

**BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:30 P.M. MAY 18, 2015**

CT5001

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEIGANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Greg Schmitt  
Ray Kerr  
Joe Davidek  
Tim Firko  
Pete Varos  
Eric Carter  
Mike Gutonski  
Bill Rossey  
Mayor Magnetta  
Solicitor Clark  
Chief Vakulick

**3. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 16, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion to approve by Councilman Varos, seconded by Councilman Davidek. Carried.

**4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

REMARKS:

Rhonda Russell of Butler Street, again, brought up issue of fire pits and open burning. Recited International Code of 307.4.3, that outdoor fireplaces shall not be placed within 15 feet of a structure. Ms. Russell does not want any open burning within 20 feet of her home.

CHRIS

Has done research and every Allegheny County fire pit is in a wheel and while they do not go under the international code, we are allowed to make our own interpretation as to what can be allowed under the code or not. The homeowner has not lived there for two years, and he is removing the outdoor fireplace.

PRESIDENT                      The matter is resolved and the homeowner assures there are no burns going on. Our code enforcement officer, police chief, and lifelong firemen on the board are able to make determinations as to such issues.

GUTONSKI

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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PRESIDENT                      At this time, the President does not have a report.

GUTONSKI

#### 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR

MAGNETTA                      Calls for service for April 2015: Calls for service 435; action necessary 326; no action necessary 109; arrests 28; Citations issued 129; Total accidents 14; Accidents with injury is 2; Fines collected \$5,202.62. Fines collected for the year \$20,955.41.

Parking tickets issued 64.

On 4/21, performed a wedding in the park gazebo and received a \$25 donation for the recreation board. On 4/25, gave awards at the Eagle Scout ceremonies. On 4/30, attended Grandview 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting celebration, which will be held on 8/29. 5/7, gave the address on the annual Day of Prayer. Also on 5/7, attended the recreation board meeting. Also on 5/7, attended the ATI tour of the new Allegheny Ludlum plant.

Also noted that the following day is Election Day and to please get out and vote.

#### 7. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

REMARKS:                      The vapor lounge had their block party with no issues and the area was opened again by 7:30.

CHIEF

VAKULICK

## **8. MANAGER's REPORT**

REMARKS:

MANAGER

ROSSEY                      The lights in the park are up and working. Landscaping is still needed and will be done in two weeks. The streetscaping has begun and they are working down near Allegheny Lumber.

## **9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

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REMARKS:

SOLICITOR

CLARK                      Regarding 204 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Steelers brought in another group of attorneys and an engineer, and the engineer confirmed what our engineer had said previously and that they got an email from their attorneys saying they no longer represented them.

CHRIS                      The asbestos has been removed as was agreed upon, but they will not move forward with demolishing their unsafe structure. They have already received multiple citations and we are moving forward with those.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. ADMINISTRATIVE , EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE COMMITTEE MIKE GUTONSKI, TIM FIRKO**

#### **1. RESOLUTION TO PAY MAY BILLS**

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr.

RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of the MAY 2015 bills.

Upon roll call, the resolution was adopted with seven (7) affirmative votes.

#### **2. MOTION TO HIRE JEREMY FOX, CLINT MOTOSICKY, JOSHUA CARTER, JUSTIN CARTER, LOGAN ANSANI, AND MICHAEL ANUSZEK FOR TEMPORARY SUMMER HELP AT \$9.00 PER HOUR.**

RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek. This Council approves the hiring of the above-mentioned. However, Josh Carter is working, so he will not be a part of that list. Motion passed by a unanimous vote by the Council.

**3. MOTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL GUTONSKI AS BOROUGH MANAGER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015, WITH A PER YEAR SALARY OF \$54,000 AND FRINGE BENEFITS. TRAINING PERIOD TO BEGIN JUNE 1. EFFECTIVE PERIOD TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 3, 2015.**

Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Carter, and to a unanimous vote (Mr. Gutonski abstaining), this Council approves the appointment of Michael Gutonski as Borough Manager.

REMARKS: It is appropriate in this instance to pass the gavel down to the vice president, and it should also be noted that President Gutonski abstain from all of this.

SOLICITOR

CLARK

DISCUSSION WAS HELD

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REMARKS:

PRESIDENT

GUTONSKI To the members of Tarentum Council and Mayor Magnetta, I will resign my position as Councilman-At-Large, effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. It has been a pleasure to serve for the past 15 years, and I look forward to serving the Borough in a new capacity.

**4. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL GUTONSKI AS COUNCILMAN AT LARGE, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2015.**

RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr, to accept the resignation of Michael Gutonski as Councilman at Large. Motion passed with unanimous votes by Council.

**5. MOTION TO APPOINT AND MOVE UP TIM FIRKO TO THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015.**

RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr, to appoint Tim Firko as Council Chairman, effective June 1, 2015. Motion passed with unanimous votes by Council.

**6. MOTION TO APPOINT ERIC CARTER AS VICE CHAIRMAN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015.**

RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Firko, to appoint Eric Carter as Council Vice Chairman, effective June 1, 2015. Motion passed with unanimous votes by Council.

REMARKS:

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SOLICITOR

CLARK

Point of order: in the past a notice has gone out notifying of an open spot on the Council, and is it possible to do so again?

REMARKS:

COUNCILMAN

FIRKO

Yes, a notice can go out, and we will have 30 days from June 1<sup>st</sup> in which to fill that.

**\*\*\*NO WATER COMITTE REPORT THIS MONTH\*\*\***

REMARKS:

COUNCILMAN

ROSSEY

Over the weekend, a drive unit burned up due to a power surge at the water plant. A new one has been ordered and will hopefully be installed this weekend. Paperwork will be turned in to the insurance company. The cost will be between \$13-15,000.

REMARKS:

PRESIDENT

We have a \$1,000 deductible.

GUTONSKI

**\*\*\*NO ELECTRIC COMMITTEE REPORT THIS MONTH\*\*\***

## D. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Tim Firko, Mike Gutonski

1. Motion to pass Ordinance 15-03 amending Chapter 250, Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Traffic and Parking Regulation, adding Section 250-27.2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Tarentum (Reserving Parking.)

RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, to pass Ordinance 15-03. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of Council.

REMARKS: In March, Highland Hose reported 14 fire calls, representing 344 man hours. 4 training sessions, representing 182 man hours.

COUNCILMAN For Eureka Fire Rescue, 28 fire calls representing 70 personnel hours. Training hours for the month of April are 57.

FIRKO EMS, 217 calls, representing 888 personnel hours.

For Emergency Management, there is some book work going on in order to produce a new booklet on emergency procedures in the Borough. Also working aggressively to get a computer set up to keep all Emergency Management files for the Borough.

### \*\*\*NO PROPERTY & ZONING, LIBRARY & HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT THIS MONTH\*\*\*

1. RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Kerr, to accept the \$9,500 bid by Gillette Contracting to demolish the property on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion was passed by a unanimous vote from Council.

REMARKS:

PRESIDENT

GUTONSKI We need to move forward with the property on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There are two bids to take care of this property. One from Mr. Gillette at \$9,500, and one from Haas Excavating at \$9,350. Mr. Gillette's equipment is currently sitting on the property and we would like to use his services if we can get a firm completion date, even though his bid is higher.

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REMARKS:

MR.

GILETTE

For both lots, it could be completed by May 29<sup>th</sup>, but I need to follow up with a plumbing inspector.

REMARKS:

CHRIS

As per code enforcement, the plan to the plumbing inspector does not need to be completed before demolition, as according to the County, this is an emergency demolition, which is how we got the asbestos waived.

REMARKS:

MR.

GILETTE

The entire project will be complete by June 10<sup>th</sup>; however, the smaller building will be demolished by the end of the week.

REMARKS:

PRESIDENT

GUTONSKI

A contract will be drawn up between Tarentum Borough and Mr. Gillette that the entire project will be completed by June 5<sup>th</sup>. If there is anything left to be done after June 5<sup>th</sup>, it will fall under liquidated damages, and \$500 will be removed for each day it is not completed.

Mr. Gillette will have the small building down by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

REMARKS:

SOLICITOR

CLARK

In regards to Section 110 of the international code regarding salvageable materials, there should not be any salvageable materials as the copper was stolen. However, the Borough will need a statement from Mr. Gillette that there were no salvageable materials, or if there are, that they will be taken to a scrap metal dealer and the money given to the Borough.

REMARKS:

MR.

GILETTE

We planted over on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I have one tree left and about 15 plants left, which will be planted as soon as possible.

**\*\*\*NO STREETS & SANITARY SEWERS COMMITTEE REPORT THIS MONTH\*\*\***

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## **G. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Greg Schmitt, Pete Varos

1. RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Schmitt, seconded by Councilman Carter, motion to grant BridgePoint Church permission to use Tarentum Riverview Park on Sunday, June 14, 2015 to hold an outdoor service and picnic following. Motion passed with unanimous votes by Council
2. RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Schmitt, seconded by Councilman Varos, motion to grant Central Presbyterian Church permission to use Tarentum Riverview Park on Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to hold a Ukulele Workshop and Concert. Motion passed with unanimous votes by Council.
3. RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Schmitt, seconded by Councilman Varos, motion to give Darlene Nulph permission to use the pavilion at West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Western Street on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 PM for a wedding reception. Motion did not pass with a unanimous vote against.

\*\*\* NO AVN/COG COMMITTEE REPORT THIS MONTH\*\*\*

\*\*\*NO KOZ COMMITTEE REPORT THIS MONTH\*\*\*

## **J. REDEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

William Rossey, Mayor Carl Magnetta, Jr., Ray Kerr

1. RESOLVED, upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter, to accept the bid from Rhino Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$250,765.00 for the Phase 4 Streetscape Project. Motion passed with unanimous votes by Council.

REMARKS:

PRESIDENT

GUTONSKI I appreciate everyone's support coming out here tonight for my appointment to Borough Manager. Rest assured that I will be working with Bill to do the best job possible. I am sure I will learn a lot from him. I've lived here all my life, and I will do the best job I possibly can.

## **11. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**



REMARKS: Gina Landa, resident at 512 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue: since you're going to be the new manager, do you have to take your name off the ballot?

REMARKS: That is for 2016.

PRESIDENT

GUTONSKI

10:58

REMARKS:

COUNCILMAN

DAVIDEK His name remains on the ballot. If he were to win, he would have something like 7-10 days to go to the election bureau and take his name off the ballot for the general election.

REMARKS: Sandy Collins, 209 Main Street. Does that apply to his 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward run as well? Say you own both elections, you'd choose one, then come the first of the year, you'd choose one and take your name off. Then would there be a special election to fill your seat?

REMARKS:

PRESIDENT

GUTONSKI In that case, there would be an appointment. But the second person would not automatically be put into that spot.

REMARKS:

SOLICITOR

CLARK Assuming he wins tomorrow, then the party who nominated him gets to fill the vacancy -- or to put up the nominee for the November election.

You can find out who the local Democratic party is by going to the local website or giving them a call.

REMARKS:

MAYOR

MAGNETTA When he accepted the appointment, as he did tonight, he also had to resign from his position as Council Chairman, also as he did tonight. Now the Council has 30 days from June 1<sup>st</sup> to appointment a councilman until the end of the year.

## REMARKS:

Gary Dussler, 347 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I want to commend Bill for the work he's done for the past 9 years. I've seen a lot of improvements in the Borough. I think you made a good choice with Mr. Gutonski. I've known him all my life.

I would like to ask Bill about the planting in the area when you come off the expressway. And we don't have East Tarentum and West Tarentum; we have Tarentum. We need to work on the west part now.

But thank you, Bill, for the great work you've done over the years. And Mike, best of luck in your new appointment.

## REMARKS:

Jim Bowser, I think, Mr. Gutonski, that it would be a great idea for you to attend whatever government workshops you can in order to get more knowledge for this town, as much as you can.

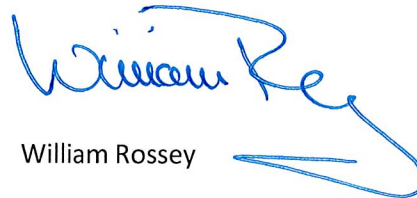
## REMARKS:

Tim Rapp, 204 Avenue, It's a pleasure to serve with you all for the betterment of Tarentum. Bill, it's been a pleasure to work with you for the last few years. Enjoy your retirement. Mike, I wish you all the best. Remember that it's all for Tarentum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr to adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting of May 18, 2015 was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



William Rossey

Borough Manager

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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**6:30 PM, JUNE 15, 2015**

SIGN IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Erika Josefowski	631 E. 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave
2. Sandy Collins	209 MAIN ST.
3. Tim Kulus	
4. Stan Kuhns	
5. Kathy Person	
6. Janelle Rossey	120 E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.
7. Jim Bouscar	314 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave
8. Laraine Zehnte	108 W. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave
9. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
10. Cindy Hamburg	538 E 10TH
11.	
12. Brad James	Eureka Fire Rescue
13. Larry Fox	170 Cedar St.
14. Larry Tuthill	1 <sup>st</sup> AVE
15. Bruce Ringer	405 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave
16. Scott Melton	Tarred
17. Kay Cavanaugh	107 W 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave
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