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ASSEMBLY Council of the Borough of Tarentum met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2014, with Councilman President Tim Rapp; Councilman Vice-President Hugh Fox; Councilman Mike Gutonski; Councilman Eric Carter; Councilman Tim Firko; Councilman Pete Varos; and Councilman Raymond Kerr. Also present were Mayor Carl Magnetta; Borough Manager William Rossey; Solicitor Charles Clark; and Police Chief Vakulick.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by
APPROVE Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council
MINUTES approves the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 21, 2014.
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: Mr. Lovasik stated the property at Conroy Way
MR. LOVASIK and 6th Avenue is in bad shape and the code officer told him he notified the landlord and the landlord was suppose to have the property taken care of by the 10th of August and it's the 20th now and the property looks the same. The address is 209 and 211, a double house.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated he would have the
BOROUGH code officer contact him tomorrow on the matter.
MANAGER
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Lovasik stated in today's paper, there is an
MR. LOVASIK article that Frazer, Winfield and Harrison Townships received awards. He asked whether Tarentum was given an award.

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REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated Tarentum was the
BOROUGH first one to receive the award earlier this
MANAGER year.
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Ms. Rossey asked if there was a dollar limit for
MS. ROSSEY reimbursing a resident who takes care of a vacant
property next to their home.

REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated there is a certain
COUNCILMAN amount that the Manager can approve without
GUTONSKI going through Council.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS: Mr. Mangol, 130 East 8th Avenue, stated he is
MR. MANGOL having problems with the neighbors and the
neighbors are placing their garbage cans with no
lids on part of his property. Flies are
everywhere around them. He stated he offered to
give them lids for the garbage cans and they
refused them. He stated he tried to move the
cans away from his house and the neighbor
threatened him. He stated he reported it to the
police and nothing was done. He stated the
neighbors are constantly calling his family
names, swearing, screaming and yelling.

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated a hearing is scheduled in
CHIEF front of the District Justice on September 11
VAKULICK and the matter will be taken care of then.

A discussion was held regarding the issues with
the neighbors.

REMARKS: Mr. Eiseman, East 10th Avenue, stated there is a
Mr. Eiseman house that was sold on the 500 Block that is
going to be turned into a Section 8 house and is
concerned about devaluing his property.

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REMARKS:
BOROUGH
MANAGER
ROSSEY

Borough Manager Rossey stated the Planning Commission is holding a meeting at the end of the month and the owner is going to ask for a variance on that property. The owner would like to turn the house into a duplex and rent it out, but he didn't ask for Section 8. He stated there is an ordinance that will be followed. He stated a public hearing will be held before the next Council meeting to address the issue and the public can express their concerns.

A discussion was held.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp stated, under President's Report, on July 29, Councilman Gutonski, Mr. Rossey and he took a tour of the water plant to see how the work being done there is progressing. On July 30, August 3 and August 6, attended and helped with the concerts in the park. He stated on July 31, Mr. Rossey and he met with representatives from Range Resources who is looking to drill for gas. He stated on August 7, Mr. Rossey and he walked over to Solicitor Clark's office and talked with him.

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Mayor.

REMARKS:
MAYOR
MAGNETTA

Mayor Magnetta stated, under the Mayor's Report for July 2014, there were 481 calls for service which is a plus of 135 from 2013; actions necessary calls were 353 which is a plus 7 from 2013; no action necessary calls were 182; arrests 15 which is a minus 10 from 2013; citations issued 126 which is a plus 53 from 2013; total accidents 12 which is a minus 2 from 2013; accidents with injuries zero which is equal to 2013; fines collected \$2,997.35 which is a minus of \$1,366.30 from 2013; fines collected for year \$24,540.94 which is a minus \$20,017.83 from 2013;

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parking tickets issued 11 which is a minus 41 from 2013.

Mayor Magnetta stated he would like to make a recommendation to Council that the Borough hire Shelly Williams who is presently a part time Police Department secretary. He stated according to his figures, there is money in the budget to cover the hiring. He stated Ms. Williams is doing a fantastic job and can also serve as a backup for the front desk in the Borough's office. He stated he is recommending the Borough pay Ms. Williams \$15.00 per hour plus benefits. He stated this would be a nonunion position.

A discussion was held regarding hiring nonunion as opposed to union and what effect the Union contract had on nonunion workers. The President of the Union indicated that the Union had no objections if the Borough hired Ms. Williams as a nonunion employee.

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

REMARKS: Chief Vakulick stated PennDOT will be milling and
CHIEF paving from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. The milling
VAKULICK will take place Thursday and Friday and paving
Saturday night.

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

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the house at 200
BOROUGH West 12th Avenue the owner has been deceased for
MANAGER many years and the house is abandoned. The house
ROSSEY is collapsing and half of it is falling. He
stated three demolition contractors were

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contacted and one came to look at the property and to take the house down and clear the property it was estimated at \$8,000. The house is completely covered with trees and brush which will be cleared along with the house. He stated he will get two more bids for demolition. He stated Councilman Rapp and he met with Range Resources regarding the KOZ property for drilling. A proposed contract was given to the Borough from a gas broker that is interested and indicating that the Borough can receive around \$5,000 an acre, plus around 15% royalties. There is about 65 acres in that area. He stated a letter was received from EQT Gas who is interested in Riverview Park property and they're offering \$2,500 an acre. EQT Gas indicated they would drill about a mile under the park. He stated this is an opportunity for the Borough.

A discussion was held regarding the requests from Range Resources and EQT Gas and what funds the Borough would receive upfront and how funds would be received in the future. Also discussed how the drilling in the park would affect the park and what public opinion would be regarding the drilling in the park.

Borough Manager Rossey stated the money the Borough would receive from the drilling would help to pay for the hiring of another full time employee. He discussed the MMO with Council and how the costs have gone up. He stated when Council hires a full time employee with benefits, they become a part of the pension plan which has been hit hard the last couple of years due to three employees retiring at age 62 and two early retirements. He stated he is looking for ways to get money into the Borough to keep it solvent. He stated the new website is up and running. He stated if any Council member wants to change or

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add anything, to let him know. He stated training is being held for the office staff and himself to manage the website. He stated the GIS mapping for the electric grid is being set up on the computers. Training for the electric guys and Water Department will be tomorrow morning to learn how to use the software.

A discussion was held regarding how the program will work and how it will be beneficial and more efficient to the Borough.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from the Solicitor.

REMARKS:
SOLICITOR
CLARK

Solicitor Clark stated he has been working on the Flood Plain Ordinance which Council has received in their packets for review. He stated the ordinance is ready to be advertised. He stated regarding the properties the Borough owns that are tax exempt, the School District has been notified and Allegheny County has also been notified. He stated he has not heard anything from Allegheny County and will follow-up with them. He stated prior to the Council meeting, auction was held regarding the Tarentum Station.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
PAY BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the August 2014 bills. Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with seven (7) affirmative votes.

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RESOLUTION 14-13 Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Varos, RESOLVED, this Council passes Resolution 14-13, approving the contract agreement with the County of Allegheny regarding the Bull Creek Flood Control Wall.

REMARKS: Mayor Magnetta asked what the agreement means to
MAYOR the Borough.
MAGNETTA

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the County put the
BOROUGH concrete wall in and is turning it over to the
MANAGER Borough.
ROSSEY

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
MMO Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the uniform employees for 2015 of \$81,285.00. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by
MMO Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the non-uniform employees for 2015 of \$99,367.00. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

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

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated he asked Council to
COUNCILMAN consider hiring an employee at the Water Plant
GUTONSKI to replace the employee that is going to be
retiring shortly. He stated he spoke with Mr.
Rossey who gave his reasons why he feels Council
doesn't need to hire a replacement. He stated
instead of putting in three million gallon tanks,
to put in a million point five gallon tanks which
may save money.

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated putting in smaller
BOROUGH tanks would be a savings.
MANAGER
ROSSEY

A discussion was held regarding the size of the
water tanks, EPA requirements, water usage for
emergencies and any risks involved in smaller
tanks.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by
HIRE Councilman Firko, RESOLVED, this Council approves
EMPLOYEE the hiring of an employee for the Water Plant.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION A discussion was held regarding the hiring of new
employees and the monetary effects on the
Borough's budget.

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

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RESOLUTION
HIRE
EMPLOYEE

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council approves the hiring of Michelle Williams as a full time confidential employee, to serve both as a clerk for the business end and the Police Department, at \$15.00 an hour, nonunion. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION

Further discussion was held regarding the impact on the Borough's budget in hiring another full time employee.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FIRKO

Councilman Firko stated the report for Summit Hose Company for June 2014, there were 20 calls resulting in 1,002 man hours; 28 total details resulting in 1,935 man hours. The report for the month of July 2014, 18 calls; 254 man hours; 27 total details resulting in 814 man hours.

Councilman Firko stated the Fire Departments, Police Department and Emergency Service work great together and everyone should support them one hundred percent.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
13-03

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council passes Ordinance 13-03, Section 265-409, Part E, (1), RC, Roadway Commercial District of the Tarentum Borough Zoning to read Billboards may not exceed for-eight feet (48') in width and fourteen feet (14') in height. Currently it reads not to exceed forty-two (42') in width and fourteen feet (14') in height.

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REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski asked if Council is permitted
COUNCILMAN to amend a zoning issue or if it has to go before
GUTONSKI the Zoning Hearing Board.

REMARKS: Solicitor Clark stated the ordinance has been
SOLICITOR advertised, so Council is permitted to amend it.
CLARK

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

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
ACCEPT BID Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
accepts the bid of \$150,000 from John Grecco for
the purchase of the Tarentum Train Station
building.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by
ORDINANCE Councilman Carter, RESOLVED, this Council agrees
14-03 to advertise Ordinance 14-03, Tarentum Borough
Flood Plain Management, requiring all persons,
partnerships, business and corporations to obtain
a permit for any construction or development
within areas of the Borough of Tarentum which are
subject to flooding.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

DISCUSSION A discussion was held regarding the specific
language of the ordinance and the restrictions
for flood plain property.

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

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REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
CARTER

Councilman Carter stated he had no report.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

RESOLUTION
GRANT
PERMISSION

Upon motion by Councilman Fox, seconded by Councilman Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council grants permission to Amber Jordan to have a picnic at Crab Diamond, in September, for residents that were affected by Hurricane Ivan. No alcoholic beverages to be served. All Council members present were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated the concerts in the park will continue on Wednesday, with the last concert to be held next Wednesday. He thanked Summit Hose for helping at the concert last week due to some volunteers being away. He stated the blankets have come in and are red and black and can be seen at the concerts in the park and at the fall festival. The cost of the blanket is \$35.00.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

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

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
FOX

Councilman Fox stated no meeting is scheduled this month.

REMARKS:
COUNCILMAN
RAPP

Councilman Rapp asked for a report from KOZ Committee.

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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 Gutonski, RESOLVED, this Council
accepts the bid from Santamaria Landscape &
Cement Contractors, Inc. in the amount of
\$182,398.70 for Phase 3 of the downtown
Streetscape Project. This is a CDBG Grant.
All Council members present were in favor and the
resolution was adopted.

REMARKS: Mr. Alfather asked if the bid for the Train
MR. Station was already opened.
ALFATHER

REMARKS: Borough Manager Rossey stated the auction for the
BOROUGH Train Station was held at 6:00 p.m., before the
MANAGER Council meeting.
ROSSEY

REMARKS: Mr. Bowser, 314 East 8th Avenue, stated if the
MR. BOWSER Borough needs the people, the Borough has to hire
them. He stated Council has to do what they have
to do to benefit the taxpayers of Tarentum.

REMARKS: Mr. Alfather asked if the position for the Water
MR. Plant will be advertised.
ALFATHER

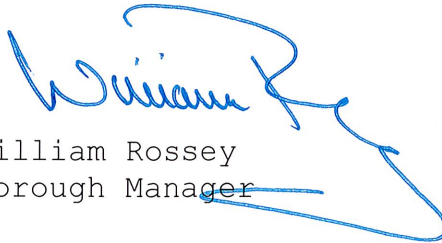
REMARKS: Councilman Gutonski stated it will be posted
COUNCILMAN for union members for 15 days.
GUTONSKI

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion by Councilman Gutonski, seconded by Councilman Rapp the meeting of August 18, 2014, was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



William Rossey
Borough Manager

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

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Bob B...	
2. Enka Josefowski	637 E. 10th Ave.
3. DAVIDEK	230 Davidson St
4. Colin Diehl	Rochester, NY MRB Group
5. L. Homa	610 57th
6. Janelle Rossey	120 E. 2nd Ave
7. MARK Anuszek	713 Western St.
8. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
9. Scott Mulgrew	Summit Home Company
10. M E F...	West Tarentum (ARASS)
11. WALT ALTFATHER DR.	917 CORBET ST
12. HARRY MANGOL	130 E 8th
13. ANN MANGOL	130 E 8th
14. Tom B...	314 W 8th Ave. Owner
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