



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.			
ROLL CALL:	The following members were present: Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Erika Josefoski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, and Mayor Eric Carter.		
ALSO PRESENT:	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	AWC
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	X
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:	None.		
MINUTES:	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Bonner to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting . The motion carried unanimously.		
CITIZENS: Agenda Items.	None.		
COMMUNICATIONS:	01. Communication 01 - Boat Dock Wait List Request 02. Communication 02 - Road Sign Request		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	Asking council to consider approving the motions to hire the two (2) police officers listed on the agenda this evening. The officers are an asset to the community. Would like to keep each of these officers on our staff.
President Report	Office hours for the Borough building are now 10am to 2pm, Monday through Friday. Thank you to Miss Boyer and the students from Highlands Elementary who made drawings and Letters of Kindness for the Borough. The retaining wall project at the Ross Street triangle is complete. Looks very nice. Compliments the area very well. Diabetes seminar scheduled for the next several weeks are cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns. Asked council to consider and discuss possible improvements to the Borough Council Chambers so that Council meetings can have better audio/video. Possibly to broadcast events live online. Due to the current pandemic constraints and social distancing hurdles, it would be beneficial if we were able to broadcast meetings online. Mr. Snyder: Would agree that we should consider A/V/technology improvements. Ms. Fox: We may also want to look at better utilizing space within the Borough building in conjunction with the A/V considerations. Such as relocation of the women’s restroom or possibly some other changes.
Solicitor Report	



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Code Officer Report	<p>2020.06 Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <p>18 completed demolitions on the west side. 6 more CDBG demolitions in waiting. This project has not gone out to bid yet through the AVNCOG.</p> <p>Next round of demolitions being started with through the RFP on tonight’s agenda.</p>															
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>July 14, 2020 – 5:00 PM – Diabetes Seminar in the Park</p> <p>July 16, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Concert in the Park (Daniels & McClain)</p> <p>July 21, 2020 – 5:00 PM – Diabetes Seminar in the Park</p> <p>July 28, 2020 – 5:00 PM – Diabetes Seminar in the Park</p> <p>July 28, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting</p> <p>July 30, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Concert in the Park (Jim Felix as Elvis)</p> <p>August 4, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Regular Council Meeting</p> <p>2020.06 - Legislative Locator</p> <p>2020.06 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>2020.07 - Engineer Report</p> <p>Details of “C” Field reconstruction to relocate fencing and remove dugouts, concrete walkways and the backstop.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Homa to pay the Borough bills for the month of June, 2020. The motion passed unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to approve RFP #2020-01 to conduct asbestos testing at the following properties: <table border="1" data-bbox="472 1394 1258 1579"> <tr> <td>121 Conroy</td> <td>242 W 8th</td> <td>318 W 7th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>212 Bridge</td> <td>243 W 7th</td> <td>330 Heuser</td> </tr> <tr> <td>215 Bridge</td> <td>300 W 6th</td> <td>510 E 2nd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>919 Porter</td> <td>1102 East</td> <td>510 E 2nd Rear</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1212 Locust</td> <td>1300 Bakerstown</td> <td>1308 Locust</td> </tr> </table> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to appoint Cindy Homburg to the Planning Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to approve Curb Cut Application #20-01 at 201 Allegheny Street. The motion passed unanimously. 	121 Conroy	242 W 8th	318 W 7th	212 Bridge	243 W 7th	330 Heuser	215 Bridge	300 W 6th	510 E 2nd	919 Porter	1102 East	510 E 2nd Rear	1212 Locust	1300 Bakerstown	1308 Locust
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Public Works	Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>	Ms. Homa
Utilities	<p>Water – 2020.06 - Water Plant Report – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #20-05: <p>RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO REPEAL RESOLUTION #20-03 AND REINSTATING THE TERMINATION PROCEDURE FOR UTILITY SERVICE IN TARENTUM BOROUGH.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	Mr. Bonner
AVNCOG	<p>The last AVNCOG meeting occurred on June 24, 2020. On June 15, 2020 Rich Fitzgerald issued a letter for supplemental funding for CD 46/FY 2020 projects. Supplemental funding in the amount of \$1.7M was identified to be applied toward increasing selected CD 46/FY 2020 CDBG grants for the six projects listed in Mr. Fitzgerald’s letter, so as to reduce or eliminate the local match requirement for each project. The objective is to assist the identified municipalities, one of which is Tarentum Borough, in face of budget challenges resulting from the COVID-19 economic shutdown in Allegheny County, resulting from the pandemic emergency declaration, to complete important</p>	Ms. Fox



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	capital projects within the selected communities. Tarentum was originally awarded \$28,018. Supplemental funding of \$10,982 has been added. The total funding is now \$39,000.	
Comprehensive Plan	We received a draft plan for review. Borough will respond to consulting team by July 12, 2020.	Ms. Homa
Finance & Admin.	Borough monthly financial reports are posted online. 2020.06 – Budget Report 2020.06 – Check Register 2020.06 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2020.05 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report	Mr. Blythe
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	Moment of Silence for Recreation Board member Gina Landa who recently passed away. Gina was a very involved recreation board member who also contributed greatly to the community and served as Treasurer of the Board. We are sad to lose such an asset and friend. Gina was always well prepared for Board meetings as well as attending Council meetings. She volunteered with the library as well. She will be missed immensely. Thank you to Gina for her service to our Borough. Is there anything we can do about the basketball hoops at 6th? Could we look at repairing them? There is damage at one of the hoops at that location. Ms. Fox: The original hoops were to be shatter proof. They were damaged and replaced several times. Now we have graffiti issues. Possibly need a camera in this area. Mr. Snyder/Mr. Bonner: Cameras could be inexpensive, Cloud based, and possibly Comcast internet may be accessible in this area.	Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Redev./ Revitalization	Mentioned company that is looking to acquire properties through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. They are working on acquiring at least one of those properties. They are also interested in several others.	Ms. Josefoski
Property/ Health/Zoning		Ms. Josefoski
Public Safety	Eureka – Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i> Congrats to the new officers. This now sets us up for years to come.	Mr. Blythe
<u>CITIZENS:</u>	None.	
<u>ADDITIONAL:</u>	Ms. Fox: ALOM is offering great webinars this summer. Encourages council to consider viewing. Manager: Explained the results of ZHB hearing last Monday. Decision of the ZHB favored the Borough. It will now go back to Judge James for review of the decision.	



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ADJOURN:

Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.