the next 3-4 years to reduce the payment and then back to same as it was. Savings evaluated is normally about 2% in this case at about 11%, lowest rates in history. The Bond issue is based on Standards and Poor's Rating. And require a Municipal Bond Insurance policy, reason paid, lower rate ¾ use-w/comes a AA rating, raising your rating. So we are asking so that we can start this process. Another step is to run numbers and rates. The cost is 8000.00 even if you decide not to go through with it.

Motion made to adopt Ordinance 16-01 restructuring the Series 2011 General Obligation Bonds by Vice President Josefoski, 2nd President Carter, roll call-motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Christine Strellec – 219 Lock Street- You previously stated you changed the day of the Council meeting so that the Valley News could attend, that residents would be able to attend Highlands School Board meeting.

Larry Troutman- 801 Lock Street-If the Valley is not here then it should have been. One more comment, I walked out with Mr. Rossey the first night he stated that was to get back at me and never did.

Vice-President Josefoski- That wasn't my reason, Mr. Rossey was not the reason, Sharpsburg's meetings were not the reason, we changed dates because of the reasons I stated at the time.

Councilwoman Fox stated there was a meeting last Monday that Mr. Rossey did not attend.

Charles Beacon- 125 W 7th Ave- Would like to purchase property at 134 & 136 W 7th Ave.

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Manager Gutonski replied: Mr. Beacom came to see me a few days ago, we want to work through the process one lot is owned by the Bracko Family. We will do our best in asking to get this property.

Rich Zimmerman-Would like to purchase 301 W 12th Ave. I would be building a storage building for my business and a house for my daughter. Once purchased would have the property cleaned of the trash and debris and sewage.

Mayor Magnetta: We should move full speed ahead with the sale of these properties.

Councilwoman Fox: This would energize West 7th Ave one business and it will snowball, this is what we want.

Solicitor Charles Clark: I need a resolution to put this out to bid, which would be the next meeting.

Manager Gutonski: According to Borough Code, we would need to have these appraised.

Solicitor Charles Clark: Advertising could be done.

Manager Gutonski: Council has final say on what the property sales for.

Motion made by Councilman Schmitt to move forward with the selling of the properties, 2nd by Councilwoman Fox. Motioned carried.

Motion amended to include all properties and get process in place to give Solicitor Clark the authority to advertise and get bids.

Jim Bowser: Can you update, wanting to know about meeting, how did it go

President Carter: Turnout positive with interest shown, all chairs filled, have another session planned.

Presidents Report:

Talked about the meeting from last Monday on the revitalization for West Tarentum and interest in the properties.

Mayor Report:

Read report for calls for service and amounts collected in fine as to date.

Police Chief's Report:

The police are in need of new radios with dual bands, at present we cannot communicate with Westmoreland County and have to carry 2 radios. We met with Staley's for 6 dual band, 800 MHz radios I'm planning to look for grant money in the future, this is an officer safety issue. I am asking for an approval to purchase radios in the amount of \$28457.68.

Manager Report:

The Electrical System had some much needed work done. We replaced 3 poles at East 7th Ave and, going to more as budget allows.

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Liquid Fuels we received \$132,000.00 for 2016. We are using it to purchase a new dump truck and some will be used for the 4th Ave bridge project. The bridge may not be completed as expected; snag is the manufacturing of the metal beams. We are also working on the prep work for the water tanks. I want to thank the Street Department for job well done.

Also would like to ask the permission of the council to be given remote access of the computer to be able to disconnect power if needed. Talking with our IT guy there would be no cost involved, if not we will have backup plan.

President Carter motioned to Allow Borough Manager to have remote access into the Borough Computers to shutoff electric meters in case of emergencies, seconded by Councilwoman Fox, motion carried.

Highland Little League would like to use the council chambers on Sunday March 13th at 6:30 for meeting. Councilwoman Fox motion, Councilman Varos 2nd, motion passed.

Councilman Varos directed question to Manager Gutonski did you look at the crossing at Bridge Street, relied Norfolk Southern applied for an extension for that crossing they are going to put in gates.

Solicitors Report:

Charles Clark stated that he is working on a new Electrical Inter-connection Agreement.

Committee Report:

Administration, Employee Relations, Finance:

Vice-President Josefowski motioned to accept paying of February bills, seconded by Councilwoman Fox, roll call, motion carried.

Water:

Councilman Schmitt motioned to approve Resolution 16-05 authorizing the Borough of Tarentum to advertise and accept the highest bid for the sale of the 2012 "Haulmark" Trailer with the sale price of no lower the Eight Thousand Dollars, seconded by Vice-President Josefowski, roll call, motion carried.

Electric:

Councilwoman Fox motioned to approve Resolution 16-04 authorizing the Borough of Tarentum to advertise and accept the highest bid for the sale of the 1995 GMC work vehicle (Digger Truck) with a sale price of no lower than Five Thousand Dollars, roll call, motion carried.

Street and Sanitary Sewers:

Nothing at this time.

Public Safety and Civil Service:

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Councilwoman Dzugan motioned to purchase 6 Motorola Digital Portable Police Radios for the price of Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$28,457.68) paid in equal monthly installments of approximately Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), seconded Councilwoman Fox, roll call, motion carried.

Councilwoman Dzugan motioned to pass Resolution 16-03 acknowledging no employee contributions are required for the police pension fund for the year of 2016, seconded by Councilwoman Fox, roll call, motion carried.

Parks and Recreation:

Vice-President Josefoski motioned to appoint Barbara Magnetta and Hugh Fox to the Recreation Board for 4 year term ending in 2020, seconded Councilman Varos, motion carried.

Vice-President Josefoski motioned to appoint Tim Rapp and Lorraine White to the Recreation Board for 3 year term ending in 2019, seconded Councilman Varos, motion carried.

Vice-President Josefoski motioned to appoint Rebecca May and Bonnie Weidenhoff to the Recreation Board for 2 year term ending in 2018, seconded Councilman Varos, motion carried.

Vice-President Josefoski motioned to appoint Lisa McGrath and Susan Johnson to the Recreation Board for 1 year term ending in 2017, seconded Councilman Varos, motion carried.

Vice-President Josefoski discussed the possibility of having a dog park in the far back grass area of marina so that there would be someplace other than the park for citizens to take their dogs. Would like to apply for grants, has to be a well thought out process. We would need to get the cost of a cleanup company, would sponsor clean up plus \$1000.00 for insurance.

March 26th the Rec Board with provide a snack and pictures with the Easter Bunny for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Vice-president Josefoski also stated the Borough has six recycling containers; we spend \$16,000 per year. They are good to have, the problem is they are used as garbage dump and totally abused. The same can be said at Grandview Book Recycling is abused.

Alternatives to paying for bins would be a couple that are privately owned. Stanson in Springdale accepts cardboard and paper. Bob Betts "People drop off things like sofa, beds, building materials, etc." Councilman Schmitt "The green benefits are being outweighed, they look like dumpsters. Spend \$16,000 or remove and do nothing."

Councilwoman Fox motioned to eliminate recycling dumpsters, motion seconded by Councilman Schmitt, motion carried.

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Councilwoman Fox added that there was newspaper recycling available at Grandview Elementary.

AVN/COG:

Councilwoman Fox reported that she attended her first COG meeting on February 24th, next one March 21st. Brought back the possibility of applying for a grant for a paving machine to be shared between municipalities. After debate it was agreed she would take back that Tarentum was not interested.

KOZ:

Manager Gutonski: Army Core of Engineers wants to use land above the towers. Do we need an agreement when they are using it for training? LouAnn Homa told him that we should have an old agreement to reference to.

Redevelopment and Revitalization:

Councilwoman Fox stated that she had talked to Tax Collector Karen Marietti about delinquent taxes. First we need to put her on the front page of the Tarentum's Website. Second we need to put together an aggressive plan: publish names, payment plans, delinquent letter, something needs done.

Councilman Schmitt: Great ideas, let's get put into writing.

Manager Gutonski: Karen got paperwork from Highlands School District and talked to Solicitor Clark about it. There is about \$400,000 in delinquent taxes.

Tax Collector Marietti: with the current ordinances we have in the last 4 years been collecting some.

2012-\$21,000

2013-\$58,000

2014-\$59,000

2015-\$48,000

Manager Gutonski: We will try to have it for next meeting.

Citizens Comments:

Sandy Collins-209 Main Street: I want to Thank Councilwoman Fox, Manager Gutonski, and Karen Marietti for any type of plan to collect back taxes since the reserve fund has been bled dry. Too much money going out for the last 1 ½ years, Thanks for what you can do with taxes.

Meeting Adjourned

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Respectively Submitted,
Michael Gutonski, Borough Manager



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Gutonski", is written over a horizontal line.

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday March 1st 2016

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