



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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| <u>ORDER:</u> | The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Erika Josefoski. | | |
| <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</u> | | | |
| Moment of silence for former water plant and public works employee, Leslie Jones. | | | |
| Recognition of members of Tarentum Police Department and Eureka EMS Service. | | | |
| <u>ROLL CALL:</u> | The following members were present: Mr. Tim Cornuet, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Erika Josefoski, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, and Mayor Eric Carter. Not present: Mr. Adam Blythe (AWC) | | |
| <u>ALSO PRESENT:</u> | DEPARTMENT | NAME | PRESENT: |
| | BOROUGH MANAGER | MICHAEL L. NESTICO | X |
| | BOROUGH SOLICITOR | DAVID A. REGOLI | X |
| | POLICE CHIEF | WILLIAM S. VAKULICK | AWC |
| | CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER | ANTHONY D. BRUNI | X |
| <u>EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:</u> | N/A | | |
| <u>AGENDA:</u> | Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Ms. Fox to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. | | |
| <u>MINUTES:</u> | Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Ms. Homa to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously. | | |
| <u>CITIZENS:</u> | Bill Mayhugh – 347 W 11th Avenue – Thanked the Code Officer and Police Department for addressing the parking issues in his neighborhood and alleyway. Indicated that parking has been better since they became involved. Cheryl Stover – Barley Bar and Restaurant – Thanked the Borough for allowing permission for her business anniversary event and for blocking the roadway. Jim Bowser – 314 W 8th Avenue – Asked whether the Borough has hired anyone for the public works supervisor position; Asked whether the Borough is addressing the conduct/ethical issues that he has presented privately to the Borough Manager and Solicitor – Solicitor clarified that these issues pre-dated the current administration and that the Borough needs firsthand information in order to further pursue these allegations. Stated that Borough council needs to keep the fire departments in mind when it comes time for the 2020 budget. Gina Landa – 512 E 6th Avenue – Requested a list of properties which were demolished last year. | | |
| <u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u> | 1. Letter from Highlands Little League – Stadium Request 2. Letter from Trinity United Methodist Church – Park Request 3. Letter from Margret Smith – Zoning Hearing Board appointment | | |



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| COMMITTEE REPORTS: | | |
| Mayor Report | | |
| President Report | Attended Great American Clean Up event with the Mayor, happy to see a lot of volunteers attend and the event went very well. There are many items coming up this month so please check the event calendar. Police week is next week, May 12 to May 18, so please keep the Police Department in mind during this time and many thanks to our officers. | |
| Solicitor Report | Summary Appeal hearing for code violations at 406 E 9th Avenue has been continued for the 4th time to June 26, 2019. Borough has tried to prevent the continuances but the Court ultimately makes the decision. | |
| Engineer Report | Monthly Report for April 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i> | |
| Police Chief Report | | |
| Code Officer Report | Monthly Report for April 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i> Actively working on high grass complaints from the community. Estimates that there is roughly 90% compliance when a notice is sent to an owner-occupied property. There is less compliance when it involves rental properties. | |
| Manager Report | Upcoming Events: May 18, 2019 – 10:00 AM – Summit Hose Boot Drive May 19, 2019 – 8:00 AM – Trash to Treasure Event May 21, 2019 – Primary Election Day May 23, 2019 – Movie in the Park: Lego Movie 2 May 28, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting May 29, 2019 – 6:30 PM – Zoning Hearing Board Appeal #19-01 June 1, 2019 – TAC Committee Clean-Up Day June 3, 2019 – 5:00 to 7:00 PM – Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting at Brackenridge Salvation Army June 4, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Council Agenda Meeting June 6, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Regular Council Meeting | |
| Public Works | Monthly Report for April 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i> | Ms. Homa |
| Utilities | | Mr. Dadowski |
| Water | Monthly Report for April 2019. <i>Posted on website.</i> | |
| Electric | | |
| Intergovernmental | | |
| AVNCOG | GEDF grant funding has been postponed. There will be a training session in East Deer Township on May 15 for the COG Joint Paving Equipment that was recently purchased. | Ms. Fox |
| PSAB/ACBA/ALOM/PML | Councilwoman Fox provided an update on the ALOM Spring Conference that the event was fantastic. The conference was | Ms. Josefoski |



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| | | energizing and was one of the best they have done. Attended with Councilman Dadowski. Received updates and information about utility ordinances, EMS shortages in the county/state, and learned about the importance of participation in the 2020 Census. Rich Fitzgerald spoke about the County and the City of Pittsburgh and provided a lot of updates for the attendees. | |
| | Comprehensive Plan | Community Meeting scheduled for June 3, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Salvation Army in Brackenridge. All community members, business owners and neighboring residents are encouraged to attend and provide feedback about our communities. | Ms. Homa |
| Finance & Admin. | Through 4 months of the year, things are on track from a budgetary standpoint. | | Mr. Blythe |
| Community Dev. | | | |
| | Recreation/Library | Rec Board wants to maintain the entry way signage in West Tarentum and asked council if there is any objection to this request. First concert of the summer starts on June 19 with the "Sounds of Elvis". Trash to Treasure event is on May 19. The library is seeking volunteers, if anyone is interested please contact CLAV. Senatory Lindsay Williams and Representative Frank Dermody are both holding nearby events in the coming weeks, including Real ID information. Please see their websites for further information. The Great American Clean Up event was a success and thanks to all for coming out and participating, there were over 30 volunteers. | Ms. Fox |
| | Special Events/Tourism | Provide an update on the upcoming events such as the first Movie by the River – Lego Movie 2, starting on May 23. Other events include the Community Yard Sale event at Tarentum Park on June 22 and the Public Safety Fair on July 13. Thanked the Rec Board for their efforts in the Borough. Excited to have two groups offering events to the residents and believes both the Rec Board and Special Events committee can each be an asset to the community. | Mr. Snyder |
| | Parks | | Mr. Dadowski |
| | Revitalization | | Mr. Blythe |
| | Property/Health/Zoning | Tarentum Action Committee (TAC) held a meeting last week to discuss how they can assist the Borough with community clean up efforts and aiding senior citizens who may struggle to cut lawns, maintain yards. The TAC is a group of concerned residents, led by Lorri Wildi, and is not a function of the Borough government. | Mr. Cornuet |



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| Public Safety | Provided an update on the Red “X” program which will assist emergency responders when they handle matters at properties which are marked with an “X”. | Mr. Cornuet |
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Dadowski to pay the Borough bills for the month of April 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to approve Ordinance #19-05:

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE CREATION OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND ADOPTION OF RULES AND STANDARDS FOR THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF SHADE TREES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-250 public works vehicle in the amount of \$39,728.97 and secure financing through First National Bank. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Erika Josefowski as voting delegate for the PSAB 2019 Annual Conference. The motion carried 5-0 with Ms. Josefowski abstaining.
5. Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Homa to appoint Margret Smith to the Zoning Hearing Board, said term to expire 12/31/2022. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Homa to approve the request from Gene Kosakowski to permit Highlands Little League to use the Borough ballfields for the 2019 baseball season thru October 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the request from Trinity United Methodist Church to hold an event in Tarentum Park on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a picnic, and further requesting the closure of 1st Avenue between Ross Street and Corbet Street. The motion carried unanimously.



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8. Motion to collectively approve property tax exonerations for the following Tarentum Borough parcel ID numbers for tax years 1978 to 2018 in the total dollar amount listed below.

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| 1366 R 15 | \$ 825.60 | 1087 D 316 | \$ 1,895.93 |
| 1223 A 300 | \$ 1,869.95 | 1223 N 273 | \$ 190.30 |
| 1223 E 250 | \$ 1,426.40 | 1223 E 94 | \$ 1,391.66 |
| 1223 B 75 | \$ 3,948.37 | 1223 B 45 | \$ 1,215.92 |
| 1223 C 346 | \$ 2,720.72 | 1224 E 362 | \$ 101.37 |
| 1223 K 263 | \$ 1,140.10 | 1223 B 320 | \$ 1,528.43 |
| 1223 F 295 | \$ 1,316.92 | 1223 R 75 | \$ 95.20 |
| 1222 M 40 | \$ 4,368.26 | 1224 E 347 | \$ 1,367.62 |
| 1223 C 270 | \$ 2,573.93 | 1224 E 136 | \$ 98.17 |
| 1223 K 249 | \$ 421.66 | 1223 K 39 | \$ 1,111.75 |
| 1223 K 315 | \$ 2,799.00 | 1223 B 124 | \$ 2,263.22 |
| 1224 J 38 | \$ 2,429.22 | 1223 K 259 | \$ 1,131.14 |
| 1224 J 37 | \$ 255.38 | 1223 G 351 | \$ 497.79 |
| 1223 D 331 | \$ 2,955.13 | 1223 D 332 | \$ 2,549.35 |
| 1223 J 317 | \$ 3,613.32 | 1088 A 113 | \$ 1,471.61 |
| 1223 F 130 | \$ 1,603.60 | 1224 J 219 | \$ 668.02 |
| 1223 J 16 | \$ 145.53 | 1223 N 248 | \$ 1,028.99 |
| 1223 M 57 | \$ 3,405.05 | 1223 J 123 | \$ 1,444.34 |
| 1223 A 40 | \$ 1,115.86 | 1223 B 118 | \$ 2,491.10 |
| 1088 A 14 | \$ 54.09 | 1223 P 10 | \$ 2,097.11 |
| 1223 F 149 | \$ 0.99 | 1223 D 166 | \$ 0.61 |
| 1223 J 80 | \$ 190.80 | 1224 E 130 | \$ 1,754.04 |
| 1223 K 23 | \$ 891.92 | 1223 E 174 | \$ 1,086.26 |
| 1088 A 160 | \$ 2,938.20 | 1088 A 46 | \$ 3.94 |
| 1223 R 18 | \$ 111.92 | 1224 E 133 | \$ 97.72 |
| 1223 J 90 | \$ 8.44 | 1224 J 126 | \$ 12,008.67 |

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mr. Cornuet, second by Ms. Homa to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.