

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES NOVEMBER 1 2016

6:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

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

Pete Varos-absent due to illness

Council President Eric Carter reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. Dan Ryan from VFW asked if a decision was made to place the memorial plaque for Sgt. Robert Adams. Manager Gutonski stated he will discuss this in his report.
2. Bill Mayhugh stated that a new tenant has moved into 340 W 10th Ave and has trash Building up. There is also a SUV with expired plates and the vehicle is on blocks. Code Enforcement will be informed about the trash and Chief Vakulick stated the Police Dept. will address the vehicle

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Nothing at this time

MAYORS REPORT:

1. Mayor Magnetta read the Calls for Service Report for the Police Dept. Calls of Service 496, Action Necessary 307, No Action Necessary 189, Arrests 17, Citations Issued 73, Total Accidents 12, Fines Collected \$2,657.19, Fines Collected for the Year \$26,889.62
2. Mayor Magnetta thanked the Recreation Board for the wonderful Boo Fest for the children from Tarentum.
3. Mayor Magnetta thanked the Police and Fire Depts. for patrolling the streets for Halloween.
4. Mayor Magnetta recommended hiring new part time officer Jeremy Howell

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT: Nothing at this time

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Gutonski reported:

1. That he met with Mr. Ryan regarding the placing of the memorial plaque for Sgt. Robert Adam, the first resident of Tarentum Borough that was killed in the VietNam War. A decision was made to erect the plaque next to the VietNam Memorial in Riverview Park. A discussion was held and as to when the plaque would be erected and it was suggested to dedicate the plaque on Memorial Day 2017. Greg Schmitt requested that the newspaper be informed of the dedication.

2. Mayor Magnetta stated he never knew of the story of Sgt Adams and agreed that it would be nice to dedicate the plaque on Memorial Day

3. Cindy Hornberg said that Sgt. Adams is buried in Prospect Cemetery.

4. Manager Gutonski stated that Council needs to discuss the landscape situation along Route 366(Ross St) and E 6th Ave. Everything that was planted is overgrowing and needs weeded and new mulch. He put \$10,000.00 in the budget for 2017 for up keep of landscaping. He said he spoke to Public Works Director Bob Betts and the St Dept does not have the means or knowledge for the upkeep.

Manager Gutonski has contacted Allegheny County regarding the grant the Borough received and if there was any problem with changes, he said they really don't care at this point what is done. Manager Gutonski has spoken to several business people for suggestions for the Ross St Median and the bump outs on E 6th Ave. The owners of Dusters suggested removing the planting and putting concrete in the median with several areas being left open for planting. Penn Dot said they would remove the concrete and plant grass, which the Borough will be responsible for cutting. There was a discussion held about removing the bump outs at E 6th @ Lock St and E 6th @ Corbett St and reopen the right hand turn lanes to cross the railroad tracks to avoid backup of traffic.

Further discussion was held regarding Ross St, Chief Vakulick stated he liked the plantings along Ross St, saying it looks better than concrete that is always dirty and full of trash. Carrie Fox stated a lot of towns have Garden Clubs to help maintain areas with plantings, but after asking for volunteers when the gardens were put in there were none. Greg Schmitt asked Manager Gutonski to put some options together for the next meeting. Mayor Magnetta said the bumps outs need removed and thinks council needs to make a decision on Ross St.

5. Manager Gutonski stated he is working on the budget and should have it done by the end of the week and will set up budget meetings.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Mr. Clark reported:

1. The Goral matter is being handled by the Borough's Insurance Carrier
2. He has been trying to address the Rain Gardens with Allegheny County and they have not gotten back to him as of this date.
3. He informed council that there is a new lawsuit and requested a brief Executive Session at the end of the meeting to inform council
4. Mayor Magnetta asked about the status of the Pracko property. Mr. Clark stated that he had contacted Attorney Kryzton who was handling the Pracko estate. Mr. Kryzton said there is not estate open and was looking into probate, he can't do an heirs deed. The next step would be to look into a Sheriffs Sale. Mr. Clark will contact the Redevelopment Authority

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE:

1. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Greg Schmitt to approve the minutes with corrections from the October 4, 2016 regular meeting and the October 11, 2016 special meeting. Motion carried with Carrie Fox abstaining from the vote for the October 11 meeting because she was not present.
2. Motion was made by Erika Josefowski second by Greg Schmitt to pay October Bills
Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent Motion Passed
3. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Greg Schmitt to return the full payment without penalty to Charles Beacom in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the voided sale of lot and block 1223-P-155. Manager Gutonski made a remark that at the time of the sale Mr. Beacom would pay a penalty if he didn't fulfill the transaction. The sale was voided due to the taxes not being paid by the Borough and Mr. Beacom shouldn't be held to the original agreement. Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent
4. Carrie Fox wanted to thank Karen Marietti, Tax Collector for mailing the letters out for delinquent taxes.

WATER:

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Rhonda dzugan to pay estimate #4 to Andreas Painting in the amount of \$80,545.00 Roll Call 6 yes O nay I absent

2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Tim Cornuet to pay change order #2 to Andreas Painting in the amount of \$7,800.00 Carrie Fox questioned what was the change order. Manager Gutonski stated that a bead of grout was supposed to be applied at the base of the tank, but that would not work and concrete was needed for the repair. Roll Call 6 yes O nay I absent

ELECTRIC: Nothing at this time

STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS: Nothing at this time

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE PUBLIC:

1. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Carrie Fox to rescind the previous motion made from the September 2016 Council Meeting to sell the 2014 Chevrolet Impala Police Cruiser to Carlow College. Motion carried

2. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Carrie Fox to sell the 2014 Chevrolet Impala Police Cruiser to Highlands School District in the amount of \$13,000.00. Roll call 6 yes 0 nay I absent

3. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Tim Cornuet to hire Jeremy Howell as a part time Police Officer. Motion carried

4. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Carrie Fox to approve the sale of the 1970 American LaFrance Fire Engine (utilized by Eureka Hose) to the lone bidder, Mr. Harry Myers of Wellsburg, West Virginia, in the amount of \$2,000.00. Proceeds of the sale will be used for repairs and painting of the Borough owned Eureka Hose Fire Station. Roll call 6 yes O nay I absent

5. Rhonda Dzugan read Eureka Fire Rescue report for October 2016.
MVC 10, RSF I , Odor Investigation 9(Natural Gas 4, CO 4, Unknown , AFA 3, Chimney Fire I , EMS Assist 3, Search I, Electrical 2 (Appliance I, Wires , Smoke Investigation 2, Physical Rescue I, Comm. SVC I , Total Personnel Hours 257. Mutual Aid 2 New Kensington and Frazer, EMS 237, Total Personnel Hours 1030, Total Company Training Hours 18

PARKS & RECREATION:

Carrie Fox reported

1. The winners of the Scare Crow Contest 1st Place Site Signatures, 2nd Place Maskas, 3rd Place Community Life
2. Boo Fest was held October 29 for 1-3. Around 90 children attended. A special thank you to the office staff for their help with the project as well as the recreation board.
3. The Annual Christmas parade will be held November 19, start time is 1:00 pm
4. The Farmers Market has ended for this year, the last day was October 26. Holding the Farmers Market on Corbett St worked out well. Thank you for all the support
5. Tarentum Recreation Board would like to honor the fine men and women of Tarentum that have served in the armed forces for many generations by sponsoring a banner project in our Tarentum Park. We will be asking families to purchase a banner to honor their loved one. The banners will hang on the black poles closest to 1st Ave. first then if enough are purchased they will move to the light poles along the walk ways. Gray Signs and the Recreation Board are working on the details and the costs are coming in around \$100.00 per banner. This is growing in many of our surrounding towns. If anyone is interested please let Carrie Fox know. I'm also asking council for your support.
6. The banners for along W 7th Ave will be in shortly and installed during the next few weeks. Manager Gutonski requested two banners to be mounted on the poles in front of the Borough Building. Mayor Magnetta requested that banners be mounted at each entrance to the Borough.

PROPERTY & ZONING:

1. Chris Fabec started today, November 1, 2016 as the Code Enforcement Officer

AVN/COG:

Carrie Fox reported

1. Courtney Mahronich spoke from "Friends of the Riverfront" about 2 new projects "Millvale to Freeport Trail Corridor". The trail is expanding along the Allegheny River from Millvale to Harrison Township. Then the trail will connect with Armstrong to Erie then to Pittsburgh to form 270 miles of continuous trail through Western PA The trail was already completed Northbound Trail in Tarentum, so all the "Friends of the Riverfront" are requesting from Tarentum is the have Public Works hang signs for the Southbound Trail. They will call to make arrangements to deliver the signs in the next few weeks.

2. Carrie Fox reported that she attended the Alle-Kiski Strong Chambers Economic Development Workshop. It was a very interesting morning with many very good speakers.

3. Carrie Fox also attended the Allegheny League of Municipalities Seminar titled "Cutting Edge Benefits Management" She stated that the topics were beneficial which included benefits, bargaining, investments, pension plans and health care. If anyone is interested in any of this information, she will be happy to share

KOZ: Nothing at this time

REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION: Nothing at this time

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Dan Ryan thanked everyone for their support regarding the memorial plaque for Sgt. Adams.

2. Greg Schmitt reported that his house was chosen for a water sample for lead. He said the report was excellent.

3. Susan Clark, Eureka Fire & Rescue asked where the AED was going to be installed. She suggested in the hall above the fire extinguisher.

Council met for an Executive Session 7:32 Meeting
was call back to order at 7:40

President Eric Carter stated the Executive Session was held to discuss litigation

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox all in favor. Meeting

adjourned at 7.41 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski
Borough Manager

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 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
 COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 1st 2016

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Linda Boldt	309 W. 11th Ave Tarentum
2. Robert Soebener	HHC
3. Bill M. Yitoch	347 WEST 11TH AVE
4. Barbara Magnetta	169 Cedar
5. Becky May	700 Second
6. James DeLoe	108 North
7. CINDY H.	538 E 10th
8. Tina Konda	512 E 6th
9. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
10. D. RITTO	
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12. S. CLARK	EUREKA.
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