



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 COUNCIL MEETING
 BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting



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: Mr. Raymond Kerr, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, and Mr. Scott Dadowski. Mr. Adam Blythe and Mayor Eric Carter were 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:	Monday, March 29, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for litigation and personnel matters.		
Minutes:	Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes . The motion carried unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	<p>Roxanne Wells – 31 Hemphill Road, Tarentum 15084 – Emailed council and wishes to discuss the property located at 312 Lock Street. Owns the Growing Garden Daycare on Lock Street. Has contacted Borough officials regarding acquisition of the vacant structure adjacent to the Daycare. Spoke with prior Mayor and Code Officer regarding the acquisition. Concerned with many of the issues occurring at the 312 Lock Street (Church). Structural issues, overgrowth, and trespass. Concerns for the children attending the daycare. Property was listed for Sheriff Sale in recent months. Since that time, she started contacting the Borough for updates regarding the ownership status of the property. Confused regarding the tax/ownership status of the property.</p> <p>Kevin Bertocki – Hometown Diner – Looked to acquire the property at 312 Lock Street for at least 10 years. Has worked to maintain the exterior of the property over the years.</p>		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Abundant Joy Fellowship 02. Communication 02 – Dynamite Daycare 03. Communication 03 – The Church of Tarentum 04. Communication 04 – Recreation Board Appointment Request – Mindy Blythe		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	
President Report	Reminder to continue to reach out to elected officials. Looking to reopen the Borough Offices to the public. Attended the ACBA meeting on March 4 ACBA Conference June 17-20. Three big topics will be discussed. Upper Allegheny CDC Advisory Committee meeting on April 21. Tarentum Night Market will take place Thursday, April 15. They will be held on the third Thursday of each month throughout the spring and summer.



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	Tree Pittsburgh event taking place this Saturday, April 10.
Solicitor Report	
Police Chief Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to authorize the Police Chief to submit an application for USDA grant funding to purchase a new Police Department patrol vehicle. The motion carried unanimously.
Code Officer Report	<p>2021.03 Monthly Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize payment of the invoice from Ron Gillette, Inc. in the amount of \$11,620 from the Fire Escrow fund for the demolition of the property located at 206/208 Lock Street. The motion carried unanimously. <p>Tree Pittsburgh Adoption Event – Borough FYI Tip Sheet</p>
Engineer Report	<p>2021.04 - Engineer Report</p> <p>MS4 reminder: Do not dump in to catch basins and road drains because it may pollute our storm system and streams.</p>
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>April 10, 2021 – 10:00 AM – Tree Pittsburgh Adoption Event April 27, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Regular Meeting May 1, 2021 – 4:00 PM – American Pie Concert at Magnetta Amphitheatre May 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting May 6, 2021 – 1:00 PM – Senior Scratch Off Bingo May 18, 2021 – PA Primary Election Day May 31, 2021 – Borough Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day</p> <p>2021.03 - Legislative Locator 2021.03 - League Link 2021.03 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Homa to pay the Borough bills for the month of March, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Ordinance #21-02: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE



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PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [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 unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [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.

Discussion held on the item. The motion was rescinded by Mr. Dadowski and Ms. Fox.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to table the motion until May 4, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to approve the [request of Abundant Joy Fellowship](#) to utilize the Magnetta Amphitheatre on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in observance of the 70th Annual National Day of Prayer. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to approve the [request of Dynamite Daycare](#) to hold their preschool graduation event at the Magnetta Amphitheatre on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the [request of The Church at Tarentum](#) to hold an event at the Magnetta Amphitheatre on April 23 and 24, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for a children's church service event. The motion carried unanimously.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the removal of all remaining parking meters within Tarentum Borough. The motion carried unanimously. 	
AVNCOG	American Rescue Plan funding was discussed at the most recent meeting.	Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	Final draft of letter to businesses will be finalized and ready for distribution in the near future.	Mr. Kerr
Finance & Admin.	2021.03 – Budget Report 2021.03 – Check Register 2021.03 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2021.03 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2021.02 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report	Mr. Blythe
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<p>Senior Bingo – May 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Mindy Blythe to the Tarentum Recreation Board, said term to expire December 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the Keep America Beautiful cleanup day for May 15, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and a separate rain date of May 22, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. <p>Annual Egg Hunt was last Saturday. It was a wonderful event. Thank you to the Women of the Moose for their efforts. Rec Board donated bikes as well.</p> <p>Tree Pittsburgh event will take place this coming Saturday. All 200 trees were reserved. Literature will be passed out during the event.</p> <p>May 1 is the first concert in the park. American Pie is donating their time for the event. Snack shack will be open at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>Senior Bingo – May 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Marina.</p>	Ms. Fox
Property/Health/ Zoning	<p>Discussion of establishment of Environmental Advisory Council.</p> <p>A number of items are currently being done in the Borough that could fall under the purview of the EAC. Clean up projects, management of vacant lots, shade tree commission responsibilities, etc.</p> <p>It is another way to engage the community.</p> <p>It also falls in with the objectives of the Joint Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p><i>Items for consideration within Ordinance #21-05.</i> <i>Revocation/merger of the Shade Tree Committee</i> <i>Number of council members. Length/Duration of term.</i></p>	Mr. Bonner



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	<p><i>Powers of the EAC.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to advertise Ordinance #21-05: <p align="center">ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, PROVIDING OPERATING PROCEDURES AND STATING THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.</p> <p align="center">The motion carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>Public Safety</p>	<p>Eureka – Monthly Report</p> <p>Stop Sign Inquiry: Stop sign may be implemented pursuant to Title 75 Pa.C.S. §6109(a)(1). Local Ordinance must be adopted (75 Pa.C.S. §6102 & §6109(b)(1)). Engineering and traffic investigation study must be completed prior to implementation. (75 Pa.C.S. §6109(e), 67 Pa. C.S. §212.4(b)). Traffic study criteria found in Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices in PennDOT Publication 212.</p> <p>Other Related Notes: The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) prohibits the use of STOP signs for speed control (MUTCD §2B.04), as well as PennDOT Pub 383. MUTCD, regarding excessive use of signs, states that regulatory and warning signs should be used conservatively because these signs, if used to excess, tend to lose their effectiveness (MUTCD §2A.04).</p> <p>Mr. Snyder: Would like to see an engineer conduct a study at the area of Center & West 9th Avenue for possible implementation of a STOP sign. Ms. Fox: Would also like to see something done at this location for traffic control. Discussed possible signage or a crosswalk as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Kerr to authorize the Borough Engineer to conduct a traffic study at the area of Center Street between W 9th and W 10th Avenue. The motion carried unanimously. 	<p>Mr. Blythe</p>
<p>Public Works</p>	<p>2021.03 Monthly Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to approve the 2021 Tarentum Borough municipal paving project for the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West 4th Avenue from Bull Creek to Railroad Crossing 	<p>Ms. Homa</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West 6th Avenue and Center Street Intersection ○ West 12th Avenue and Center Street Intersection ○ West 12th Avenue (200 Block) ○ Hill Street from Bakerstown Road to Locust Street ○ Locust Street from Hill Street to Weaver Way ○ Weaver Way from Bakerstown Road to Locust Street <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize the Borough Manager to post a Notice of Opening pursuant to Section 10.2 of the Non-Uniform Collective Bargaining Agreement for the vacant position in the public works department. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second Ms. Fox to seek applications for employment for the position of summer work help. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the Borough Manager to sell a 2004 Chevrolet Pickup truck and a 2005 Chevrolet 1-ton dump truck on Municibid. The motion carried unanimously. 	
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	<p>Tarentum Train Station is open for business. Hours are listed on their website.</p> <p>The Praha Hotel is starting to reopen as well. They were open for Lent. Starting next week they will be open Thurs-Sat from 4PM to 10PM.</p> <p>PastaKing has a sign up but it does not appear to be open just yet.</p>	Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Utilities	<p>Water – 2021.03 – Water Plant Report</p> <p>Electric – 2021.03 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter</p> <p>31.3 million gallons at 1.6 gpf = over 19,532,500 million flushes</p> <p>Utility Committee welcomes Mr. Kerr. Meetings take place monthly, and we are working on a number of Borough items.</p>	Mr. Bonner
Public Comment:	<p>Kevin Bertocki – Expressed concerns about resident parking volume in the area of E. 6th Avenue due to multiple residences located above the businesses. Also mentioned that the parking lot on E 4th Avenue may need several repairs for the storm system, etc.</p>	



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	Cindy Homburg – Parking and potholes on E 10th are creating issues. Drivers are avoiding potholes by coming into the parking lane. Several vehicles have been damaged. Asked whether something can be done in this area.
Other Council Comments:	N/A
Adjourn:	Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.