



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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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. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, and Mayor Eric Carter. Mr. Adam Blythe was Absent with Cause.		
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. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting . The motion passed 6-0.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	N/A		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Amphitheatre Request – Ovation School of Dance 02. Communication 02 – Amphitheatre Request – BridgePoint Church 03. Communication 03 – Park Event Request – Women of the Moose		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	Police Calls for Service Report – February 2021
	Ask council to consider the following:
	❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt the Tarentum Borough Police Department Policy Guideline 5.1 Mobile Video and Audio Recorder . The motion carried 6-0.
	❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt the Tarentum Borough Police Department Policy Guideline 5.2 Body Worn Cameras . The motion carried 6-0.
	❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt the Tarentum Borough Police Department Policy Guideline 1.3.10 Officer Owned/Purchased Patrol Rifle . The motion carried 6-0.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Kerr to purchase a 2021 Police Interceptor Utility AWD Hybrid vehicle in the amount of \$42,895. The motion carried 6-0.
President Report	<p>Borough remains open for business. Continue to reach out to Borough officials and representatives.</p> <p>Attended the Community Development Corporation meeting on February 17, 2021. Representatives attended from the local municipalities and local businesses. The meeting was very exciting and encouraging. Believes Tarentum is ahead of the curve in several ways. Looking forward to sharing ideas at the next meeting.</p> <p>ACBA Directors meeting tomorrow, March 3, 2021 at 6 PM.</p>
Solicitor Report	<p>No report for this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to advertise Ordinance #21-03: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND CONDUCT ON BOROUGH PROPERTY. The motion carried 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to advertise Ordinance #21-04: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR THE BOROUGH AS WELL AS WORKING FOR PRIVATE CITIZENS, CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES, SUCH AS PARTNERSHIPS, WITHIN THE BOROUGH. The motion carried 6-0.
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	<p>2021.02 Monthly Report</p> <p>First of three demolition contractors in town has already completed 3 demolitions. Army Corps bi-annual inspection of Bull Creek will be conducted next week.</p>
Engineer Report	<p>2021.03 - Engineer Report</p> <p>MS4 reminder: Do not dump materials into the storm system and streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to ratify Resolution #21-03:



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	<p>RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”). The motion carried 6-0.</p>	
<p>Manager Report</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: March 30, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Regular Meeting April 2, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Offices Closed April 6, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting</p> <p>2021.02 - Legislative Locator 2021.02 - League Link 2021.02 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of Ovation School of Dance to hold a dance recital event at the Magnetta Amphitheatre on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The motion carried 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of BridgePoint Church to hold two (2) events at the Magnetta Amphitheatre on Sunday, June 13, 2021 and Sunday, August 15, 2021, respectively, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The motion carried 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of the Tarentum Women of the Moose to hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt event on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM at Tarentum Riverview Memorial Park and further requesting closure of First Avenue beginning at 8:30 AM until the end of the event. The motion carried 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Karen Marietti to a 5-year term on the Tarentum Zoning Hearing Board, said term to expire December 31, 2025. The motion carried 6-0. 	
<p>AVNCOG</p>	<p>Last meeting was February 22, 2021. Blighted property program which receives funding from \$15 deed transfer fee assessment through Allegheny County was presented to COG.</p>	<p>Ms. Fox</p>
<p>Business Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Held a meeting in mid-February to discuss the committee goals. Will be sending a letter and survey to local businesses in the near future. Planning to hold a Zoom meeting in May. Hoping to hold in-person meeting(s) after the Covid restrictions are lifted.</p>	<p>Mr. Kerr</p>



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	<p>Plan to inventory empty buildings and then list them on our Borough website. Hoping to attract prospective businesses by creating a catalogue of available buildings.</p> <p>Hope to become a resource for local businesses to use one another for assistance, feedback and insight.</p>	
<p>Finance & Admin.</p>	<p>2021.02 – Budget Report 2021.02 – Check Register 2021.02 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2021.02 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2021.01 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to pay the Borough bills for the month of February, 2021. The motion carried 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #21-07: <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING AND DIRECTING PROFESSIONALS TO PREPARE FOR THE REFUNDING AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.</p> <p>The motion carried 6-0.</p>	<p>Mr. Blythe</p>
<p>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to approve the Scratch Off Senior Bingo event on March 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM in the Tarentum Marina parking lot, with a rain date of May 13, 2021. The motion carried 6-0. <p>Recreation Board Report is long for March 2021!!</p> <p>Recreation Board teamed up with Allegheny Valley Community of Churches. Food drive is under way. It will end on March 8. Contributions would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Rec Board Calendar for 2021 will be posted on Borough webpage and Rec Board Facebook page.</p> <p>Tarentum Magazine will be preparing for the 3rd edition. If anyone has feedback or content to suggest, please let the Rec Board know.</p> <p>Tree Pittsburgh Adoption will take place April 10. Registration starts March 22. Register online or by phone. The flyer will be posted on the Borough webpage and the Rec Board Facebook Page. Trees will be offered to Tarentum residents first. 200 trees will be available.</p>	<p>Ms. Fox</p>



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	<p>The Rec Board is conducting a photo contest “Put on Your Best Egg Face”. Send in photos to the email address carrierox170@gmail.com for all “Creative Spring Photos” Due by April 1, 2021.</p> <p>Easter Egg hunt in conjunction with Tarentum Women of the Moose will be done with all covid restrictions and social distance in place.</p> <p>Rec Board would like to hold an American Pie concert on May 1, 2021 to prepare for the upcoming Summer Concert season. They are also the first concert on June 1, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to permit American Pie to hold a concert at the Magnetta Ampitheatre on May 1, 2021. The motion carried 6-0. 	
Property/Health/ Zoning	<p>Two homes on Lock Street recently destroyed by fire. One property is covered by insurance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to award a demolition contract for the fire damaged structure at 204 Lock Street to Ron Gillette, Inc. in the amount of \$10,711. The motion carried 6-0. 	Mr. Bonner
Public Safety	<p>Eureka – Monthly Report</p> <p>Mr. Dadowski: Thank you to the firefighters and emergency workers for their efforts at the recent structure fires.</p> <p>Ms. Fox: Thank you also to the public works department and Police department. And the firefighters in the community.</p>	Mr. Blythe
Public Works	<p>2021.02 Monthly Report</p> <p>Liquid Fuels allocations approved by the State. Due to the reduced gas tax revenues from Covid-19, allocations are down 7% statewide. For Tarentum, our allocation in 2021 will be: \$134,010. Compare to 2020: \$143,905 and 2019: \$148,613. We will make some slight adjustments to spending due to the \$11,000 difference.</p> <p>Thank you to police, public works and firefighters for all of their efforts during the recent fire.</p>	Ms. Homa
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt Resolution #21-04: <p>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-H-</p>	Ms. Fox



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238 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

NOTE: Property located at 616-618 E 9th Avenue.

The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to approve the exoneration of outstanding bills and liens in the name of Sarah Segriff in the amount of \$75.00 for the property with account numbers 12390010-02 and 12392000-01 located at 616-618 E 9th Avenue. The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt [Resolution #21-05](#):

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-K-2 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

NOTE: Property located at 913 Butler Street.

The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to approve the exoneration of outstanding bills and liens in the name of Bruce Leavitt in the amount of \$411.37 for the property with account number 10255000 located at 913 Butler Street. The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to conditionally approve the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program application for the property located at 904 Butler Street with tax map number 1223-L-235 provided that the applicant obtains the proper zoning approval and building permits. The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt [Resolution #21-06](#) subject to the conditions set forth regarding lot consolidation, zoning approval and building permitting:

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-L-



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235 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

NOTE: Property located at 904 Butler Street.

The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to approve the exoneration of outstanding bills and liens in the name of Donald Frye in the amount of \$1,103.29 for the property with account number 10250000 located at 904 Butler Street. The motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to approve the exoneration of outstanding bills and liens for the following account name, number, address and amounts outstanding:

Account Name	Account Number	Account Address	Amount Outstanding:
Angely, Lorie	10245020	807 Butler St	\$478.91
Skufca, Daniel	10867040	245 W 8th Ave	\$4,374.82
Dilembo, Vincent	11040030	114 W 9th Ave	\$891.18
Maloney, Wallace	10575000	18 Conroy Way	\$313.74
Hoscheid, Brian	10576000	17 Conroy Way	\$54.53
Pater, Stephen	10199000	180 Davidson St	\$705.10

The motion carried 6-0.

Ashley Costanza photography opened in the Murphy Building. A temporary PennDOT office is also opening on the 4th Avenue side of the Murphy Building.

The Praha Hotel is reopening in April. They are open right now on Fridays from 3pm to 9pm with Lenten Specials.

Pasta King is opening in the former ice cream stand near Dreshar Stadium.

Market Nights will be the third Thursday of the month starting on April 15, 2021 through October 2021.

**Special Events/
Tourism**

Mr. Snyder

Utilities

Water – [2021.02 – Water Plant Report](#)
Electric – [2021.02 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter](#)

Mr. Bonner

28.9 million gallons of water produced this month. This amount of water weighs as much as 130,000 VW Beetles.



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	<p>❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #21-08:</p> <p>RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING A UTILITY BILL BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN AND SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT. The motion carried 6-0.</p>	
Public Comment:	N/A	
Other Council Comments:	Tax office payments can be paid through online payment, mail or Borough building drop box.	
Adjourn:	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.	