



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



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. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mr. Raymond Kerr, Mr. Adam Blythe, and Ms. Lou Ann Homa. Mayor Eric Carter 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	X
Exceptions to Open Meetings:	N/A		
Minutes:	Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the June 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes. The motion passes unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	N/A		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Block Party Request (Brian Nolan) 02. Communication 02 – Park Event Request (Allegheny Family Network) 03. Communication 03 – Park Event Request (Tarentum c/o 1967) 04. Communication 04 – Park Event Request (Krystina Oliver)		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	
President Report	<p>Happy belated Independence Day to Tarentum Borough!</p> <p>Thank you to public works for the park appearance this summer. Thanks to police, Summit Hose, fire departments and emergency responders for the fireworks event.</p> <p>Thanks to the Recreation Board for the concert series thus far.</p> <p>The Tarentum Night Market will take place on July 15, 2021. Please come down and attend the event.</p> <p>ALOM Conference took place at 7Springs in early June. Ms. Fox, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Dadowski attended the event. Tarentum was named as a Banner Community again this year.</p> <p>The Depot building groundbreaking ceremony took place a couple weeks ago. Ms. Fox, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Dadowski attended the event as well as a number of other elected and appointed officials from the surrounding communities.</p>
Solicitor Report	



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Police Chief Report													
Code Officer Report	2021.06 Monthly Report												
Engineer Report	<p>2021.07 - Engineer Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to ratify acceptance of the proposal from RedZone robotics in the amount of \$49,516 to conduct sanitary sewer assessment and CCTV collection, said amount to be paid from the EPA Sewer Fund. The motion carried unanimously. <p>Borough officials met with Gibson Thomas for review and site planning of the intersection at E 10th and Corbet Street (ARLE Grant). Pole locations, overhead utilities and other project details were discussed. Project expected to go out to bid in early Fall 2021. Successful bidder may start as early as Winter 2021, or more likely to begin in Spring 2022.</p> <p>MS4 reminder: Use care when washing vehicles on the roadway. Runoff and chemicals may pollute our storm system and streams.</p>												
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>July 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Rec Board Concert (Murphy’s Music Center Band) July 15, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Rec Board Concert (Risen to Save) July 16, 2021 – 12:00 PM – CLAV Stuffed Animal Adoption Event July 27, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Rec Board Regular Meeting July 28, 2021 – 12:00 PM – Business Advisory Committee Meeting July 29, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Rec Board Concert (Jim Felix as Elvis) August 3, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting</p> <p>Reports and Updates:</p> <p>2021.06 - Legislative Locator</p> <p>SB 554 was signed into law on June 30, 2021 as Act 65 of 2021. Act 65 amends Section 709 of the Sunshine Act which places certain requirements on publishing meeting agenda 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the website, plus several other requirements.</p> <p>2021.06 - League Link 2021.06 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>Sheriff Sale Listings (July 2021):</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Property:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Auction #:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Docket #:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Date:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>622 Roup Street</td> <td>020JUL21</td> <td>MG-20-000256</td> <td>7/6/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>349 W 7th Ave</td> <td>082JUL19</td> <td>GD-17-016997</td> <td>7/6/2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Property:	Auction #:	Docket #:	Date:	622 Roup Street	020JUL21	MG-20-000256	7/6/2021	349 W 7th Ave	082JUL19	GD-17-016997	7/6/2021
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New Business:

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to pay the Borough bills for the month of June, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to purchase a 2018 Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of \$25,000 in conjunction with the trade-in of a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to approve the request of Allegheny Family Network to hold an Adult Education graduation ceremony on September 24, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of Dan Remaley to hold the Tarentum Class of 1967 reunion on August 7, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the request of Krystina Oliver to have a birthday party event at the Magnetta Amphitheatre pavilion on July 31, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of State Representative Carrie Lewis DelRosso to hold a Community Health and Wellness Event on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and further approving the closure of 1st Avenue from Ross Street to Corbett Street for truck traffic and from Lock Street to Corbett Street for local traffic. The motion carried unanimously.

AVNCOG	2021.06 – Agenda + Minutes + Financial Report	Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	Business Advisory Committee letter will be going out to local businesses. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM. The meeting will provide an opportunity for businesses to communicate with one another.	Mr. Kerr
Finance & Admin.	2021.04 – Budget Report 2021.05 – Budget Report 2021.06 – Budget Report 2021.04 – Check Register 2021.05 – Check Register 2021.06 – Check Register 2021.06 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2021.06 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2021.05 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report	Mr. Blythe



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	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding distribution #1 of 2 received on June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$228,492.89.	
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<p>Scavenger hunt is in full swing. Both children and adults are enjoying it. Thanks to Ed Gutonski of the public works department for helping to hide and prepare all of the scavenger hunt items.</p> <p>Tarentum Borough donation tree has arrived and will be installed soon. Information sheets available in the council room. It will be displayed on the side of the snack shack in the park.</p> <p>Two concerts took place so far this year. Two rain-outs as well. Next concert is Thursday at 7:00 pm with Murphy's Music Center band.</p> <p>Recreation board is selling t-shirts for the concert series. \$12-\$14 per shirt.</p>	Ms. Fox
Property/Health/ Zoning	Seeking Environmental Advisory Committee members. We will formally advertise in the newspaper and also place a notice on the monthly utility bills in the coming month(s).	Mr. Bonner
Public Safety	<p>Eureka – Monthly Report</p> <p>Tarentum Fire Relief Association – Compliance Audit – 2018 to 2020</p>	Mr. Blythe
Public Works	2021.06 Monthly Report	Ms. Homa
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	<p>Depot Building groundbreaking event occurred on June 17, 2021.</p> <p>Hailey's Hair salon is a new business that recently opened on 5th Avenue. It is a family owned business of mother and daughter.</p> <p>Highlands Alliance - highlandsalliance.com will be coming soon.</p> <p>OVR Program is being conducted again for Tarentum Borough. 5 students are working the 6 week program in the Borough. 4 are assisting public works. 1 is in the office.</p>	Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism	Food vendors & breweries are booked. Art vendors are continuing to be booked. Seeking volunteers to assist with the event coordination prior to and during the event.	Mr. Snyder
Utilities	<p>Water – 2021.06 – Water Plant Report</p> <p>30.6 million gallons of water produced this month. Our water tanks hold roughly 1.2M gallons, we could have filled them 20+ times this month.</p> <p>Electric – 2021.06 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter</p> <p>Dollar Energy Fund discussion.</p> <p>2021 Dollar Energy Fund Energy Assistance Programs</p> <p>2021 Letter of Agreement Sample</p> <p>Dollar Energy Fund Hardship Program</p>	Mr. Bonner



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the Borough Manager to execute a Letter of Agreement with Dollar Energy Fund, Inc. to join the Dollar Energy Fund program for utility bill assistance and to further authorize Tarentum Borough to match all initial program donations of up to \$5,000 to satisfy implementation criteria and funding eligibility requirements of the Dollar Energy Fund program. The motion carried unanimously.	
Public Comment:	<p>Brian Nolan - 357 W. 8th Avenue - Believes the Police Chief was disrespectful for not discussing the block party request with Mr. Nolan. Does not believe he had an opportunity to address the concerns of the Chief. Should he become elected to council, he will not tolerate this sort of behavior.</p> <p>Recently demolished property was not graded properly and he cannot use that nearby location for the party.</p>	
Other Council Comments:	<p>Ms. Homa: Provided information to council about alteration of election districts in Tarentum Borough. Exploring the possibility of consolidating the multiple districts in the First and Third Ward, respectively. Second ward does not have multiple districts. The consolidation should not have an impact on our town or those running for office, but it will assist in lessening the amount of poll workers necessary for each of these locations.</p> <p>Ms. Fox: Provided an update from the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) annual conference from June 17-20, 2021. Attended several educational sessions including Women in Leadership, Legislative Panel, and a few others. Also accepted the Banner Community award on behalf of the Borough which reflects commitment and dedication to sustainable practices in local government.</p>	
Adjourn:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	