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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, June 17, 2013, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Raymond Kerr; and Councilman Pete Varos. Also present were Mayor Magnetta; Borough Manager Rossey; Solicitor David Strellec; and Police Chief Vakulick.

RESOLUTION APPROVE MINUTES Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2013.
All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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

REMARKS:
MR. LOVASIK Mr. Lovasik, West 7th Avenue, stated the house that was demolished next door to him isn't finished enough. People are walking between the buildings and someone may fall and get hurt. He stated people are throwing garbage on the property and there isn't anything there to keep people from going onto the property. He stated he just wanted to let Council know what was going on with the property.

REMARKS:
MS. NAMESNIK Ms. Namesnik, West Tarentum, thanked the police for watching traffic on 7th Avenue. She stated there was a letter in the Post Gazette regarding the wonderful job the police are doing with the war on drugs only to have the people that deal the drugs put back on the street the next day. The jails are too crowded and the courts are backlogged. She stated the Department of Safety and the DA's Office monitor and compile lists of properties called nuisance properties and

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disruptive properties and they go after the landlords who rent to drug dealers. If the properties are violating any state or city codes, the landlord is cited and pressure is put on them to evict the drug dealers. She stated people need to get on the phone and start reporting everything they see that's going on with those kinds of properties. She asked if Tarentum police would like to get phone calls about some of these kinds of properties in the Borough.

REMARKS:
CHIEF
VAKULICK

Chief Vakulick stated yes, residents can call the police when they see something going on. It takes a lot of reporting and paperwork to get a property designated as a nuisance property. He stated the more documentation the police have about a property, the better it is to get a property designated as a nuisance property.

A discussion was held regarding the process to get a property designated as a nuisance and having residents call when they see something going on that they feel is wrong or illegal. It was noted that calls can be anonymous.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated the police can't say too much about what is going on regarding any drug investigations, but a lot of surveillance is going on and it takes a lot to build a proper case. He stated residents will see things happening very soon.

REMARKS:
MR. BOWSER

Mr. Bowser, West 8th Avenue, asked when grass will be planted on the property where the house was torn down and to get somebody to pick up the garbage that's on the property.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he will look into
BOROUGH the matter and see what can be done.
MANAGER
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Ms. Landa asked if landlords can run criminal
MS. LANDA background checks on prospective tenants.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated the landlords can call the
CHIEF the police and a check can be run through the
VAKULICK system, but the landlords aren't doing it. He
stated the Borough has an ordinance that after
three calls in thirty days, the Borough can go
after the landlords.

REMARKS: Mr. Polly stated his house burned down at 601
MR. POLLY East 9th Avenue and he is attempting to rebuild at
that same site. He stated he may need a variance
before the house can be build.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he is going to look
BOROUGH into the need for a variance and discuss it with
MANAGER the solicitor to see if there are any problems
ROSSEY with the setbacks.

A discussion was held regarding the building of
the house and setback requirements.

REMARKS: Mr. Rozewicz stated he lives in Lower Burrell,
MR. but lived in Brackenridge and worked at Allegheny
ROZEWICZ Ludlum for 35 years and has taken the route
through Tarentum every day. He stated the East
6th Avenue renovation along Lock Street isn't
safe. He stated he's had a couple near misses.
Traffic backs up and the street is narrowed so
much with the protrusions that there isn't enough
room for two cars to pass safely. Vehicles have
even stopped to allow another vehicle to go
through. He stated before the renovations, there
was never a problem.

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REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated there is room for two
COUNCILMAN vehicles to safely pass each other. He stated
RAPP traffic is slowing down and that was the
intention. He stated he sees no problem with the
renovation.

A discussion was held regarding the renovations
and the reasons and need for the renovations.

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik asked if speed limit signs were
MR. LOVASIK going to be placed.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated progress is being made
CHIEF towards the speed limit signs and work on the
VAKULICK traffic lights also.

A discussion was held regarding the speeding
through the Borough and what measures can be
taken to help curb the speeding.

REMARKS: Mrs. Polly asked if there was a way to put
MRS. POLLY restrictions on parking in the alleyway on 10th
Avenue.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated all the corners are in the
CHIEF process of being repainted and everything will be
VAKULICK done to what the law requires.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report,
COUNCILMAN that he attended the Recreation Board meeting.
RAPP He stated the Public Works employees' contract is
up this year and received a letter indicating
that they would like to begin talks regarding the
contract. He stated if any Council member is
interested in sitting on the committee, to let
him know.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
Mayor.

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REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated the report will be given
MAYOR to Council members in their mailboxes. He
MAGNETTA stated next meeting a recommendation will be made
to Council regarding a new full time police
officer. The written test and agility test have
been given. The interviews took place by three
outside police chiefs earlier this day. He
stated with the recommendation of Chief Vakulick,
Public Safety Chairman Firko and himself, he
would like to have a motion passed to give the
Civil Service Board permission to administer the
test for the position of sergeant. This position
will enable the Police Department to have the
coverage of a sergeant for all three shifts and
will fill the management team. The position pays
an additional fifty cents per hour and fits into
the police budget.

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

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated a search warrant was
CHIEF executed June 6 with Harrison Township and
VAKULICK assistance from the Attorney General on 201
Allegheny Street. Arrests were made. There were
approximately four hundred stamp bags and sixty-
four hundred in cash confiscated. He stated
there is more to come.

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated there is money in
BOROUGH the budget for demolition and discussion was held
MANAGER regarding the properties on West 7th. He stated
ROSSEY he would like Council to come up with four more
properties for this year to be demolished. He
stated some of the buildings on West 7th, the

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developer may be able to tear down which would save the Borough money.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
STRELLEC

Solicitor Strellec stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from Administrative, Employee Relations, Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION
PAY BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the June 2013 bills.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with seven (7) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION
HIRE CLERK
BOOKKEEPER

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to hire Alice Drisko as a full time clerical/bookkeeper, at the rate of \$16.00 per hour, starting July 1, 2013.
Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with seven (7) affirmative votes.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Water Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Electric Committee.

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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.

RESOLUTION
13-05

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 13-05, relative to the procurement of professional services for the Municipal Pension System, sponsored by the Borough, based on the requirements of Act 44 of 2009. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
SERGEANT
POSITION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council agrees to add a Sergeant's position for the Police Department, at the Sergeant's rate of an additional fifty cents per hour. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated Highland Hose report from April 18 to May 20, 2013, there were 3 automatic fire alarms; 2 smoke investigation; 2 motor vehicle crashes; 1 odor of gas; 1 EMS assist; and 1 structure fire; for total manpower hours of 122. Mutual Aid 1 East Deer Township. Highland Hose report from May 21 to June 17, 2013, there were 4 automatic fire alarms; 3 smell of smoke; 1 EMS assist; 1 motor vehicle crash; 1 odor of gas; 1 search detail; and 1 structure fire; for total manpower hours of 162. Mutual Aid 1 East Deer Township. Eureka's report for May 2013, there were 8 motor vehicle crashes; 1 residential structure fire; 1 rapid intervention response; 1 community service; 6 automatic fire

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alarms; 2 smoke investigations; 6 wire or transformer fires; 2 car fires; 2 residential flooding; 2 false alarms; 1 pedestrian/car accident; 1 physical rescue; 1 search; 1 brush fire; and 1 EMS assist; representing 84 personnel hours; Mutual Aid responses 8 to East Deer, Frazer, Cheswick, Springdale, Buffalo Township, as well as Tarentum, Brackenridge and Fawn Township; 288 EMS calls; representing all together 1258 personnel hours.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Varos stated he had no report.
COUNCILMAN
VAROS

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
PERMISSION grants Jamie Bombalski permission to hold a block
party on Saturday, June 29, 2013, from 5:00 p.m.
to 10:00 p.m., and to close the 800 Block of
Ormond Street, from East 8th Avenue to East 9th
Avenue, during this time.
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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated the first concert in the
COUNCILMAN park was rained out and will be rescheduled. The
FOX next concert will be held next Wednesday at 7:00

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p.m. and the Snack Shack will be open at 6:00 p.m. He stated there are new fern baskets hanging along the park. The Recreation Board will be meeting to talk about this year's Festival in the Park, along with Summit Hose. He stated if anyone wants to volunteer, the Recreation Board would love to have them.

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

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated a meeting is scheduled
COUNCILMAN and the information will be given in Council
FOX members' packets.

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey thanked Councilman
BOROUGH Gutonski and two others who attended the
MANAGER classes to become official tree tenders. He
ROSSEY stated the Borough is entitled to 50 trees at one
time.

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REMARKS: Ms. Polly stated some townships have garbage cans
MS. KIM along the streets and asked if the Borough might
POLLY be able to install them along the streets to help
against littering. She stated her children pick
garbage up and throw it away and it would be
helpful to have garbage cans available.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated there are garbage cans
COUNCILMAN in the business district.
RAPP

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated he will look into the
COUNCILMAN matter further to see if something can be done
FOX in providing garbage cans along the streets.

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser stated two or three years ago there
MR. BOWSER were discussions about taking care of the
electric bills for the fire companies and asked
if anything has been done about that.

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated the fire companies get a
COUNCILMAN reduced rate which is the same as the Borough
FIRKO pays. He stated Council supports the fire
departments and gives what it can to them.

REMARKS: Mr. Figore asked if 117 First Avenue is going to
MR. FIGORE be demolished.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Council is going to
BOROUGH place properties on the list to be demolished.
MANAGER
ROSSEY

A discussion was held regarding properties that
could be added to the list to be demolished.

REMARKS: Mr. Rozewicz stated the hockey ring was a great
MR. idea and he enjoys watching the kids play.
ROZEWICZ

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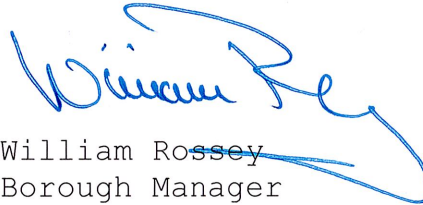
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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated the hockey ring is the reason Highlands started their hockey team up again.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of June 17, 2013, was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
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6. John White	1080 West St
7. JEFF DAVIDSON	230 DAVIDSON ST
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12. Kimberly Pilly	↓
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