



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

[Online Zoom Meeting](#)

[Tuesday, January 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.](#)

Meeting Minutes



Order:	The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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, 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	X
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	AWC
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
Exceptions to Open Meetings:	N/A		
Minutes:	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the December 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes. The motion passes unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	None.		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Request Appointment to Council – Deston Tanner 02. Communication 02 – Request Appointment to Vacancy Board – Tim Kuhns 03. Communication 03 – Request Appointment to Recreation Board – Hugh Fox 04. Communication 04 – Request Appointment to Recreation Board – Barbara Magnetta		

INTERVIEW OF COUNCIL CANDIDATES:

Interview of candidates to fill vacant 1st Ward council seat.

Raymond Kerr – Enjoyed previous time on council. Has time and ability to get back on to Council.

Asked by Ms. Fox to express what he would do differently if reappointed to council at this time. Would like to bring new ideas to council. Hoping to keep the town moving forward. Wants to work toward bringing more individuals and traffic into town.

Asked by Mr. Snyder what he believes we can do in town for the younger demographic and younger families. Believes that we should meet with younger families and discuss what attracts them to Tarentum. Involved with youth sports in the community. Believes we need to communicate with those younger families and give them input for the direction of our town.

NOMINATIONS:

Council President Scott Dadowski entertained nominations to fill the vacant 1st Ward Council Seat. Nomination made by Councilman Blythe to appoint Mr. Raymond Kerr to fill the vacant 1st Ward council seat. Roll call vote approved 6-0.

OATH (Administered by Mayor Carter):

Mayor Eric Carter administered the Oath to Mr. Raymond Kerr to be sworn in as Councilman of the First Ward. Mr. Kerr subsequently participated in the remainder of the meeting.



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COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	Police Service Calls report presented.
President Report	Happy New Year to council and residents of Tarentum Borough. Borough office still on limited hours but we are still processing bills and other business items. Thanks to public works department for snow removal over the last few weeks.
Solicitor Report	
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	2020.12 Monthly Report Demolition project update provided to council.
Engineer Report	2021.01 - Engineer Report MS4 reminder to be careful with salting sidewalks and driveways because excess salt gets into the storm system and streams.
Manager Report	Upcoming Events: January 26, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Regular Meeting February 2, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting 2020.12 - Legislative Locator 2020.12 - League Link 2020.12 - PELRAS Update New Business: ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to pay the Borough bills for the month of December, 2020. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Tim Kuhns to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Blythe to appoint Hugh Fox to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025. The motion carried 6-0 with Ms. Fox abstaining. ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Blythe to appoint Barbara Magnetta to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025. The motion carried 6-0 with Ms. Fox abstaining. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to award demolition project #2021.2 to Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$55,000. The motion carried unanimously.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to award demolition project #2021.3 to Siegel Excavating in the amount of \$61,300. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to advertise Ordinance #21-01: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AND THE RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Resolution #21-01: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH COUNCILPERSONS. The motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Kerr abstaining. ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Bonner to appoint Scott Dadowski as the Tarentum Borough representative for the Community Development Corporation Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously. 	
Public Works	2020.12 Monthly Report Public works department has done a great job with the winter snow removal and water breaks that have occurred in the last few weeks.	Ms. Homa
Utilities	Water – 2020.12 - Water Plant Report	Mr. Bonner
Finance & Admin.	2020.12 – Budget Report 2020.12 – Check Register 2020.12 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2020.12 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2020.11 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report	Mr. Blythe
AVNCOG	Last meeting was December 16, 2020 via Zoom. Bid opening for the Safe Neighborhoods Demolition Project on January 11, 2021. Budget for 2021 was approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Homa to appoint Carrie Fox as the Tarentum Borough representative of the AVN COG. The motion carried unanimously. 	Ms. Fox



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Parks/ Recreation/ Library	No meeting for December 2020. Christmas Light decoration contest for businesses is complete. TribLive Article 1st: Merle Norman Cosmetics 2nd: Cindy's Soft Serve 3rd: Dalmo Optical	Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Redev./ Revitalization		Ms. Josefoski
Property/ Health/Zoning		Ms. Josefoski
Public Safety	Eureka – Monthly Report 2020.12	Mr. Blythe
Public Comment:	Raymond Modolo – 3 Jones Street – Wishes to discuss an issue with the police department. Mr. Modolo was pulled over on December 31, 2020 at approximately 8:50pm. Concerned about the officer not wearing a mask during the traffic stop. Contacted the department about this matter. Wishes for council to address this item with some sort of disciplinary action toward the officer.	
Further Comment by Council:	Ms. Fox stated that Tarentum Borough should reinstate the business advisory board. Or start to have town hall meetings once the occupancy restrictions are lifted.	
Adjourn:	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Bonner to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	