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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2013, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Raymond Kerr; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Tim Firko; and Councilman Mike Gutonski. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; and Solicitor David Strellec.

Councilman Varos was absent.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2013.
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.

REMARKS: Ms. Namesnik, 211 West 7th Avenue, stated she
MS. NAMESNIK realizes a grant is being used for the revitalization undertaking and asked if a grant can be applied for to get surveillance cameras to help combat drug trafficking. She stated the use of cameras in Pittsburgh have helped to catch drug pushers and speeders. She stated the Borough could get help from the Lower Burrell canine unit to help with the drug trafficking.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated the Borough is looking for
COUNCILMAN grant money and recently cameras have been placed
RAPP at the Tarentum Bridge intersection.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the three cameras at the
CHIEF bridge came from the District Attorney's Office
VAKULICK and that will be expanded as funds allow.

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REMARKS: Ms. Namesnik stated cameras need to be placed at
MS. NAMESNIK certain properties and bars where drug
trafficking is taking place.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated the Police Department
COUNCILMAN Mayor and Council are working very diligently
GUTONSKI as far as keeping up with the drug trafficking
and the bad elements that have come into
Tarentum. It is a daily effort for the Police
Department to keep up with what is going on in
the Borough and they're doing an excellent job.
He stated there is more police presence in
certain areas than anyone is aware of with more
surveillance and arrests.

A discussion was held regarding the allowable use
of certain grant money and the work the Police
Department is doing to help combat drug
trafficking in the Borough.

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser, West 8th Avenue, stated he hasn't
MR. BOWSER received any money to repair the damage done to
his houses by Green Thumb Excavating hired by the
Borough to demolish houses. He stated he holds
the Borough accountable for the damages done to
his houses. He stated he hasn't gotten any
answers so far from anyone.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated the Borough paid the
COUNCILMAN deductible and now it's in the hands of the
RAPP insurance companies.

A discussion was held regarding the damage done
to Mr. Bowser's property.

REMARKS: Ms. Landa stated she loves the new benches in the
MS. LANDA park and asked if donations are still being taken
for more benches.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated donations are still being taken for benches. He stated a bench can be purchased and an in memory of name plate can be placed on it. Donations can be brought to the Borough building to be placed in the Recreation Board's mail box.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Comments, on April 21, he attended a girl scout ceremony at Blessed Sacrament and presented an award. On April 27, attended the tree planting on 6th Avenue. He thanked the Borough Street Department workers for donating their time to help plant the trees. He stated on May 1, Councilman Fox, Borough Manager Rossey and he went to CMU to hear the presentation from students via the internet from Australia who did the study of vacant lots in the Borough. He stated on May 2, he attended the Recreation Board meeting.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated for the month of April 2013, there were 344 calls for service which is a minus 3 from 2012; 16 arrests which is a minus 8 from 2012; 117 citations issued which is a minus 38 from 2012; total accidents 15 which is a plus 6 from 2012, accidents with injuries 2 which is the same as 2012; fines collected \$6,524.55 which is a minus of \$898.35 from 2012; fines collected for year \$30,387.50 which is a minus \$5,302.90 from 2012.

Mayor Magnetta stated Mr. Rossey and he went to Harrisburg to receive the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence. He stated everyone is talking about Tarentum's LED lighting and they want to know how Tarentum did it. He stated he

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attended the Eagle Scout awards banquet. On April 16, attended a school safety meeting at Highlands High School Community Center. He stated on May 2, he spoke at the Day of Prayer at the Park. On May 8, attended Tarentum's Historical Society banquet and program.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated asked for a report from
COUNCILMAN the Chief of Police.
RAPP

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated he will discuss the traffic
CHIEF lights under Public Safety.
VAKULICK

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he attended the
BOROUGH State Borough's Association conference at
MANAGER Hershey. He stated he is on the Board of
ROSSEY Directors representing Allegheny County. He
stated at the banquet in Harrisburg, the Lt.
Governor presented Tarentum's award and gave a
speech in which he talked about Tarentum.
Tarentum was the only community in the speech.
He stated Barbara Bernard is going to retire the
end of July and payroll is now done in-house. He
stated he would like Council's permission to get
information regarding ADP to do payroll. He
stated he would like to start interviewing for
Ms. Bernard's position. The Borough received
about three dozen applications so far and they
keep coming. He stated the Borough's accountant,
Mr. Hill, is willing to sit in on the interviews
and review the resumes' to be sure the applicant
has good accounting skills and background.

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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 2013 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with
six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
ACCEPT Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council accepts
RESIGNATION the resignation of Barbara Bernard, as of August
1, 2013. Ms. Bernard's last day being July 31,
2013.
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 asked for a report from the
COUNCILMAN Electric Committee.
RAPP

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
KERR

Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated Eureka Hose submitted an incident report for April 2013, there were 30 alarms; 9 automatic fire alarms; 4 motor vehicle accidents; 3 construction fires; 2 natural gas calls; 6 electrical fires in nature; 3 brush fires; 1 smoke investigation; one structural collapse; 1 water rescue; representing 70 personnel hours for the company. They responded out two other towns five times during the calls. EMS calls were 266 representing 1,090 personnel hours. He stated Council received information regarding the LED traffic lights for West Tarentum intersections and Chief Vakulick will expand on that.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated Center Street has two wooden poles at opposite corners, so a cable can be stretched across West 7th which will put the lights out over the road. The side streets coming down the hill and going up the hill would still be on the side the way they are now. He stated the twelve inch lighting isn't available that was put up at 10th Street and Corbet Street. He stated the next best thing is to upgrade the signal heads to LED.

A discussion was held regarding the costs of the lights and what needs to be done to put the lights up at the proposed streets and intersections.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
KERR

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Streets &
COUNCILMAN Sanitary Sewers Committee.
RAPP

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
PERMISSION Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council grants
TO INSTALL Phillip Hayden permission to install a curb-cut
CURB CUT at 1315 East 10th Avenue, to allow access to his
driveway.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
PURCHASE Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves
LINE STRIPER the purchase of a Graco Line Striper from Sherwin
Williams, at a cost of \$10,052.94.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Parks &
COUNCILMAN Recreation Committee.
RAPP

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants BridgePoint Church permission to use the
BRIDGEPOINT band shell at Riverview Park on Sunday, June 9,
CHURCH 2013, to hold an outdoor service and picnic
beginning at 9:30 a.m.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants Central Presbyterian Church permission
CENTRAL to use the band shell in Riverview park on
PRESBYTERIAN Thursday, August 1, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to
CHURCH 8:30 p.m., for an evening Bible School Program.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council grants
PERMISSION First Baptist Church permission to use the band
FIRST BAPTIST shelter for two outdoor evening church services
CHURCH on June 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. and July 28, 2013,
at 6:00 p.m.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
APPOINT Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council
REC. BRD. appoints Lorraine White and Jeanne Rogala to fill
two vacancies on the Recreation Board.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the summer concerts have
COUNCILMAN been scheduled for the park. He stated there
FOX will be six free concerts to be held Wednesday
evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Snack
Shack will open at 6:00 p.m. He stated an Eagle
Scout will be doing a project with Eureka Hose on
the dock and lighthouse. The crafts in the park
will be held every Friday starting June 14, at
11:00 a.m., for six weeks. He stated a meeting
was held with Summit Hose and the Recreation
Board will be helping them with their Fall
Festival to be held September 26 and 27, 2013,
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and September 28, 2013,
from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. He stated that

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cameras have been purchased to be placed in the park.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the cameras will be at
CHIEF the band shell, Snack Shack and upper end at the
VAKULICK gazebo for now.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the Spray park will be
COUNCILMAN opening this Saturday.
FOX

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting will be held
COUNCILMAN Wednesday and Council will receive the
FOX information in their packet.

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: Councilman Kerr stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
KERR

DISCUSSION A further discussion was held regarding the
motion for purchasing the traffic signals.

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated the Borough Manager will contact PennDOT to see if anything may be available which would lower the costs of the lights for the Borough.

RESOLUTION
PURCHASE
STREET
LIGHTS

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to purchase traffic signals, including the LED inserts, at a cost of no more than \$17,945.29.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RECESSED


The meeting was recessed to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, at 7:05 p.m.

RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of May 20, 2013, was unanimously adjourned at 7:22 p.m.


William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2013

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1. M.E. Jorczak	211 W 7th Ave Tar
2. Virginia Nunnally	211 W 7th Ave Tar Pa 15284
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4. SANDRA M COLLINS	209 (B) MAIN ST.
5. Jim Bowser	314/318 West Ave. Tar
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