

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2016

6:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilman Tim Cornuet absent due to illness

President Eric Carter reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded

President Eric Carter stated an Executive Session was held September 14, 2016 and October 4, 2016 to discuss a personnel issues.

Motion by Pete Varos, second by Carrie Fox, to approve minutes from the September 6, 2016 regular Council meeting motion passed 6-0, one absent

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

1. Dan Ryan, from Tarentum VFW asked if Council had received his letter regarding placing a plaque for the first Tarentum resident killed in the Viet Nam War, to be paid for by the VFW. Manager Gutonski stated he didn't receive the letter. Erika Josefoski said the letter was in her mail box. Manager Gutonski asked Mr. Ryan to give him his contact information and that they would discuss placing the plaque.

2. Curtis Stepp W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave regarding the replacement of his sidewalk and curbs. He said he would like to get them replaced as soon as possible, but was waiting for the Borough to do the curbs. He also asked if the Borough could haul away the concrete. Manager Gutonski said the Borough will replace the curbs and assist in the removal of the concrete from the sidewalk when Mr. Stepp demolishes them.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Nothing at this time

**MAYORS REPORT:** Calls for Service Incidents 482, Action necessary 256, No action necessary 226, Arrests 24, Citations issued 34, Total accidents 10, Accidents with injuries 0, Fines collected \$2,361.82, Fines collected for the year \$24,232.43, Parking tickets issued 7.

## **POLICE CHIEFS REPORT**

1. Chief Vakulick confirmed the SRO Grant for the Dept of Education for Officer Jendrejewski to remain at Grandview for the 2-16-2017 school year.

2. Chief Vakulick state that both new police cars are in and are being equipped.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Gutonski reported:

1. Stated that Karen Marietti, Tax Collector gave him an update report showing that the Warning Letters for delinquents that she has been mailing out has resulted in 40%-50% increase in collections.

2. Manager Gutonski state the Borough advertised for bids for the repair of the 4th Ave Bridge for the second time, as the first bids were high. Bids were opened on September 22, 2016, the lowest bid was from Marricco Construction in the amount of \$689,797.44. The Borough will receive a \$500,000.00 grant through the state. Total cost for repair of the bridge including engineering, inspections etc will be \$884,800.00. Greg Schmitt state that putting the bids out for a second time saved about \$100,000.00. Carrie Fox state this is a big project that needs to be approved by COG to apply for the grant. Mayor Magnetta state that 4-6 years ago, the bridge could have been repaired for about \$100,000.00 but, that fonner Manager Rossey held off getting the bridge repaired.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Solicitor Clark Stated.

1. Asked the Borough to withdraw the lawsuit against Travelers and Selective Insurance in the Goral lawsuit.

2. Solicitor Clark, Manager Gutonski and representatives from Travelers insurance met to discuss the Goral Lawsuit.

3. Solicitor Clark will be checking into the situation with the Rain Gardens

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE**

1. Motion was made by Erika Josefoski second by Greg Schmitt to pay September bill. Roll call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent
2. Nominations to fill the vacant seat for Tarentum Borough on the Upper Allegheny Sanitation Authority Board was tabled. A special meeting will be held October 11, 2016 at 6:30 following the interviews of the three applicants, an appointment will be made at that meeting
3. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Greg Schmitt to withdraw the lawsuit filed against Travelers and Selective Insurance Companies at the discretion of the Borough Solicitor. Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

### **WATER**

1. Motion made by Greg Schmitt second by Pete Varos to pay estimate #3 to Andreas Painting in the amount of \$107,832.50. Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

**ELECTRIC** nothing at this time

### **STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS**

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to award the 4th Ave Superstructure Project to the low bid responsive bidder, Marricco Construction Co in the amount of \$689,797.44. Roll Call 6 0 nay 1 absent
2. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Greg Schmitt to accept PIB Loan for 8 years in the amount of \$389,000.00 with an interest rate of 1.79% to be paid through Liquid Fuels Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent
3. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Pete Varos to pass Resolution 16-09 accepting the 5 year Winter Maintenance Agreement between Tarentum Borough and the Commonwealth of PA Dept of Transportation. Motion carried
4. Carrie Fox asked, after receiving several complaints about speeders on Center St, if a stop sign could be erected to slow traffic down. Mayor Magnetta vetoed the request. A discussion followed
5. Carrie Fox said the proof for the banners are in and are available to see after the meeting and is asking for opinions from Council Members to choose one.
6. Carrie Fox stated that she has noticed a lot of graffiti popping up around town and asked if something could be done. A discussion followed. Manager Gutonski said he would speak to the business' to remove the graffiti from their buildings.

## **SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE PUBLIC**

1. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Peter Varos to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Bruce Wigtons. Motion Carried

2.. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Carrie Fox to hi re David Antal as a part time Police Officer. Motion Carried

3. Eureka Report for September 2016, Fire Calls 28, MVC 11, AFA 3 CWSF 3, RWSF 1, Smoke Investigation 3, Electric Conditions 1, Odor Investigation 1, Assist PD 2, Physical Rescue 1, Brush/Mulch 1. Total Personnel Hours 80, 8 Mutual Aid responses East Deer, Harrison, Frazer, Lower Burrell and. Arnol d. Ems .273, Total Personnel Hours J O JO. Total Company Training Hours 24.

4. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Carrie Fox to advertise for bids for the 1970 American LaFrance at a minimum bid of \$2,000.00.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. Carrie Fox thanked the Mayor, Borough Manager, Police Chief, Police Officers, Street Dept and Office Personnel for helping with the Fall Festival. She also thanked, Tarentum Recreation Board and Summit Hose

2. Carrie Fox thanked Cindy Hornberg for the designing and selling the 175 Celebration Calendars. The calendar sell for \$18.00 and will help pay for the dinner, parade and recognitions for the celebrations.

3. Mayor Magnetta recognized Cindy Hornberg for the many hours she has spent working on the calendar for the 175 Celebration

4. Carrie Fox said the Annual Boo Fest will be held on October 29, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Borough Council Chambers. Tickets will be available the week of October 11-15 from 11:00-1:00 in the Borough Council Chambers. The Boo Fest is for Tarentum residents 12 yrs and under only and all children must have a ticket.

5. Carrie Fox stated that the Recreation Board will again have the Scare Crow Contest. Applications will be available in the Borough Office.

6. Carrie Fox stated the Christmas Parade will be on November 19, 2016 beginning at 1:00 pm

7. Carrie Fox reminded everyone that the Farmers Market will still be held on Wednesdays through October 26.

8. Carrie Fox reminded everyone that the Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers

9. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to hold Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 pm Motion Carried

#### **PROPERTY AND ZONING**

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to approve the bid of \$12,000.00 from Haas Demolition for the demolition of 607 E 5th Ave Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent.

2. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to re-advertise for the Code Enforcement Officer position. Motion Carried

**A VN/COG** Nothing at this time

**KOZ** Nothing at this time

**REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION** Nothing at this time

#### **ALLE-KISKI-STRONG CHAMBER REPORT**

1. Carrie Fox reported that she attended her first meeting for the Chamber. She was placed on the Community Relations Committee. She said the chamber encourages all council members to get involved.

2. Carrie Fox reported that the Chamber is offering a free Economic Development Workshop on Tuesday, October 18 from 8:00-Noon. Please RSVP by October 14

3. Carrie Fox state that the Chamber is sponsoring a Trivia Night at the Pittsburgh Mills, October 12, at 6:00 PM

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

I. James Bowser inquired about the building at the corner of Corbett and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (Bertolino Bldg) if any decision has been made about the safety conditions of the building. Manager Gutonski told him its still being looked at.

Natalie Mousad from W.11<sup>th</sup> ave.

Commented on the woods across the street owned by Tarentum Borough She stated in a letter that one tree had already fallen on their vehicle and just recently another tree fell, both times the electric lines were involved. She asked if the Borough had any plans to remove the remainder of the dangerous trees and if anyone was going to clean up the debris from when the trees were cut prior.

Mayor Magnetta responded that he thought all of the dangerous trees were taken care of when the Borough had the trees trimmed and removed. Councilwoman Fox also stated that just because they live up on the hill they are not forgotten.

Manager Gutonski said all the trees in the area were already trimmed or removed at a cost of approx. \$19,000 a year ago but, he will check the area. Mr. Masquard stated he will mark the trees with paint that he feels are a danger to his property.

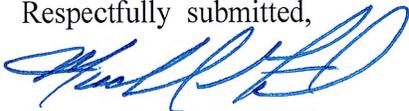
## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Greg Schmitt second by Erika Josefowski. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Next Council meeting Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski  
Borough Manager

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET  
COUNCIL MEETING

10-4-2016

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS**

NAME	ADDRESS
1. C. HOMIBURG	538 E 10th
2. K. Masuda	Ta.
3. D. Maguita	169 Cedar
4. G. L. Senior	109 Corbet
5. J. J. J. J.	512 E 6th
6. Baby Man	700 2nd Ave
7. J. J. J. J.	108 W. 1st St
8. David R. J. J.	2651 Jones Blvd Rd
9. J. J. J. J.	314 W. 1st Ave
10. Natalie Masoud	} 351 W 11th Ave.
11. Tarek Masoud	
12. BRAD JAMES	EFH
13. Bobby Stuber	THC
14. BILLY HOOVER	347 WEST 11TH AVE
15. HARRY TROJMAN	333 1ST AVE
16. Keith B. J. J.	618 3rd Ave Tarentum
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