



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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<u>ORDER:</u>	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</u>			
<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	The following members were present: Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Erika Josefoski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, and Ms. Carrie Fox. Mayor Eric Carter was absent with cause.		
<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u>	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	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
<u>EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:</u>	None.		
<u>MINUTES:</u>	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Regular Council Meeting . The motion carried unanimously.		
<u>CITIZENS:</u> Agenda Items.	None.		
<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	01. Communication 01 – Plaque Placement Request 02. Communication 02 – Summit Hose Rabies Clinic		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	
President Report	Borough continues to operate as normal. Please reach out to Borough officials for any assistance. Thank you to Public Works department for work within the Borough. Line painting looks good. Thanks to the Police as well. Feels strongly that we have one of the best groups around. Donation of \$1,000 to the Borough from an individual who lives in the Borough.
Solicitor Report	
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	2020.07 Monthly Report - Posted Online. 18th demolition began today from the 2019 Demo Project. Asbestos 2020 RFP #1 was sent out for 15 additional properties. Bids due by 8/21/20.
Engineer Report	2020.08 - Engineer Report ARLE 2019 Update (10th and Corbet): Due to the impacts of COVID-19 and closure of Commonwealth office buildings, the 2019 ARLE Project Contracts are being delayed. At this time the following applies to all awarded 2019 ARLE Projects:



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- The Commonwealth is not currently processing agreements unless they are mission critical or time-sensitive.
- ARLE Agreements require work to be completed within three years. Municipalities should be ready to start when the agreement is executed and consider pandemic impacts to the schedule before the clock starts.
- Grantees are reminded that reimbursable work cannot be performed before the agreement is fully executed.

Meeting with Engineer on Thursday, August 6, 2020 to discuss CDBG Year 47/2021 grant application.

Manager Report

Upcoming Events:

August 13, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Concert in the Park (56 East with Mary Ann Mangini)

August 25, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting

August 27, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Concert in the Park (American Pie)

September 1, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Regular Council Meeting

[2020.07 - Legislative Locator](#)

[2020.07 - League Link](#)

2020.07 - PELRAS Update

[2020.08 - County Council Connection](#)

New Business:

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to pay the Borough bills for the month of July, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to adopt Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Tarentum Borough Policy and Procedure manual. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt [Ordinance #20-02](#):

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR EXCESSIVE POLICE, FIRST RESPONSE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CALLS WITHIN A 30 DAY TIME FRAME TO THE SAME LOCATION. (Revision of [Ordinance #06-02](#)). The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [Resolution #20-09](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS



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PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER 1223-K-186 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

[\(Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program Application Parcel #1224-J-251\)](#) The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe to eliminate the crossing guard position situated in West Tarentum at the intersections of Center and W 9th/W 10th. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for part-time crossing guard(s) at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.
 - NOTE: Currently looking for one (1) part-time crossing guard to work on Monday and Friday. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the request from Summit Hose to conduct a rabies clinic on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Tarentum Marina from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to amend the preceding item to approve the request from Summit Hose to conduct a rabies clinic on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Tarentum Marina from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. provided that the event follows all State and County requirements related to the Covid pandemic. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the closure of Wood Street from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Gatto Harley-Davison to host the “Ashley’s Angels 2nd Annual Bike Run event provided that the event follows all State and County requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works	<p>Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize the Borough Manager to place the 2005 Chevy 1-Ton Dump Truck with Electric Dump on Municibid with no reserve price. The motion carried unanimously. 	Ms. Homa
Utilities	<p>Water – 2020.07 - Water Plant Report - <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe to hire Tom Wesoloski for the position of water treatment plant operator subject to the terms and conditions and the applicable rate of pay set forth in the Non- 	Mr. Bonner



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	<p>Uniform Collective Bargaining Agreement, with a tentative start date of August 9, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NOTE: Plant manager asking for consideration to increase starting rate, per the CBA, due to candidate’s knowledge of SCADA/plant system. 	
AVNCOG	<p>AVNCOG monthly meeting occurred via Zoom on July 22, 2020.</p> <p>Encouraged manager to apply for a water/sewer project through CDBG Year 47/2021.</p> <p>No meeting in August 2020. Next meeting will be in September 2020.</p>	Ms. Fox
Comprehensive Plan	<p>First three chapters have been sent to Steering Committee. Current draft is very user friendly and easy to read.</p>	Ms. Homa
Finance & Admin.	<p>Borough monthly financial reports are posted online.</p> <p>2020.07 – Budget Report</p> <p>2020.07 – Check Register</p> <p>2020.07 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report</p> <p>2020.06 – Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to hire Phoenix Benefits Group, Inc. to perform the Tarentum Borough Police pension plan actuarial services for 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #20-08: <p>RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2021. The motion carried unanimously.</p>	Mr. Blythe
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<p>Rec Board is hoping to have concerts in August. Current county restrictions are preventing the large gatherings. They get more than 50+ attendees.</p> <p>Recreation Board would like to purchase a recognition tree to be placed in the park. Possibly on the bandshell. 5’ x 5’. It would have 200 leaves that are available for engraving to recognize an individual, group, etc. They would cost roughly \$40. Asking council for their thoughts on the idea. Believes this gives an opportunity to folks to honor someone, because currently we do not have anything like this. Could buy stones or acorns for under the tree that are for larger donations. The proceeds from the concept would go back into the park, possibly for signage throughout the park.</p>	Ms. Fox



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Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Redev./ Revitalization		Ms. Josefoski
Property/ Health/Zoning	ACBA meeting 9/3/20. Plans to attend.	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>	Brian Rittmeyer – TribLIVE – Asked a question about the language regarding violation fines in Ordinance 20-02.	
<u>ADDITIONAL:</u>	Ms. Fox: Has gotten calls about the project taking place in Harrison Township at the Jobe’s Hole Area. They want to be aware of project details or public meetings when Tarentum is made aware of them. Has gotten a few phone calls about W 8th Avenue waterline project and also Bridge Street storm separation project about when the project(s) will be completed. Thank you to Dave Rankin for the hanging baskets that he placed on Corbet Street. Brian Defelice purchased the old Mannis building and he has it rented out upstairs. He is refurbishing the building so kudos to him.	
<u>ADJOURN:</u>	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	