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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, January 16, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Raymond Kerr. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves
MINUTES the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 19, 2011 and the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2012.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

AUDIENCE At this point in the meeting, Council invites
PARTICIPATION questions and comments from members of the audience.

There were no questions or comments.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's
COUNCILMAN Comments, the 1st Ward Council seat is open and a
RAPP few candidates applied for it. One of the candidates is present, Mr. Kerr. Mr. Kerr served on Council before and he was at large candidate. He put his name in again for 1st Ward seat. The other candidate is Mr. John Snyder who could not be here this evening due to work duties. He asked for nominations for the 1st Ward seat.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski nominated John Snyder for the
COUNCILMAN open 1st Ward Council seat.
GUTONSKI

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
CARTER

Councilman Carter nominated Raymond Kerr for the open 1st Ward Council seat.

There were no further nominations.

ROLL CALL
FOR MR.
SNYDER

Roll call for Mr. Snyder for the 1st Ward Council seat. Councilman Gutonski and Councilman Fox voted in favor of Mr. Snyder.

ROLL CALL
FOR MR.
KERR

Roll call for Mr. Kerr for the 1st Ward Council seat. Councilman Varos, Councilman Firko, Councilman Carter, Councilman Rapp voted in favor of Mr. Kerr.

Mr. Raymond Kerr will fill the vacant 1st Ward Council seat by a vote of four (4) to two (2).

MR. RAYMOND
KERR SWORN
IN AS
COUNCILMAN

Mr. Raymond Kerr was sworn in by Mayor Magnetta to fill the 1st Ward Council seat.

Councilman Rapp stated, also under President's Comments, that on January 2, the reorganization meeting was held. On January 6, there was a major water break at Nick Chevrolet. He thanked the Police and Fire Department for being there and the Borough workers who worked many hours to fix the break. He thanked a retired worker of the Borough who also helped out at the site. He stated on January 12, a public hearing was held regarding the updating of the zoning ordinances. He stated today he met with the Mayor, Chief, Borough Manager and Solicitor and a local trucking company regarding concerns of increased truck traffic in the Borough. He stated the meeting was very fruitful and hopes to get those problems resolved. He stated Officer Hanford's

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mother passed away and to keep the family in prayer.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, he attended what Councilman Rapp stated in his remarks and on December 21, made a trip to King Luminary in Ohio to view the new street lights for the Borough. He stated he learned everything is made in the United States, with exception of the panel board and are built by hand. He stated they should be installed sometime in the spring/summer. On December 23, attended the Borough employees' Christmas luncheon. He stated on January 2, attended the reorganization meeting where he was sworn in as Mayor as well as Councilmen. On January 12, attended Leadership Breakfast in Harmar Township with Congressman and four state representatives and state senator. He stated the Public Works Department is doing a great job in keeping the streets clean and doing the work on the water break. He suggested a letter be written to Gatto's asking if they are going to hold their celebration this year so the Police Department can do a proper scheduling.

Mayor Magnetta stated, for the month of December 2011, there were 255 calls for service which is minus 63 from 2010; 53 arrests which is plus 10 from 2012; 93 citations issued which is minus 81 from 2012; total accidents 11 which is the same as 2010, nonreportable accidents 8 which is the same as 2010, reportable accidents 3 which is the same as 2010 and injuries 3 which were the same as 2010; fines collected \$2,079.34 which is minus \$2,879.46 from 2012; fines collected for year \$87,662.50 which is a plus of \$27,906.55; parking

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tickets issued 43 which is plus of 20 from 2010, parking was free during the holidays.

Mayor Magnetta stated yearend report for 2011, there were 4,412 calls for service; arrests 471; citations issued 2,266; total accidents 105, nonreportable accidents 93, reportable accidents 12 and injuries 6; fines collected \$87,662.50; fines collected for year \$87,662.50; parking tickets issued 1,177; Allegheny County fines \$9,312.51; fines and restitutions \$496.56; state fines \$3,301.42; parking tickets \$6,490.00; grant total \$106,271.99.

Mayor Magnetta stated a Certificate of Recognition will be given to Timothy Joseph Peck of Boy Scout Troop 180, for achieving the highest honor of Eagle Scout.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Chief of Police.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated there were 53 arrests and out of the 53 arrests there were 48 nontraffic, 20 for disorderly conduct; 20 for harassment; 5 for public drunkenness; 3 for criminal mischief. The remaining arrests were 1 DUI; 1 for narcotics; 1 for theft; 1 for assault.

Chief Vakulick stated his department needs to know the dates of Highland Hose and Gatto's activities for this year so proper scheduling can occur for vacation times. It was a problem last year being notified too late and many officers had to change their vacation plans to be available for festivals and celebrations. He stated a meeting was held with the owners of Rocco's Bar at the District Attorney's Office

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regarding the issues concerning that bar and there have been no issues since the meeting.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked what time the school
COUNCILMAN zone lights go on at Grandview and Ross Street.
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the lights need to be
CHIEF replaced. PennDOT won't let the Borough run
VAKULICK them for two hours. The lights are inconsistent.
He stated PennDOT needs to turn the lights over
to the Borough, but they need to sign off on a
permit. He stated once the Borough gets the
permit, then the lights can be on for two hours.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Borough Manager.
RAPP

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the Borough's
BOROUGH Public Works and Water Distribution employees
MANAGER did an outstanding job on the latest water break.
ROSSEY He stated the salt spreader blew up over the
weekend, so it needs to be replaced on the one
ton dump truck. He stated he got an \$8,000 quote
today for a salt spreader, with a dual electric
motor which allows control of variable spreads of
salt.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated Public works is in
COUNCILMAN need of more equipment.
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the equipment they
BOROUGH need, as long as it is within reason, is
MANAGER purchased or replaced as requested, such as a new
ROSSEY chain saw and new power valve turner.

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REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated while at the water break,
COUNCILMAN the employees approached him and discussed
FOX getting a front loader excavator.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated in the Bull Creek
BOROUGH restoration project, there is an excavator
MANAGER budgeted, but all the permitting is still in
ROSSEY process with PennDOT and DEP.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Solicitor.
RAPP

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated Council will be voting
SOLICITOR on the zoning ordinance this evening. There were
STRELLEC no major or dramatic changes to the ordinance.
The zoning ordinance had not been updated since
the eighties and with the state law changes, the
zoning ordinance is now in compliance.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN Administrative, Employee Relations, Finance
RAPP Committee.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
PAY BILLS Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
approves the payment of the January 2012 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
seven (7) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
ORDINANCE Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council passes
12-01 Ordinance 12-01, setting the 2012 tax millage at
5.48 mills. (No Change)
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION ATTEND BANQUET	Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council approves Council, Mayor and Borough Manager to attend the Allegheny County Boroughs Association 63 rd Annual Banquet, on February 4, 2012, at a cost of \$65.00 per person. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.
RESOLUTION SPRING CONFERENCE	Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council approves Council, Mayor and Borough Manager to attend the 39 th Annual Allegheny League of Municipalities Spring Conference, on March 29 thru April 1, 2012, at Seven Springs. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.
RESOLUTION APPROVE OPT-OUT PLAN	Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the "Medical Opt-Out Plan" for the Borough employees and approve a stipend of 10% of the monthly premium to be paid to the employee that chooses to opt-out.
REMARKS: BOROUGH MANAGER ROSSEY	Borough Manager Rossey stated a couple of the employees asked if an opt-out plan could be instituted and it was investigated and this plan can be an option for them. If an employee opts out of the plan and their spouse loses their insurance, the employee can get back on the plan.
VOTE ON RESOLUTION	All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.
REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FOX	Councilman Fox stated a person is needed to serve on the International Appeals Board with no term limit and to serve on the Planning Commission with a four year term.

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REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Water
COUNCILMAN Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Varos stated other than the water
COUNCILMAN break that has already been discussed he has no
VAROS report.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Electric Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Carter stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
CARTER

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Public
COUNCILMAN Safety & Civil Service Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated he received the report
COUNCILMAN from Summit Hose Company. There were 177 alarms
FIRKO and 50 mutual aid calls. There were 31 structure
fires. Hazmat condition calls were 22. January
1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 there were 26
service calls and 57 automatic alarms. The total
man hours were 1,890. He stated there is a great
emergency response system in the Borough. He
stated this is just one of the three fire
departments in the Borough. He commended the
fire departments for the time they spend
servicing the Borough and its citizens.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Property
COUNCILMAN & Zoning, Library & Health Committee.
RAPP

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RESOLUTION
ZONING
ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council approves the new Borough of Tarentum Zoning Ordinance 12-02.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Streets & Sanitary Sewers Committee.

RESOLUTION
CURB CUT

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves a curb cut for off-street parking, at 914 Butler Street, requested by Rhonda and Jim Russell.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
SALT
SPREADER

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the purchase of a salt spreader, for the one-ton dump, at a cost of \$8,000.00.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Parks & Recreation Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the Recreation Board will be holding a meeting and getting everything ready for the year. He stated a lot of events will be held this year and looking forward to the spray park.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from AVN/COG Committee.

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REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting will be held at
COUNCILMAN the end of the month.
FOX

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ
COUNCILMAN Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated he had no report.
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN Redevelopment & Revitalization Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated a meeting will be
BOROUGH held this Friday at 3:00 p.m.
MANAGER
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik, West Tarentum, stated he attended a
MR. LOVASIK meeting July of 2009, in regards to a property
that was to be torn down. All the proper people
looked at the property and the Department of
Health condemned the building. He stated he
showed pictures to Council of how dangerous the
building was. He stated he came back in 2010 and
reported it again to Council and nothing has been
done to this date with the building. The
building is at 215 West Seventh Avenue.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated there are many buildings
COUNCILMAN in town that need to be demolished and slowly
RAPP working to get all of them demolished.

A discussion was held regarding the condition of
this building, the condemning of a building,
demolition of buildings and the costs of
demolition.

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REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated coming from West Tarentum up
MR. LOVASIK to 7th Avenue, there are no signs showing where
the business district is. He stated signs should
be place to show where to turn for the business
district.

REMARKS: Mr. Stoeberner, Highland Hose, stated last month
MR. a year-to-date report was given to Council, but
STOEBERNER for December, there were 9 alarms, 3 automatic
fire alarms, 1 false alarm, 1 traffic detail
assisting Police Department, 3 smoke
investigations and 1 odor investigation.

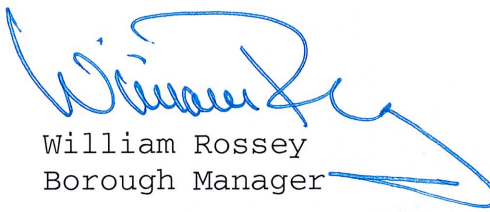
REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated he would like the fire
COUNCILMAN companies to look into giving a combined report.
FIRKO

REPORT A lengthy report was given by Eureka Hose for
EUREKA HOSE 2011. Eureka Hose also provides services for
bordering communities. Eureka's man hours goes
well over 6,000 per year.

RECESSED The meeting was recessed to go into an Executive
Session to discuss personnel matters commencing
7:20 p.m.

RECONVENED The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before
Council, upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded
by Councilman Gutonski the meeting of January 16,
2012, was unanimously adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
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NAME	ADDRESS
1. Bill & Linda Mayhew	347 West 11 th Ave
2. Jeremy Fox	170 Cedar St.
3. Carrie Fox	170 Cedar St.
4. Barbara Magneeta	169 Cedar St.
5. Ronald Eugene	157 Ave
6. Robert Stephen	HHC
7. Big Jack	HHC
8. Milin Formel	211 W 7th Ave
9. Sanyalito	1080 W 1st St
10. Myron	536 E 8th Ave
11. WALT ALTEATHER JR.	917 COMBET ST.
12. EUPENA	
13. DAN SEJERA	312 W 11th Ave TA.
14. Ross Crimen	301 BUTTERNUT CANY
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