

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2016

6:40 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDING: Mayor Carl Magnetta, Erika Josefoski, Eric Carter, Peter Varos, Greg Schmitt, Carrie Fox, Rhonda Dzugan, Tim Cornuet, Solicitor Charles Clark. Chief William Vakulick, Manager Michael Gutonski

President commented on Executive Session

Motion by Pete Varos, second by Carrie Fox, to approve minutes from the May 3, 2016 regular Council meeting, motion passed 7-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mary Bowlin from the Hope Center would like to purchase 410 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave to expand their offices and open a small retail second hand store. She asked what the next step would be to meet Borough regulations. Discussion was held and Ms. Bowlin was informed that the property would need rezoned. Manager Gutonski told her that she can stop in the office and he can explain what she would need to do to move forward.

Cindy Homberg 538 E 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tarentum made an announcement that there would be a Community Picnic at Prospect Cemetery July 23, 2016 at 10:00 am. There will be tours and history of the cemetery.

Pam Wray, 1027 Freeport Rd, Natrona Heights, inquired about Grandview Playground Grants for rehab. She asked who owns the playground and that Grandview PTO had approximately \$1,300.00 raised for rehab. Councilwoman Fox told her that playground is owned by Tarentum Borough, but is leased to Highlands School District. Mayor Magnetta told her that grants had been applied for, but due to the 2015 PA State Budget not being passed, the money has not been released, he told her that the money the PTO has will help when any grants come through.

PRESENTATION;

Pitt Specialty Supply located on Allegheny St, owners Don Yoest and Matt Plocki, presented a proposal to expand their business and requested to purchase the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave parking lot, which is owned by Tarentum Borough. They would also like to include a retail store and showroom to the new building. They have approached Central Presbyterian Church regarding additional parking for their employees and they gave them permission. Solicitor Clark stated the sale of the parking lot will have to be by bid, the Borough cannot directly sale the lot to Pitt Specialty Supply.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: None at this time

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Magnetta read the Police Dept Calls for Service Report

Calls for Service 448, Action Necessary 252, No Action Necessary 196, Arrests 23, Citations Issued 44, Total Accidents 10, Accidents with Injuries 2, Fines Collected \$2,987.45, Fines collected for the year \$14,308.927, Parking Tickets Issued 11.

Mayor Magnetta requested council grant permission to Abundant Joy to use the band shell at Riverview Park July 15 & 16, 2016. The hours will be July 15 4:00-10:00 pm and July 16 12:00-10:00. They requested to block 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, electric and to have the restrooms open.

Mayor Magnetta requested council grant permission to Quinn's Walk for Hope to use the band shell at the park. They will hold a walk beginning at 5:30 pm July 23, 2016 at the gazebo in Brackenridge to end at the band shell. This walk is held by families who have lost loved ones to drugs.

Mayor Magnetta stated that he has received many calls regarding billing, electric meters running hot and why the office is closed between 12:00-12:30 for lunch. He and council requested that the office remain open. Manager Gutonski, stated that the office personnel needs a break and he felt closing the office for that half hour would help them. Discussion was held

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT: None at this time

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Gutonski reported

1. That the water tank refurbishing is moving along very well.
2. The bids for the replacement of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge were projected to be around \$500,000.00 but came in much higher around \$750,000.00 due to time restraints and structure. He stated the engineers suggested re-bidding the bridge project and remove the time restraints.
3. Manager Gutonski, Alice and Michele attending an accounting class and are now certified.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Mr. Clark reported

1. The Stiehlers filed an appeal on the lawsuit and he will be checking in to the matter
2. The Goral lawsuit is on hold at this time due to paperwork not being completed correctly
3. He contacted West Penn Power and has not received any response to the proposal that was sent to them regarding the electric.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE:

1. Motion was made by Erika Josefoski second by Pete Varos to pay May bills.  
Roll Call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed

WATER:

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to approve 1<sup>st</sup> payment of \$103,500.00 to Andreas Painting for work completed to date for water storage tank #3 Roll Call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed
2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Rhonda Dzugan to accept bid from Andreas Painting in the amount of \$217,000.00 for the refurbish and painting of water storage tank #2 Roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed

ELECTRIC: Nothing at this time

STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS:

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Tim Cornuet to accept bid from Shields Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$92,686.25 for the street paving program roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion passes
2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Tim Cornuet to accept bid from Joe Palmiere Construction in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the installation of 8 handicap ramps in relation to the 2016 Street Paving Project roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed

## SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE PUBLIC:

1. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Carrie Fox to sign the Emergency Services, Mutual Aid Agreement between Tarentum Borough and ATI Flat Rolled Products, Brackenridge. roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed

This was tabled at the May meeting due to the name Allegheny Ludlum on the contract. Manager Gutonski stated that all documents from ATI will still pass through Allegheny Ludlum.

All three fire departments agreed to the agreement.

## PARKS & RECREATION:

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to approve the Riverview Park Special Events Permit Application questions and discussion followed the motion regarding Tarentum residents and business' would be the only ones permitted to use the park. The application would include fees in the amount of \$75.00 for electric, \$25.00 for water, \$150.00 if 1<sup>st</sup> Ave would need blocked off and a \$25.00 permit application fee would be assessed. Mayor Magnetta requested a break on the fees for Tarentum Residents and all non profit organizations not be charged. A discussion was held on who would be permitted to use the park, and it was again decided on Tarentum residents and business' could use the park.

After the discussion a motion was made by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie for to approve the Riverview Park Special Events Permit Application with the ability to review and amend at a later date. roll call 6 yes 1 nay motion passed

2. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to permit Quinn's March against Drug Abuse to use the park, band shell, rest rooms and electric will all fees waived. roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed

3. Motion made by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to permit Abundant Joy to use the park and band shell July 15 & 16 to use the park, bank shell, rest rooms and electric all fees waived roll call 7 yes 0 nay motion passed

Carrie Fox reported that the Farmers Market will begin June 8-Nov 26 on Corbett St.

Carrie Fox reported that the Summer Concert Series will begin June 8. The Snack Shack will open at 6:00 the concerts will begin at 7:30

Carrie Fox reported that the Recreation Board has started working on the Christmas Parade, the Fall Festival with Summit Hose, and the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Tarentum Borough with Cindy Homberg. She also stated that Summit Hose will be holding firework on July 3 and requested that the public support them with donations to help defray the costs.

PROPERTY & ZONING:

1. Motion made by Carrie Fox second by Erika Josefoski to obtain an appraisal for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Parking Lot owned by Tarentum Borough for sale

AVN/COG

1. Carrie Fox reported that there will be a "Brown Bag Lunch" June 6 from 11:30-1:00 in Harmar Township. Speakers will discuss grants. Attending Manager Gutonski, Mayor Magnetta and Councilman Tim Cornuet

KOZ: Nothing at this time

REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION: Nothing at this time

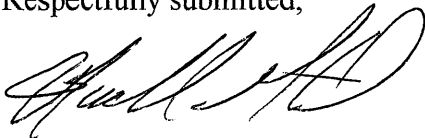
CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Tim Rapp asked if Tarentum Borough would considering having Code Enforcement write tickets for high weeds, garbage etc instead of going before the magistrate. Harrison Township has recently implemented this program. He also invited council to visit the Water Plant to see the improvements that have been made.
2. Jim Bowser agreed that only Tarentum residents should be allowed to use the band shell etc at the park. If any damage is incurred during this time the group using the park will be held responsible.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Greg Schmitt second by Erika Josefoski all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski  
Borough Manager

7-6-16