



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting



Order:	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.			
Roll Call:	The following members were present: Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, and Mayor Eric Carter. Ms. Erika Josefowski was absent with cause.		
Also Present:	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	AWC
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	AWC
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	AWC
Exceptions to Open Meetings:	N/A		
Minutes:	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting . The motion carried unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	None.		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Salvation Army Request		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	
President Report	Welcomed everyone back to the first in-person meeting since March. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Tarentum Night Market on September 17, 2020. Looking forward to the next Market on October 15, 2020.
Solicitor Report	
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	2020.09 Monthly Report Asbestos Testing to begin week of October 12, 2020 for Demolition Project 2020
Engineer Report	2020.10 - Engineer Report
Manager Report	Upcoming Events: October 4 – 10, 2020 – Fire Prevention Week October 17, 2020 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Halloween Drive Thru Event October 27, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting October 31, 2020 – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Trick or Treat November 3, 2020 – Election Day November 5, 2020 (Thursday) – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Meeting November 11, 2020 – Veteran’s Day – Borough Offices Closed



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[2020.09 - Legislative Locator](#)

[2020.09 - League Link](#)

2020.09 - PELRAS Update

New Business:

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to pay the Borough bills for the month of September, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the request of the Salvation Army to hold the 2nd Annual Red Kettle 5K Race and 1 Mile Family Fun Run on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and further approving the use of necessary rolling road closures by event volunteers. The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [Resolution #20-12](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER 1223-N-267 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

[\(Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program Application Parcel #1223-N-267\)](#) The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [Resolution #20-13](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER 1223-N-269 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

[\(Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program Application Parcel #1223-N-269\)](#) The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the solicitor to enter appearance as an Intervenor in the matter of America First Enterprises LLP d/b/a Oliver Outdoor v. Zoning Hearing Board of Borough of Tarentum at No. SA-20-433. (More information at: tarentumboro.com/zhb#2019-01) The motion carried unanimously.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Bonner to authorize the Borough Manager to contract for services with Cohen Law Group as special counsel to assist with various telecommunications service related items including ordinance revisions, contract reviews and associated legal matters. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to authorize the Borough Manager to proceed with the Tarentum Borough codification update via General Code in an amount not to exceed \$2,495 for Ordinances #19-01 to #19-06. The motion carried unanimously. 	
Public Works	2020.09 Monthly Report West 8th Waterline Project Update: Property owners who are impacted by the project were notified that the contractor will be returning to connect residential water lines to the main line. Service may be briefly interrupted during the connection process. Following re-connection, the contractor plans to pave W 8th Avenue prior to winter.	Ms. Homa
Utilities	Water – 2020.09 - Water Plant Report	Mr. Bonner
AVNCOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the AVNCOG to award the 2020 CDBG Year 46 Water Valve Replacement Project to Ron Gillette, Inc. in the amount of \$31,671.43. The motion carried unanimously. 	Ms. Fox
Comprehensive Plan	Comp Plan Adoption Update: The Multi-Municipal H-B-T Comprehensive Plan draft titled “Forging Our Future” is posted on the Borough website . It is currently under the 45-day review period by Allegheny County and surrounding municipalities. Following review, the draft plan will be discussed by the Tarentum Borough Planning Commission at a meeting on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers. Anyone who wishes to speak or comment on the plan should attend this meeting. All comments and feedback from the Planning Commission and public attendees shall be presented to Borough Council at a public hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:30 PM in Borough Council Chambers. Following the public hearing, Council may vote to adopt the Comprehensive Plan at the 6:00 PM council meeting on the same evening.	Ms. Homa
Finance & Admin.	2020.09 – Budget Report 2020.09 – Check Register 2020.09 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2020.09 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2020.08 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report Finance Report: 2020 Pension State Aid received: \$157,562.66	Mr. Blythe



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	<p>Based upon 9 Police Units (x2) and 14 Non-Uniform Units (32 Total Units @ \$4,923.83)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the Borough Manager to publish the 2019 Tarentum Borough Financial Statement newspaper advertisement as prepared by the Borough Auditor pursuant to §1059.1 of the Borough Code. The motion carried unanimously. 	
<p>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</p>	<p>Recreation board met September 29, 2020.</p> <p>Halloween drive thru event on October 17, 2020 from 11am to 2pm; flyers were in the utility bills. All children are welcome. Business owners were also invited to attend and pass out candy.</p> <p>12th annual scarecrow contest is under way. Flyers have been passed out. Scarecrows will be placed from October 15 - October 29. Judging will take place on October 29. Applications are on the borough website.</p> <p>First responder giveaway hosted by the Recreation Board. The Rec board will be delivering to our first responders.</p> <p>Tarentum Night Market was a great success. Quite a few people were out. Music on the sidewalks. Thanks to Dave Rankin and Diana Roney, and several others who were involved in setting up this event.</p> <p>Senior bingo cannot take place. Rec board is considering other options that would allow for an event for the seniors. Possibly an event at the marina with a raffle or instant bingo. Rec board will be working on a few other ideas.</p> <p>Remembrance tree installation. Asked council for their opinion about whether to put it on the snack shack or the bandshell. Council agrees that it would be nice on the snack shack. It will allow for the tree to be lower to the ground and more visible to folks walking by. Bulletin board will be moved to a different side of the snack shack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to grant the recreation board permission to purchase and install a remembrance tree for the Tarentum Park to be installed on the side of the snack shack facing First Avenue. The motion carried unanimously. 	<p>Ms. Fox</p>
<p>Special Events/ Tourism</p>	<p>Mr. Snyder is asking council for permission to begin pre-planning for a craft brewery, food truck and live music event to be held in June 2021. Bringing the topic up at this time because it is roughly 9 months away so he would have to start planning rather soon.</p>	<p>Mr. Snyder</p>
<p>Redev./ Revitalization</p>		<p>Ms. Josefoski</p>



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Property/ Health/Zoning		Ms. Josefoski
Public Safety	Eureka – Monthly Report Eureka Chief Heuser and President Webb send their thanks and appreciation for the paving project in Plum Alley and Fire Station parking area.	Mr. Blythe
Additional	<p>Mr. Snyder: E 6th Avenue business district vehicles are traveling very fast through this area. Would like to consider options for slowing traffic including possibly having the police monitor the area to watch for speeding. Possibly an additional stop sign at Dickey Street. Believes it is a dangerous situation. Asked the Mayor for assistance with this effort.</p> <p>Ms. Fox: The Borough utilized the AVNCOG paving equipment and it looks nice. The Borough workers did a very good job on this project.</p>	
Public Comment:	<p>Pepsi Gamble - Porter Street - Spoke at last month’s council meeting. Thanks to Ms. Fox who spoke with her personally. Nothing on the agenda regarding her situation in struggling to pay utility bill. Upset about CARES grant money being utilized for council chamber improvements. Asks that council consider policy for everyone in the community.</p> <p>Frustrated because she is not permitted to earn a full wage and believes Borough government should take that into consideration. Hoping for reasonable accommodations until the government allows her to go back to work full time.</p> <p>Mr. Snyder: Feels that Ms. Gamble’s comments are well put. Wants council to take her very seriously.</p>	
Adjourn:	Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Blythe to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	