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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2012, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Raymond Kerr; Councilman Eric Carter; and Councilman Mike Gutonski. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Chief William Vakulick.

Councilman Varos was absent.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 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.

PRESENTATION Bob Stoebner from TFD (Tarentum Fire Department) presented Council with their Mission Statement to post in Council Chambers.

REMARKS: Ms. Landa, Sixth Avenue, stated on behalf of the
MS. LANDA neighbors and her they thank the Police Department for the good job they're doing chasing children off the railroad tracks and painting the white lines down the street. She stated her neighbors and her think Tarentum has excellent police service.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's
COUNCILMAN Comments, on May 19 attended a street sweeper
RAPP demonstration and that evening attended the Recreation Board meeting. He stated on April 23,

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the Chief, Mayor, Borough Manager and he along with an architect toured West Tarentum to see what could be done there. He stated that evening attended the intern presentation, with copies to Council members. He stated the interns had a lot of good ideas and he would like to see them happen. On May 10, attended the Borough Safety meeting with the Borough's insurance representative. On May 16, attended a Public Safety Committee meeting with Councilman Gutonski, Councilman Firko, and Borough Manager. On May 17, at 10:00 a.m., attended the opening of the street light installation bids. He stated Councilman Kerr and he took a tour around Summit Street and Eleventh Avenue where there were some citizens' concerns regarding parking and a dilapidated building. He stated the Borough will try to rectify the problems there.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, for the month of April 2012, there were 347 calls for service which was a minus 62 from 2011; 24 arrests which is a minus 15 from 2011; 155 citations which is a minus of 67 from 2011; total accidents 9 which is a plus 3 from 2011, nonreportable accidents 7 which is a plus 1 from 2011, reportable accidents 2 which is a plus 2, injuries 6 which is plus 6 from 2011; fines collected \$7,422.93 which is a minus of \$1,342.08; fines collected for year \$35,690.40 which is a plus of \$2,059.30 from 2011; no tickets were issued due to vacation. He thanked Ms. Landa for the compliments on the Police Department. The Police Department is doing a fantastic job. He stated there was a robbery early Saturday morning at the Marathon Station and within a couple of hours, the police caught the culprits. He stated he is very proud of the

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Police Department and all that they do. He stated on April 26, he spoke at the Highland Family Center regarding the Month of the Child Program and a couple police officers attended with him to answer any questions children or parents had. It was a very successful evening. He stated on April 28, attended the arrival of the new pumper for Summit Hose. On May 3, attended Chamber of Commerce luncheon, with the County Executive as speaker and spoke to him regarding Tarentum. On May 10, attended the Allegheny County Mayor Association meeting in West Mifflin. He stated he was nominated delegate at large and a seat on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny County Mayor Association. On May 13, performed a wedding at Lobby Hall.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

There was no police report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Borough Manager.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the new decorative street lights are being installed and look wonderful. He stated he contacted the COG to see if any municipality might be interested in buying the old street lights, but haven't received any responses yet. The other option is to advertise them for sale.

A discussion was held regarding the sale/disposal of the old street lights.

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

REMARKS: Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report.
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

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 May 2012 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
12-05 Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council passes
Resolution 12-05, urging the Pennsylvania General
Assembly to modernize the state Prevailing Wage
Act (Act 442 Of 1961).
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
HIRE SUMMER Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council hires
HELP Adam Gutonski, Jeremy Fox, Clint Motosicky, Josh
Carter, Justin Carter and Jacob Snyder as
temporary summer help, at a rate of \$8.00 per
hour.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
CONFERENCE Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to
send Mayor Magnetta to the Pennsylvania State
Mayors' Association 41st Annual Conference in
Lancaster, from July 19 thru July 22, 2012.

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All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated the water report was
COUNCILMAN received and some of the things in the report
RAPP Council is requested to address. The items are
not major items, but they will be addressed.
Otherwise, the overall report was good.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
AWARD Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council awards
CONTRACT the contract for the installation of the new LED
Cobra Head Streetlights to Allegheny City
Electric, for the bid amount of \$14,900.00

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the references were
BOROUGH checked on Allegheny City Electric and they have
MANAGER contracts right now with the City of Pittsburgh
ROSSEY and have done work for the City of Pittsburgh and
currently maintain their streetlights. They also
have done work for Highland Middle School. No
one had anything bad to say about the company.

VOTE ON All Council members present were in favor and the
MOTION resolution was adopted.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Public Safety & Civil Service Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated the new fire engine is a very nice piece of equipment. He stated he has heard some concerns and wanted to address them. One of the concerns is that it is too big for the building and while considering purchasing the engine, that was taken into consideration. It's called custom built because the engine was made to certain specifications and will fit in the building. He stated some maintenance has been done on the building such as painting and that is the reason why the engine is not presently in the building until the paint on the floor is dry and the building will support the fire engine. He stated there is also a lot of tradition that was followed by Summit Hose also. He stated the Borough now has to dispose of the old engine.

RESOLUTION
ADVERTISE
FOR SALE
OF ENGINE

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council gives the Borough Manager permission to advertise for sale the 1977 Seagrave Pumper. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

A discussion was held regarding the condition of the old fire engine and an estimated amount that could be gotten for it. It was also noted that the engine could not be sold to another fire department.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose monthly report there were 9 alarms; 5 were automatic alarms; 1 motor vehicle accident; 1 trash fire; and 1 water condition inside a house; and 68 man hours. Eureka Hose monthly report there were 23 alarms; 7 motor vehicle accidents; 2 automatic

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fire alarms; 3 structure fires; 3 physical rescues; 8 odor investigations; EMS 205 calls; training hours 49. He stated these guys show the dedication they put forth in the protection of the Borough everyday and it's all volunteer.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Property & Zoning, Library & Health Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated the house on West 7th Avenue should be added to the list of houses to be taken down due to the shape it's in, the neighbors want it taken down and taxes are owed on the property.

A discussion was held regarding the list of houses for demolition, the costs associated with demolition and the procedures to be followed for demolition. Discussion was also held regarding code enforcement of properties.

RESOLUTION
DEMOLITION
OF
PROPERTIES

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to begin the demolition process for the following properties in Tarentum:

316 W 8 th Avenue	300 W 9 th Avenue
812 Center Street	410 W 7 th Avenue
132 W 10 th Avenue	414 W 7 th Avenue
215 W 7 th Avenue	

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.

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RESOLUTION
PURCHASE
STREET
SWEEPER

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to purchase a Stewart-Amos StarFire S-4 Street Sweeper from Bortek Industries, Inc., at a cost of \$137,050.11.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
BID FOR
STREET
PAVING

Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the advertising for bid the following streets for paving:

Mill Street from West 7th Avenue to the Bull Creek Bridge
Lower East 10th Avenue from Mill Street to dead end
4th Avenue from Ross Street to Lock Street
Wood Street from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue
West 10th Avenue from Grantham Street to Western Street

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.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants BridgePoint Church permission to use Riverview Park on Sunday, June 10, 2012, to hold an outdoor service at 11:00 a.m. and a picnic following.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Diamond Antiques permission to hold the 4th Annual Antiques Fair in Riverview Park, on Saturday, September 22, 2012 and to block the street for this event.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants the Highlands Emergency Services Alliance permission to use the PA system for the 911 Stair Climb, at the Cathedral of Learning, on Sunday, September 9, 2012.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated there is a motion to grant Highland Hose Company permission to use Dreshar Stadium in October for their annual festival.

A discussion was held. It was noted that Highland Hose Company had not presented a plan or spoke with the Mayor or Chief regarding the festival.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated he will table the motion until the proper procedures are followed. He stated the summer concerts have been booked. The Snack Shack will be open for the Historical Society's re-enactment of the Civil War, July 22. The Family Fall Festival being sponsored by the Recreation Committee and Summit Hose is scheduled for September 27, 28 and 29. He stated the spray park should be opened by the end of the month. He stated the new park benches are being put in the park and the boards at the marina are being restored.

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REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from AVN/COG
COUNCILMAN Committee.
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the meeting is scheduled
COUNCILMAN for Wednesday and the minutes will be given to
FOX Council.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
ACCEPT BID Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council accepts
the bid from Ron Gillette, Inc., in the amount of
\$290,515.28 for the first phase of the Downtown
Business District Streetscape project. This is
being paid for through two grants from the
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated Tarentum received money
COUNCILMAN through Allegheny County to redo the business
RAPP area and it will be done in phases. It will
start up around the bridge.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated up First National
BOROUGH Bank where the crosswalk comes to the steps
MANAGER redoing the sidewalk and resetting a lot of that
ROSSEY brick that's uneven, especially coming down the
Exxon sidewalk and replacing broken ones and
putting in all new curb cut ramps.

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Discussion was held regarding the work planned for the business district.

VOTE ON
MOTION

All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated Tarentum still has the grant of \$150,000 to tear down buildings in West Tarentum. He stated Council has been talking for years about the possibility of one fire hall, a new municipal building, police station and maybe helping the library which needs to stay in Tarentum and an architectural plan is needed to then be able to apply for grants. He stated there is a gentleman who did a lot of work for Tarentum years ago and is interested in doing the work and knows the area.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the \$150,000 grant is only for property acquisition and demolition. He stated a master plan is needed to send with any grant application. He stated the architect basically broke the fee proposal into two parts. Phase one is not to exceed \$20,000. It is to basically come up with a plan for fire station, municipal building, community library, community center, police department and the basic plans of the project so it can be submitted with the grant application.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated the quotes for radios for Public Works were received at a cost of \$30,000. He stated this tightens up the budget.

A discussion was held regarding the costs and work to be done, the possibility of additional work that could be done and the hiring of an architect.

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RESOLUTION
HIRE
ARCHITECT

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to hire C.J.A. Architects for the West Seventh Corridor.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
ADD TO
DEMOLITION
LIST

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to add 315 W 7th Avenue property to the demolition of properties list.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
MS. LANDA

Ms. Landa asked if Council is soliciting businesses to come to Tarentum.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated Council is always actively pursuing businesses to relocate or to start a business in Tarentum. Council tries to help anyone who has a business or wants to start a business.

A discussion was held regarding pursuing businesses and the renovating of buildings in the business district.

REMARKS:
MR. FIGORE

Mr. Figore First Avenue, stated when the new meters are installed, will they be read from a centralized location.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated once the meters are installed and antenna set up, they will all be read at the Borough building.

REMARKS:
MR. FIGORE

Mr. Figore asked when the water meters will be installed.

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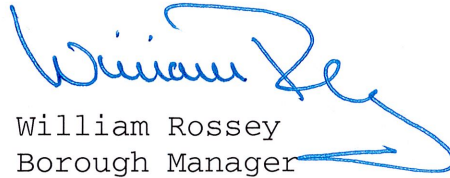
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REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the water meters are starting to be installed and they also need the antenna system.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of May 21, 2012, was unanimously adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
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NAME	ADDRESS
1. <i>Carl Marino</i>	<i>Lamon Burdell</i>
2. <i>Robert Stephens</i>	<i>401 EAST 8th Avenue H9C</i>
3. <i>Shirley Wiering</i>	<i>713 West St</i>
4. <i>James White</i>	<i>108 North St</i>
5. <i>Kass Green</i>	<i>301 BOTTENHUT Lane</i>
6. <i>Roland Figue</i>	<i>120 1ST ave</i>
7. <i>Jeremy Fox</i>	<i>170 Cedar St.</i>
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