

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2017

6:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Erika Josefowski requested a moment of silence in memory of Councilman Pete Varos

**ATTENDING:** Erika Josefowski, Carrie Fox, Rhonda Dzugan, Tim Cornuet Solicitor Regoli, Mayor Magnetta, Chief William Vakulick, Manager Michael Gutonski

Eric Carter - absent due to illness, Greg Schmidt - absent due to illness

Council Vice President Erika Josefowski-reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded

Motion by Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve minutes from December 6, 2016 regular meeting and December 13, 2016 special meeting Motion carried

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

1. Don Yoest Pitts Specialty Supply wanted to update the progress of the expansion of the business expansion. He stated that after further discussion, it was decided that the building for the warehouse on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave would not be suitable for their offices. They approached JTJN Properties to purchase 415 E 4th Ave, Professional Bldg. He stated that only half of the property is rented out, and they would take the remaining part of the building for their offices. They closed on the Professional Bldg, December 29, 2016, and also closed on the loan for the warehouse on December 29, 2016.

Matt Policki added that the warehouse is in the design and engineering phase and they will be breaking ground around the 3<sup>d</sup> week of February, the entire building will be under roof by April 1, 2017. Both Mr. Yoest and Mr. Policki thanked the Borough for their support

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

1. No report at this time

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. Mayor Magnetta read the Calls for Service Report for November 2016  
Calls for service 465, Action Necessary 249, No Action Necessary 216, Arrests 18,  
Citations Issued 82, Total Accidents 8, Accidents with Injuries 2, Fines collected \$2,219.79, Fines Collected for the year \$30,193.50, Parking Tickets Issued 9

**POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:**

1. No report at this time

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Manager Gutonski reported:

1. Manager Gutonski asked Jeff Adams, Water Plant Supervisor to explain a new additive, Del Pac 20/20 for the water plant. Mr. Adams, stated this additive will work better to coagulate dirt and debris in the water for removal, and it works better in cold water than the Alumni they are currently using, and is better for the PH level. Mr. Adams stated the Del Pac 20/20 will save approximately \$15,000.00 a year in chemical costs. During this discussion, Solicitor Regoli said that the purchase should go out for bid, and that all chemicals purchased by the water plant should be bid out every year.
2. Manager Gutonski reported that the work on the 4th Ave Bridge is on hold right now. The gas company has to move their lines before the repairs can begin. He stated the work should start in about a month.
3. Manager Gutonski stated that there are a lot of projects in the electrical system and to help generate revenue for electric projects the current \$5.00 customer fee will be increased to \$10.00. A discussion was held about advertising the increase, Solicitor Regoli stated the Resolution to increase only needed to be made public at a regular Council Meeting.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Nothing at this time

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE:**

1. Motion was made by Carrie Fox second by Tim Cornuet to pay December bills  
Roll Call 4 yes 0 nay 2 absent Motion Carried
2. Motion by Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to advertise the open 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Council Seat vacated by the death of Pete Varos. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Regoli stated the seat must be filled within 30 days of it being vacated, which would be January 19, 2017. After discussion Council will hold a Special Meeting on January 17, 2017 for interviews for the seat. All letters of interest will must be turned in by Friday, January 13, 2017.

**WATER:**

1. No report at this time

**ELECTRIC:**

1. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Tim Cornuet to approve Resolution 17-01 raising the minimum monthly electric charge from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Roll Call 4 yes 0 nay 2 absent Motion carried

**STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS:**

1. No report at this time

**SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE PUBLIC:**

1. Motion by Tim Cornuet second by Carrie Fox to set the minimum experience requirements for applying for a full time police position to 6,000 hours and raising the application fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 Motion Carried

2. Eureka December 2016 Incident Summary

MVC 10, EMS ASSIST 01, AFA 04, SMOKE INVESTIGATION 04, FALSE CALLS 2, WATER CONDITIONS 2, ASSIST EMS 1, WIRES/TRANSFORMER/TREES 2

TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS 148

MUTUAL AID RESPONSES FRAZER,HARRISON, SOUTH BUFFALO TWP & SPRINGDALE BORO 08, EMS CALLS 255, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS 912, TOTAL COMPANY TRAINING HOURS 14

3. Carrie Fox reported that PA just passed House Bill 1683, that would give volunteer fire fighters and volunteer EMS a reduction in local income tax and property tax. Mayor Magnetta stated that he contacted Rep Dermody's office to forward copies of House Bill 1683 for review by the Borough.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

1. Carrie Fox reported that the Senior Citizen Bingo was successful approximately 78 people attended.

2. Carrie Fox gave an update on the 175th Celebration, the banquet will be held March 4, 2017 at the Masonic lodge and the Recreation Board will be selling tickets

3. The Recreation Board will not hold a January meeting

4. Carrie Fox stated that 15 veterans banners have been purchased and should be in soon.

**PROPERTY & ZONING:**

1. Motion by Tim Cornuet second by Carrie Fox to advertise the sale of properties at 132-134 and 150 W 7th Ave. which will be advertised, there will be a minimum bid required and the bid must include demolition of the buildings at the owners expense. Sealed bids will be opened at the February 7, 2017 meeting. Roll Call 4 yes 0 nay 2 absent Motion carried

2. Motion by Time Cornuet second by Carrie Fox to authorize Solicitor Regoli to proceed with the condemnation of 136 W 7th Ave thru Provisions of Pennsylvania Title 26 Eminent Domain. A discussion was held as to why Solicitor Regoli chose to use eminent domain. He stated there are so many relatives to have sign off on the purchase of the property it will be a more efficient way to obtain the property. He stated that the Borough can take the property by Eminent Domain by resolution at the next council meeting. Motion carried

**AVN/COG:**

1. No report at this time

**KOZ:**

1. No report at this time

**REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION:**

1. No report at this time

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

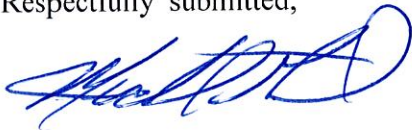
1. Cindy Hornberg stated there are still 175th Anniversary calendars available.
2. Matt Policki reported that there is graffiti on a building on 4th Ave, there is a political sign with a swastika painted on it and requested it be removed. Don Yoest stated that Pitt Specialty Supply with donate a case of graffiti paint cleaner.
3. Jim Bowser requested a copy of the Borough Code, Solicitor Regoli told him he could get it on line and Carrie Fox told him to go to the PSAB website..

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carrie Fox second by Tim Cornuet all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski  
Borough Manager

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RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET  
COUNCIL MEETING

JAN 30 2017

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS**

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Linda Boldy	Tarentum
2. JEFF ADAMS	TARENTUM BORO
3. Barb Magnezza	169 CEDAR ST.
4. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
5. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
6. Dave Rankin	305 Allegheny ST (CPC)
7. CINDY HOMBURG	538 E 10TH
8. Louisa White	108 WALK ST
9. LARRY TRUTMAN	1ST AVE
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12. Brad James	Evella Fire Rescue
13. Jim Bowser	314 W 11th Ave
14. Duvaldybert	Pitt Specialty Supply Inc
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