



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING  
ONLINE ZOOM CONFERENCE

[Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.](#)

Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER:</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.</b>		
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</u>			
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	The following members were present: Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mr. Adam Blythe, and Mayor Eric Carter. Absent with cause: Ms. Erika Josefoski		
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	X
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	AWC
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
<b>EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:</b>	None.		
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.		
<b>CITIZENS:</b> <i>Regarding Items on the Agenda.</i>	None.		

## **COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

<b>Mayor Report</b>	<p>Calls for service report detailed. Per Chief, things have been rather quiet. Mayor assessed storm damage from tornado (April) with Chief all night. Communication was good all night. Things ran smoothly. Fortunate things were not worse.</p>
<b>President Report</b>	<p>Echo Mayor sentiments regarding storm and response. Month 2 of virtual meetings. Borough is still operating as usual. Continue to reach out by telephone or email for any needs. Thank you to Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, Fox's Pizza Tarentum for the pizza giveaway event in the community. Thank you to Lou Ann Homa for her assistance in organizing the event. Thank you to Public Works and other departments for their assistance as well. Assistance from council members Fox, Snyder as well.</p>
<b>Solicitor Report</b>	
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	
<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<p>As of May 1, State permitting residential/commercial building permits. Waste management is still not able to pick up bulk items. Curb cut request. Mark Magoc. 201 Allegheny Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Existing driveway. Hopes to widen for another vehicle. Sometimes has issues with parking due to proximity near high rise. CEO did not see an immediate issue with this request. Council will be updated on this topic following a review of the Borough Ordinance by the Borough Manager.</p>



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<p><b>Manager Report</b></p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b>  April 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Borough Offices Closed  April 11, 2020 – 9:00 AM – POSTPONED – Easter Egg Hunt  April 25, 2020 – 9:00 AM – POSTPONED – Earth Day Cleanup Event  April 28, 2020 – POSTPONED – Primary Election Day  April 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM – CANCELLED – Recreation Board Meeting</p> <p><a href="#">Engineer Report</a> – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to pay the Borough bills for the month of April, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.</li> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to ratify approval the Borough Manager to execute following forms for a USDA grant to purchase municipal software:  Form RD 1940-1 “Request for Obligation of Funds”  Form RD 1942-46 “Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions”  Form 3570-3 “Community Facilities Grant Agreement”  Standard Form 3881 “ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form”  The motion passed unanimously.</li> <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize Highlands Little League to utilize the Borough baseball fields for the spring and summer 2020. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public Works</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Monthly Report</a> – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the Borough Manager to hire three temporary summer public works employees at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul> <p>Street department is back to full staff. Schedule is staggered. Same will occur with summer help.</p> <p>Thank you to Scott, Carrie, Brian for help with pizza event. Very special thank you to Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and Tarentum Fox’s pizza for holding this event. Thank you to Dawn Galia for the masks.</p> <p>Discussion about whether the position would be advertised. Discussion about the qualifications for this position. Plan is to follow past procedure with advertisement and hiring process. Individuals should be over age 18.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Homa</b></p>



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<b>Utilities</b>	<p>Water – <a href="#">Monthly Report</a> – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe to adopt <a href="#">Resolution #20-04</a>: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO OPT OUT OF THE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST DEER AND BOROUGH OF TARENTUM. The motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul> <p>Solicitor indicated that contract does not expire until 2032.</p>	<b>Mr. Bonner</b>
<b>AVNCOG</b>	<p>COG has not met recently due to pandemic. Next meeting on May 27 at 7PM via Zoom. Monthly reports are being sent to COG members.</p> <p>Borough CDBG 2020 (Year 46) valve project funding of \$28,018 has been approved.</p>	<b>Ms. Fox</b>
<b>Comprehensive Plan</b>	<p>No report. Meetings have not occurred since March 2020.</p>	<b>Ms. Homa</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b>	<p>Borough monthly financial reports are posted online.</p> <p><a href="#">2020.04 – Budget Report</a> <a href="#">2020.04 – Check Register</a> <a href="#">2020.04 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report</a></p> <p>2019 Audit is moving faster than prior audits, firm has started to gather financial information from Borough.</p>	<b>Mr. Blythe</b>
<b>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</b>	<p>Dreshar stadium walkway paving will be occurring soon. Final improvements to the Tarentum park bandshell renovations are going to occur in the near future as well.</p> <p>Recreation Board meeting will likely take place on Zoom for the May 26, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Concerts start on June 11 but there are quite a few things to figure out prior to making any decisions regarding the summer concert(s). Depends on governors orders at that time.</p> <p>Outside facility. WannaBeatles could have up to 200 people, so the crowd could be the biggest concern. Other concerts range from 60 to 100 people. Just have to wait and see what the Governor does.</p> <p>May have to go through Health department to see if they can serve food at the snack shack. Even if band can come and snack shack is not open, there is still plenty of room to do social distancing, being that the street is closed. There are plenty of scenarios that could play out. Hates to shut things down yet or cancel summer.</p>	<b>Ms. Fox</b>



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	<p>Board will have a meeting and consider various options. It's a 9 member board and it's up to the group as a whole.</p> <p>Earth Day/Clean Up Day/Keep America Beautiful campaign will pick back up in September 2020. Scheduling for a new clean up day could probably occur in the Fall 2020.</p> <p>Thanks to police department and fire departments for their work during the tornado scare. Summit Hose couldn't have been more terrific that night. Public works is phenomenal in this town. The town pulls together any time there is a crisis. Everyone might not like each other but when push comes to shove everyone pulls together.</p>	
<b>Special Events/ Tourism</b>	No report. Hope to have events in the Fall.	Mr. Snyder
<b>Redev./ Revitalization</b>		Ms. Josefoski
<b>Property/ Health/Zoning</b>		Ms. Josefoski
<b>Public Safety</b>	<p><a href="#">Eureka – Monthly Report</a> – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <p>Echo previous comments about public safety.</p>	Mr. Blythe
<b><u>CITIZENS:</u></b>	None.	
<b><u>ADDITIONAL:</u></b>	<p>Councilwoman Fox wanted to thank Summit Hose for all their previous work on the fireworks. It saddens them to cancel the event. It's a large undertaking. Thanks for the previous years' of putting on the fireworks. Hope that we can look forward to next year. This is a difficult time for all of the fire halls, they can't get out and do the things that they used to do.</p> <p>Councilman Bonner indicated that this is a fundraiser event for the fire department, so if anyone is able to assist with donations, it would probably be very much appreciated.</p>	
<b><u>ADJOURN:</u></b>	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	