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ASSEMBLY

Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2014, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Raymond Kerr. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; and Officer Matt Kaminski.

Councilman Carter and Solicitor Regoli were absent.

RESOLUTION
APPROVE
MINUTES

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2014. 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:
MS. SPEAR

Ms. Spear, representing Penn State New Kensington, stated Penn State is starting a new town initiative this year and would like Council's permission to hang two banners in the Borough, for the month of May, to recognize and congratulate Penn State graduates. She stated over a hundred students come from the Tarentum area. She stated Penn State would prefer the banners be hung across the road and will need assistance to hang the banners and take them down. Penn State will also pay for the banners and hanging the banners and the banners will be double sided.

A discussion was held regarding where the banners could be hung.

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated that Penn State work
COUNCILMAN together with the Public Works Department and
GUTONSKI Chief of Police in deciding where to hang the
banners and that the banners are hung properly.

REMARKS: Ms. Landa, East 6th Avenue, stated the names of
MS. LANDA the graduates could be placed on the bulletin
Board that's on the front of the Borough
building.

REMARKS: Ms. Backo stated her father had a meat market
MS. BACKO and a home on West 7th Avenue. She stated she was
suppose to be paid \$5,000 for three rooms of
bedroom furniture and other items.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Attorney Strellec,
BOROUGH who has passed away, worked with Ms. Backo's
MANAGER attorney, Mr. Krzton, regarding the matter. The
ROSSEY property has many heirs and an estate was never
set up. He stated Attorney Krzton was working
with Ms. Backo to get her a power of attorney to
sign the papers because the deed had never been
transferred to the Borough and that's where the
money Ms. Backo is referring to was to come from.
Attorney Strellec was talking to Attorney Krzton
regarding a little compensation for that
property. He stated the Borough's attorney, Mr.
Regoli, will contact Attorney Krzton and see if
anything has been done regarding the estate.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Ms. Rupert, East 3rd Avenue, stated she would like
MS. RUPERT to put gravel by the electric substation so she
can park a car there. She stated her neighbors
won't let anyone park in front of their house and
when she has company, there is no place for them
to park.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the electric
BOROUGH substation belongs to West Penn Power. He stated
MANAGER the property is in Brackenridge. He stated he
ROSSEY will contact West Penn Power and see if anything
can be done.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Ms. Rupert stated there is a white house that
MS. RUPERT people were living in and then abandoned and
there's food on the counter and it's a mess. She
stated she's trying to fix her house and then you
have houses that are abandoned.

REMARKS: Councilman Fox stated he would look into the
COUNCILMAN matter and see what can be done to rectify the
FOX problem.

REMARKS: Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report,
COUNCILMAN on March 18, Mr. Rossey, Mr. James and he had a
RAPP meeting to discuss the Bull Creek Project. On
March 19, a meeting was held with representatives
from Brackenridge and Harrison Township to talk
about the bike trail that the county wants to put
in from Pittsburgh up to Erie. On March 20, a
meeting was held with the Borough's new
electrical contractors and discussed their
services and what the Borough would like them to
do. He stated Mayor Margetta, Mr. Rossey and he
met with PennDOT officials regarding an agility
agreement to help each other out. He stated on
April 2, Mr. Rossey and he attended the ceremony
at the City County Building in Pittsburgh to
accept the Borough's Banner Community Award from
the county executive, for the second year in a
row. He stated on April 3, he attended the
Tarentum Business Community meeting.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the
Mayor.

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REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated, under the Mayor's Report
MAYOR for March 2014, there were 482 calls for service
MAGNETTA which is a plus of 185 from 2013; actions
necessary calls were 317 which is a plus 20 from
2013; no action necessary calls were 175; arrests
21 which is a minus 27 from 2013; citations
issued 173 which is a plus 71 from 2013; total
accidents 8 which is a plus 3 from 2013;
accidents with injuries zero which is a minus 2
from 2013; fines collected \$6,538.53 which is a
plus \$267.28 from 2013; fines collected for year
\$12,168.02 which is a minus \$11,694.88 from 2013;
parking tickets issued 10.

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

REMARKS: Officer Kaminski stated he had no report.
OFFICER
KAMINSKI

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the tax collector
BOROUGH and he met with a representative of Logitech
MANAGER regarding a tax office program. He stated he
ROSSEY contacted the school district to see if they may
be interested in splitting the costs for the
program. The tax collector will be collecting
school district taxes also. The software costs
\$699.00. A new computer would be needed.
Maintenance cost for the software is \$1,200.00.
The initial investment would be \$3,200.00. This
program will allow the Borough to print its own
tax bills. Currently, the school district prints
the Borough's tax bills. If the tax collector
needs to look at past taxes, she has to look

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through books and papers to find it. With the new computer and software, all the information past and present and be put on the new software and be readily available. He stated this information is for Council's consideration. He stated the Allegheny County Borough Membership dinner is May 8. He stated anyone wishing to attend, let him know so reservations can be made. He stated the subdivision of the Train Station Parking Lot is completed on behalf of the Borough. The plans were submitted to Allegheny County Planning Division which requires a public hearing on the matter which will be held May 6, at the Borough building, 11:00 a.m. He stated the Borough's electric provider is coming to the Borough Thursday morning to discuss the possibility of building the Borough's own generation plant. He stated they also want to help the Borough with the Marcellus Shale industry and gas wells and the Borough selling its own electric which could benefit the Borough.

A discussion was held.

Borough Manager Rossey stated the Borough received \$150,000 CDBG money for Streetscape. A meeting will be held tomorrow morning to discuss where the money can be used. He stated \$20,000 was received for the park to install the 20 decorative streetlights the Borough received two years ago through a grant. He stated with what the Borough received, the Allegheny County Economic Development Department along with the county executive would like to hold a ceremony this summer in the Borough and highlight what can be done when a community works together and they work with the community. The County would like to recognize Tarentum for its participation in the Streetscape and Allegheny Together Program. He stated last week Councilman Kerr and he went

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to look at a new location for the water tanks. He stated Mr. Sebak owns the property and it's level. It would require a small booster to feed those few houses that sit above the tank. He stated contact will be made to see if the Borough can acquire that property. He stated a tentative street paving list has been provided to Council for their input.

A discussion was held regarding the placement of the decorative streetlights.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

There was no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
PAY BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the April 2014 bills. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with six (6) affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION
SUMMER
EMPLOYEES

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council hires Joshua Carter, Justin Carter, Clint Motosicky, Logan Ansani and Michael Anuszek as summer help, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
14-06

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-06, declaring the week of April 14-18, 2014, as Local Government Week. All Council members present were in favor and the

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resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
GRANT FMLA

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Ted Bajack FMLA beginning Monday, April 21, 2014. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Water Committee.

RESOLUTION
14-01

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-01, regarding the 4th Avenue Bridge Replacement, requesting a \$250,000 grant through the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Water Committee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated he had no report. He stated there are three employees for the Street Department and the Borough needs to find money to hire another employee. He stated with all the work the Street Department is going to be doing with the grant monies received for different projects, another person is needed in that department.

RESOLUTION
HIRE FOR
STREET
DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council approves the advertising for the hiring of a full time employee for the Street Department. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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

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

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

REMARKS: Councilman Firko stated the report for Highland
COUNCILMAN Hose Company for January 2014, fire calls 17;
FIRKO man hours 616; February 2014, fire calls 7; man
hours 67.5; one training session; man hours 18;
March 2014, fire calls 10 lasting 9½ hours; man
hours 826.5; 3 training sessions lasting 9 hours;
man hours 306. Report for Eureka for March 2014,
fire calls 22 representing 45 personnel hours; 4
Mutual Aid responses; 209 EMS calls representing
800 personnel hours; training hours 45. Report
for Summit Hose for February 2014, fire calls 3;
one vehicle fire; total calls 4; total man hours
376.15. March 2014, fire calls 3; total calls 8;
total man hours 217.17. He stated the fire
departments are volunteers and deserve to be
commended.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
14-07 Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council passes
Resolution 14-07, approving that the acquisition
and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of
vacant property known as Block and Lot No. 1223-
D-00334 would be in accord with the comprehensive
plan of the municipality.

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REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta stated Council passed Resolution
MAYOR 14-06 which is acquisition and subsequent
MAGNETTA disposition and asked what properties are
involved in Resolution 14-07.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated there's one
BOROUGH property on Coe Street. The language used in
MANAGER the resolution is sent by the county for the
ROSSEY vacant property program. He stated the neighbor
next to the empty lot is buying the property.

A discussion was held.

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Fox, RESOLVED, this Council grants
PERMISSION Penn State New Kensington permission to display
(2) banners recognizing the newest graduates from
Penn State during the month of May and will work
with the Public Works Department and Chief of
Police.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
GRANT Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council grants
VARIANCE Tom Curtis, 104 Wood Street, Tarentum, PA a
variance to install a new 6' fence around his
yard, as recommended by the Zoning Hearing Board
at their meeting held on Thursday, April 10,
2014.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

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

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RESOLUTION
14-05

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-05, approving an agility agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Borough of Tarentum.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski asked what the resolution is.

REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the Borough has a summer and a winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT. The Borough cuts the grass, salts the roads which PennDOT pays the Borough to do. The agility agreement is when the Borough needs something done and doesn't have the proper equipment or filling potholes if they're in the area and PennDOT will help with that work and in exchange, the Borough will do extra things for PennDOT on a road such as street sweeping.

A discussion was held regarding the exchange of services between PennDOT and the Borough and the savings to the Borough through the agreement.

VOTE ON
RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council grants the Tarentum Eagle Riders permission to hold a Poker Run on Sunday, May 18, 2014 and to close Wood Street between 2nd Avenue and 4th Avenue, between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., during this event. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants permission to the residents of the lower half of Highland Street to hold a Block Party on Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 1:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and to close the street during this time. Note they will allow room for emergency vehicles access. 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 Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Dynamite Day Care permission to use the Bandshell at Riverview Park, on Thursday, May 2, 2014, in the morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., to hold their annual preschool graduation and to close 1st Avenue for the evening graduation service. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this council grants BridgePoint Church permission to use Riverview Park on Sunday, June 22, 2014, to hold an outdoor service beginning at 11:00 a.m. and a picnic following the service. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council grants Summit Hose Company permission to use Riverview Park on Thursday, September 25th, Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th, to hold their annual Tarentum Fall Festival and to

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close 1st Avenue to traffic beginning on Wednesday, September 24th, at 9:00 a.m., for setup.

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the Recreation Board held a meeting March 13 and set the dates for the concerts in the park, June 11th and 25th; July 2nd, 16th and 30th; August 13th and 27th. Crafts in the park will also be held this summer. He stated the Board also talked about holding another senior bingo, the Christmas parade and the fall festival. He stated the concert dates and bands scheduled will be mailed to residents in the water bills.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
14-08

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Kerr, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-08, supporting an increased 2015 CDBG Program Funding.

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

RESOLUTION
14-09

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-09, approving the participation in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Programs for three years - 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the past meeting minutes were given to Council and a meeting is scheduled this week and the minutes will be given Council.

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- 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: Mr. Bowser, West 8th Avenue, stated when bills are
MR. BOWSER due on the 15th and residents call and say they're
going to be a few days late he asked if any
leniency is given to pay later.
- REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated no, the Borough
BOROUGH doesn't give extensions.
MANAGER
ROSSEY
- REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik, West Tarentum, stated he is
MR. LOVASIK embarrassed for West Tarentum. He stated he
wrote a letter to the editor of the Valley News
Dispatch regarding the 200 Block of Conroy Way to
have it repaved. He stated part of the alley
dropped and fell down.
- REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Conroy Way is on
BOROUGH the list to be paved. He stated the catch basin
MANAGER is being rebuilt and a plate was placed over it
ROSSEY so no one drove into the hole.
- REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated the blocks on Conroy Way have
MR. LOVASIK parking spaces and asked if Council can block

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some of the street off for parking on the 200 Block.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Councilman Gutonski stated it's the resident's responsibility if they feel they want to make parking, a driveway or whatever to come and ask permission to have something done.

REMARKS:
MR. LOVASIK

Mr. Lovasik stated on West 7th Avenue there is a lot of drug activity going on and a lot of speeding going on in that area.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated residents have to be patient. The police are doing their job and doing it very well. It takes a lot of time to do things the right way.

A discussion was held regarding the knowledge that the police have and the ongoing investigations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Fox the meeting of April 21, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
 COUNCIL MEETING
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PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

#	NAME	ADDRESS
1.	Julian E Lovasik	W 8th Tarentum
2.	Donna Spear	Penn State New Kensington
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4.	Betty Beck	1315 Baker St Tarentum
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6.	Bunny Nunn	211 W 4th Ave Tax
7.	Scott Molen	Summit Hose Co
8.	SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
9.	Sharon White	108 W 1st
10.	Anna Fanda	512 E 6th
11.	WALT ALTFATHER SR.	917 CORBET ST.
12.	Janelle Stall	130 2nd Ave.
13.	Robert Shebener	HHC
14.	Christine Rupert	704 E 3rd Ave, Tarentum
15.	Janice Magoc	521 3rd Ave.
16.	Brad James	Evoka Fire Rescue
17.	Jim Bouska	314 W 1st Ave Tax
18.	DAVE RALIKIN	Central Pres. Church 305 Allegheny St.
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