



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

## REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER:</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.</b>		
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</b>			
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	The following members were present: Mr. Scott Dadowski, Ms. Erika Josefowski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, and Mr. Brian Snyder. Absent with cause: Mayor Eric Carter.		
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>
	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
<b>EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:</b>	Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:15 PM for personnel & employment matters; Borough property matters		
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization and Regular council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.		
<b>CITIZENS:</b> <i>Regarding Items on the Agenda.</i>	None.		
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter – Tim Rapp – Requesting appointment to the Recreation Board.</li> <li>Letter – Anonymous – Donation of \$1000 to Tarentum Borough.</li> </ol>		

### **2020 COMMITTEE and CHAIRPERSON/MEMBER LIST:**

**AVNCOG:** Carrie Fox

#### **Administrative/Employee Relations/Finance**

Chairperson: Adam Blythe  
Member: Jim Bonner

#### **Public Works**

Chairperson: Lou Ann Homa  
Member: Brian Snyder

#### **Utilities (Water & Electric)**

Chairperson: Jim Bonner  
Member: Carrie Fox

#### **Redevelopment & Revitalization**

Chairperson: Erika Josefowski  
Member: Lou Ann Homa

#### **Parks & Recreation/Library:**

Chairperson: Carrie Fox  
Member: Brian Snyder

#### **Property & Zoning/Health**

Chairperson: Erika Josefowski  
Member: Jim Bonner

#### **Public Safety & Civil Service**

Chairperson: Adam Blythe  
Member: Brian Snyder

#### **Special Events:**

Chairperson: Brian Snyder  
Member: Erika Josefowski

**Comprehensive Plan:** Lou Ann Homa



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## COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

<b>Mayor Report</b>	
<b>President Report</b>	<p>Thanked council for the vote of confidence by selecting him as President. Expressed that there is a talented group of council members – wants to see good communication and everyone working together. Selected committees based upon feedback and council member interest. Attended the AVNCOG winter dinner, networked with other municipal representatives. Signed up for several webinars recently, encouraged council members to consider doing the same. Earth Day cleanup event coming soon, great to see all communities joining together.</p>
<b>Solicitor Report</b>	
<b>Engineer Report</b>	Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	
<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<p>Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>          Thanked Ireland Contracting for volunteering to repair a sidewalk and natural spring runoff on a lot located on E. 7th Avenue.</p>
<b>Manager Report</b>	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b>          February 14, 2020 – 1:00 PM – Valentine’s Day Luncheon (Rec Board)          February 17, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting – Salvation Army, Brackenridge, PA</p> <p>Legislative Locator Monthly Update – <i>Posted Online.</i>          League Link Monthly Update – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Josefoski to pay the Borough bills for the month of January, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #20-01:           RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH COUNCILPERSONS. The motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to approve the employment agreement between Michael Nestico and Tarentum Borough. The motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion regarding Earth Day event. Ms. Fox indicated that last year we participated in the Great American Clean up. Many were happy to participate and assist with the cleanup. Ms. Fox hopes to participate and assist again this year.</p>



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	❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to approve Earth Day cleanup event on April 25, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.	
<b>Public Works</b>	Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>	<b>Ms. Homa</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	Water – Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for the position of Water Plant Operator. The motion carried unanimously.	<b>Mr. Bonner</b>
<b>AVNCOG</b>	❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to participate in the AVNCOG 2020 joint paving equipment program at a cost of \$500.00. The motion carried unanimously.  Ms. Fox attended AVNCOG winter dinner with several other council members and Borough Manager.	<b>Ms. Fox</b>
<b>Comprehensive Plan</b>	Encouraged attendance to community meeting on February 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Brackenridge Salvation Army. Discussed the four key items of the comp plan.	<b>Ms. Homa</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b>		<b>Mr. Blythe</b>
<b>Parks/Recreation/Library</b>	Valentine’s Day Luncheon – only two tickets remain Summer concert series has been announced – Thursdays at 7PM Working on Spring/Summer magazine – Please reach out if you have any ideas or suggestions for the magazine Congratulations to new Council President Scott Dadowski Attended DCED meeting at Hampton Community Center – very informative meeting and many community leaders were there Attended Highlands Partnership Meeting on 1/31/20 – had a good speaker about making a difference in the community – next meeting they will be talking about the Census Senator Lindsey Williams office will be opening in Natrona Heights Plaza soon	<b>Ms. Fox</b>
<b>Special Events/Tourism</b>	Sat down with Ms. Josefoski and Ms. Homa about special events ideas and goals for 2020. Expressed that the special events committee is not intended to compete with the Recreation Board in any way. Hopes to have only two or three large events for this year and eliminate the smaller events. Expressed thanks to the Recreation Board for all of the work that they do. Hopes that the Special Events committee can compliment the rec board. If Rec Board needs help from special events committee they are willing to help in any way.	<b>Mr. Snyder</b>
<b>Redev./Revitalization</b>	No committee report. Attended ACBA annual banquet – thanked borough council members and manager who attended.	<b>Ms. Josefoski</b>



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<b>Property/Health/Zoning</b>	Tentative Zoning Hearing Board hearing set for March 26, 2020 at 7PM Demolition project update provided. Several traffic jams due to equipment transportation and some minor property damage are all being addressed by the Borough.	Ms. Josefoski
<b>Public Safety</b>	Fire Department Reports – <i>Posted Online.</i>	Mr. Blythe
<b>Council Member Updates</b>	<p>Mr. Snyder – Update regarding new Facebook group titled Harrison/Brackenridge/Tarentum Revitalization Efforts and the community meeting that occurred on February 1 at Dry Bones. Councilman Blythe also attended. The meeting was very positive and ended on a high note with discussion about cleanup of all three communities. Mr. Snyder also indicated that he wanted to make sure folks were aware of the comprehensive plan that is being completed, the blight efforts that are already ongoing and the TAC committee, so that folks knew that progress was already being made in our town.</p> <p>Mr. Blythe – Encouraged by the turnout at the Revitalization Group event. Encouraged folks at the meeting to attend their respective council meetings.</p>	
<b><u>CITIZENS:</u> Regarding any Borough matter.</b>	<p><b>Lorri Wildi – 450 E 7th Avenue</b> – Revitalization meeting on 2/1/20 was inspiring; wants to keep the momentum going; the next meeting for the Facebook Revitalization group is in March 2020.</p> <p><b>Bill Mayhugh – 347 W. 11th Avenue</b> – Asked about the property at 340 W 10th Avenue and whether it must be repaired before an occupancy permit is issued; Inquired about the water valve replacement project at Grantham and 10th Avenue.</p> <p><b>Lorri Wildi – 450 E 7th Avenue</b> – Asked if there were any issues with the Food Bank Produce to People event at the former Rite Aid building.</p> <p><b>Food Bank Representatives (Beth)</b> – Stated that next distribution is next week, average 350 families over the 1.5 hours of distribution.</p> <p><b>Alix Paul – U.S. Census Representative</b> – Visited quite a few areas within the community; there are positions open for census takers; they are two week to two month positions, up to 35 hours per week, \$23.50 per hour; there are roughly 14 open positions for this area.</p> <p><b>Gina Landa – 512 E 6th Avenue</b> – Asked if the library is providing a bookmobile to the Borough; stated that since the library is closing, funding should be reduced</p> <p><b>Dave Rankin – 305 Allegheny Street</b> – Faith Community Partners has been awarded a second DCED grant of \$210,000 for excavation of the depot building; conducting private tours for municipal officials and potential investors</p>	
<b><u>ADJOURN:</u></b>	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Homa to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	