

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M. JUNE 15, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Greg Schmitt
Ray Kerr
Joe Davidek
Peter Varos
Eric Carter
Timothy Firko
William Rossey
Michael Gutonski
Mayor Magnetta
Solicitor Clark
Chief Vakulick

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESIDENT
FIRKO

Stated there was an executive session to discuss some personnel issues, which caused the meeting to begin late.

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 18, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to approve by Councilman Schmitt, seconded by Councilman Varos.

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

REMARKS:

Bruce Ringer of 6th Avenue. Previously talked to Mr. Rossey concerning opening up the park for dogs. I made the offer to buy the poop bag station for the park. I didn't

bring the price, but if the council so desire, I will buy them for the Borough.

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Rick Bosinec of Richie's Transfer, brought up issue of being asked to repair sidewalks in front of business and wanted to know if there was grant money or help to pay for repairs. He has owned that building for other 10 years and it seems that East Tarentum has gotten help with fixing the sidewalks. He has observed that the east side of Tarentum has gotten grant money to help out and wants to know if there is any for the west side.

PRESIDENT
FIRKO

We did have grant money \$150,000 that we bought the property on the 100 block of West 7th Avenue. The money was to buy this property then raze it, to try to induce some business.

The council realizes that that part of town needs attention, things don't work as fast as we would like them to work. The intent was to ask the business and property owners to help clean up and start at the very infrastructure, so there is something already good happening. It starts with the residents and businesses.

Focus of different councils, money was a little easier to come by, or hard to come by, by a focus was there, we believe that we need to upkeep this part. Now that you have it all nice we don't want to abandon it and run away. We want to upkeep the properties, but we also want to divert our focuses into the west side of town it is a nice place. Grants were applied for and it just takes time.

COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

The Borough has committed to removing the old concrete and making sure the public works director was on site as sidewalks are being replaced by business owners so that it is done properly.

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Curtis Stepp, owner, West End Tavern. Would like to know who to get specifications from to move forward with getting bids for the work on his business.

COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Commits to get together with the business owner this week to provide what is needed.

REMARKS

Kay Cavanaugh, has talked to council members and the Public works department before concerning drainage on her street. She brought pictures, which were passed around the council members. Water does not drain off the street properly because of the disrepair of the street. It floods her garage and basement. It has been an ongoing issue.

COUNCILMAN
GUTONSKI

Will have the street sweeper out there tomorrow and will have the crew come out with hotpatch to fix the problem. Will commit to working with the homeowner for as long as the problem persists.

REMARKS

Iola Stinemen, 109 Corbet Street, would like her street repaved. The issue is the curb.

MR. GUTONSKI

We have so many streets that need paved and if there is something that the borough can do to come up to your home to give you a temporary fix. We can do that. Our street department can fix that.

PRESIDENT
FIRKO

There is nothing more than we would love to do is to fix every road in town and make it. We have to try to find the worst of the worst and work from there.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This is my first meeting as council President. He wishes to thank my fellow councilmen for their faith in allowing me to serve in this capacity. He has been on council for six years and a lifelong resident and volunteer firefighter and fire chief. Served over 30 years in the department. And served the borough on the Civil Service Commission and the International Appeals Board. I love this town and I will continue to serve in this compass capacity with vim and vigor. And I wish, again, nothing but the best for this town and trying to work hard and accomplish a lot of this through this council. A lot of good guys, not that I didn't know, but there is a lot of work that not only our borough employees the do, and the police department street and water department. A lot of good guys and dedication, and also your fellow council members, their attention to duty is just phenomenal. I had a whole list I will not bore you with all of this. Just rest assure that had the upcoming months, we will work hard and try to continue to improve this borough and pass on the values in the new year to the next council or anyone else that is sitting up there.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Calls for service for May 2015: Calls for service 460; action necessary 335; no action necessary 125; arrests 20; citations issued, 114; total accidents 11; accidents with injuries 0; fines collected \$2,955.88; fines collected for the year, \$23,910.82; parking tickets issued 42. Attended Senator Vulakovich's senior disability expo at the Mills Mall. Also, spoke at the Tarentum VFW and the Brackenridge Annual memorial Day Program. June 6th, spoke at the Memorial Day program at Prospect Ceremony. Also would like to add one of the county councilman, just brought me this in. On this coming Thursday at the Mills Mall, there will be a job fair, 25 or 30 companies that will be there at the Mills Mall. This is sponsored by Allegheny County and Range resources.

This coming Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Mills Mall.

And also before I close, Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that I passed this out to you tonight. And I would like to have some kind of motion. The Borough owns the Grandview playground. We owned it since the 1980. We own it and the school has maintained it and had insurance on it and so on. But now we are applying for a new grant for Grandview Elementary School. This is the playground area and this is going to be the outdoor classroom pavilion and there is two individual tennis courts that are enclosed.

This is that it would not cost the borough any money. They are applying for a grant with a 15 percent match which the school district is taken care of and it will be filed next week Greenways Trails and Recreation Bill.

PRESIDENT
FIRKO

When we get there, we will do so.

6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

CHIEF At this time, there is no report.
VAKULICK

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

BILL ROSSEY At this time, there is no report.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

CHARLES CLARK

Worked on the two resolutions that are further in the agenda. Other than that it is fairly routine activity this month.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Right now we have Gibson Thomas, Dan Schmidt who wants to go over some engineering issues with the 4th Avenue Bridge.

DAN SCHMIDT

the 4th Avenue Bridge has been of limited use due to the structural deterioration. It is a bridge that is over 20 feet in span falls

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under the NBIS, the National Bridge Inventory System and has to be inspected every two years. The borough does have an agreement with PennDOT, to do the inspections and the borough pays for those inspections and is reimbursed a portion of the costs. There are local shares but some money is picked up from the federal bridge program.

There is a grading system and a sufficiency rating. The bridge is getting to the point of where it will need repaired or restricted from traffic. Because of the availability of detours and other bridges, it is very hard to get grant money through the TIP program to repair it, and it may never happen.

The bridge needs the superstructure replaced, not the abutments. Once the superstructure is repaired, the bridge should not need a major overhaul for 60 years.

He understands there is money from the gambling fund, about \$500,000, that the Borough has and he believes that money may be able to be used for the bridge repairs. He would like permission to explore the options with that money and the other available avenues to get the bridge closer to being repaired, whether that is doing preliminary designs or something else.

He believes the money may be all that is needed to get the work done on the bridge.

PRESIDENT
FIRKO

I would like to call for a motion to allow Gibson Thomas to explore cost effective measures for 4th Avenue Bridge.

Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Kerr.

Resolved, the above mentioned measure, by unanimous vote of the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, AND FINANCE

1. MOTION TO PAY JUNE BILLS

Upon motion by Councilman Kerr, seconded by

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Councilman Varos.

RESOLVED, this Council approves the payment of JUNE 2015 bills. Motion passed by a unanimous vote by the Council.

1. MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 15.02 ENCOURAGED THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND BOROUGH UTILITIES BY ELECTED BOROUGH OFFICIALS
Upon motion by Councilman, seconded by Councilman

RESOLVED, this Council approves the motion to encourage the payment of property taxes and utilities. Motion passed by a unanimous vote by the Council.

3. MOTION TO APPOINT ERICA JOSEFOSKI TO THE OPEN AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEAT.

Upon motion by Councilman Firko, seconded by Councilman Davidek.

RESOLVED, to accept Erica Josefowski to the at-large council seat.

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

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Swore the newly appointed councilwoman in to her duties.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Thank you Sandra Collins for your interest, we hope to continue to see you here. Sandra Collins was the other applicant. Thank you for your interest.

B. WATER COMMITTEE

1. Motion to accept the proposal from Three Rivers Diving to inspect the intake and determine the extent of dredging needed at the cost of \$3,820.

Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Varos, by a unanimous vote, the Council accept the proposal from Three Rivers Diving to inspect the intake and determine the extent of dredging needed at the cost of \$3,820.

2. Motion to have Dan Schmidt and Gibson Thomas as engineers on the isolation valve grant application.

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Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Varos, to have Gibson Thomas as the engineers for the installation of isolation valves, the motion passes by unanimous vote.

B. ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

RAY KERR

I don't have a report. I have a comment on the pole that went down on 10th Avenue the other night. I am on that grid. The speed that everything was turned back on, it took a little over two hours? Well for me, we lost it for the couple of hours.

AUDIENCE MEMBER

I am the first person on that grid I would like to get on another grid.

MR. KERR

For what happened the job that was done was done quickly and efficiently. A couple of years ago. Every couple of weeks, I think they did a fine job and got it done. I would like to commend everyone that was involved including the police.

MR. DAVIDEK

As I came through there tonight some of the poles are up there, they are in nasty shape. Really nasty shape.

MR. KERR

We have to find out if there is any way that there is a way to check them. Because that one was rotted from the outside.

MR. ROSSEY

There are four or five polls that will be replaced. Some of them are compromised from that one pulling it.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE

I want to call for a motion to purchase a laptop computer for the Emergency Management

Coordinator at a price of \$1,371.97.

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MR. FIRKO

I was appointed the emergency management coordinator for the borough, there is a lot of work that needs to be done. We went through the stuff that is on the desks, a lot of things need upgraded and one thing that we need to do is pull all of this stuff into this century. And with that, is a lot of electronic media, using a computer, to transfer all of this information and update all of the information that we need to service that position and the emergency management committee to effectively work. It is computer age. This is what needs to be done, and hasn't been done in a long time and we have a lot of work ahead of us to accommodate it. This is the start of it.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, I wish you would get my radio fixed so I can hear what is going on.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

It doesn't work?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

I have two radios one for the police and one for the fire. I understand that they are supposed to be together. We can't find the new police frequency.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

We will look at it.

Upon motion by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Schmidt, to purchase a laptop computer for the Emergency Management Coordinator at a price of \$1,371.97. The motion passes with a unanimous vote by the Council.

D. (Continued) PUBLIC SAFETY

A monthly report for May of 2015 from Eureka Fire rescue. They had 22 calls for service

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representing 74 personal hours, 3 mutual aid responses to Lower Burrell and Springdale Borough. Under the EMS side 253 calls representing 1,044 personnel hours. A lot of work by our volunteers and it all works because of that. If something happens with the weather and if they get called, our fire departments and EMS are always there, without question.

E. PROPERTY & ZONING, LIBRARY, AND HEALTH.

COUNCILMAN KERR

1. I would like to make a motion to grant JG's Tarentum Station restaurant permission to relocate their current sign to the corner of East 6th avenue and Lock Street.

REMARKS:

CHIEF VAKULICK

Can I comment on that, Mr. Chairman? There is an issue where they are putting it. The site view at the stop sign coming from the 6th Avenue and Corbet Street. I had a conversation with them on Friday. They are going to try to move it more so it doesn't affect the traffic flow. It was 6th avenue is a little higher, so it would affect the view. And they will move it in this way a little bit.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

They will work with you?

CHIEF VAKULICK

They claim to. They will move it in.

MR. DAVIDEK

A little comment on this place? First of all, we are putting it in one of the new garden areas, that garden was just planted and you want to it in the middle of it. Second of all, I am wondering of what is the liability of us putting a business sign on borough property when we have none now?

MR. ROSSEY

It is on borough property now.

MR. DAVIDEK

I thought that was railroad property.

MR. ROSSEY

That is questionable.

MR. DAVIDEK

I would rather have it at that wall than that corner.

MR. ROSSEY

They want you to see it when you come down 6th when you can see it. When the whole train station renovations were done five years ago, a sign was designed to be put up there. But no one had the money to pay for it at that point. Otherwise it would have been up there originally.

MR. DAVIDEK

Is there a liability for allowing that to be put up this there — I mean solicitor?

MR. CLARK

I would want to double check that, but I think we would be immune from the liability that would be incumbent with the sign.

MR. DAVIDEK

If it were to rust out and fall on somebody's car, what is our liability here? Because it is on our property.

MR. CLARK

It is on our property but it would be the duty. And we would give them a an assignment for the sign. I want to take a few minutes to research it. Or in the alternative, you can put it in the resolution that they would have to assume all liability associated with the sign. That would be part of their permission.

MR. FABEC

He is going to need the permits to move that sign through code enforcement.

MR. KERR

I will amend the motion to add that they have all the liability on the sign and they get all of the permits needed to move the sign. Is that good enough?

MR. DAVIDEK

Good enough, but go ahead.

MR. KERR

Are you satisfied with the motion?

MR. VAROS

That includes my second.

MR. FIRKO

Any remarks on the amended motion?

MR. DAVIDEK

I'm still worried about us going and putting commercial signs on Borough property. You don't have it anywhere in the Borough. Why will when I start now?

MR. KERR

Upon the motion to grant JG's Tarentum Station restaurant permission to relocate their current sign to the corner of East 6th avenue and Lock Street. Motion by Councilman Kerr, second by Councilman Varos, upon a roll call vote, (4) to (3,) the motion is carried.

2. A motion to grant Streetlight Coffee House permission to use the pavilion on West 6th Avenue on Saturday July 11th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to hold a summer festival. Motion made by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Carter.

REMARKS

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Yes, I would like to know, when Tarentum borough does not own the pavilion, as I understand it is located on railroad property, how can we give people permission to use that, and also they want to use electricity, which means that we have to send a man down to turn the electricity on check the meter and then we have to send somebody

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down to turn it off and check the meter and there are four hours that the taxpayers and last year they asked for permission and they were supposed to donate money to Summit Hose, who is still waiting for a donation. I don't know, I just think that there should be some clarification on how or why this council can give them permission when we don't own it.

MR. DAVIDEK

Carl, I'm not too sure, but didn't someone give that to Summit Hose give that to Tarentum borough once they constructed it?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

No.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

I don't think so.

AUDIENCE MEMBER:

It is Summit Hose property.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Not really. The property isn't. But it was also — and Jimmy you were a member along with myself, and Mike, and we knew that when we built pavilion that it was subject to this kind of activity.

MR. DAVIDEK

Should they be asking the Summit Hose rather than us.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

It is our property.

AUDIENCE MEMBER

It is not your property.

MR. DAVIDEK

You just stated it was.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

The railroad owns the property and the Summit Hose leases the property.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

We lease the property.

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MR. ROSSEY

The borough leases that property. It is the same situation as the Snack Shack.

MR. ROSSEY

These people did it last year. They have a business on the corner of Center and 7th Avenue, the building that is being renovated. They have done it before. As far as the electric, it is minimal. It may be \$10 worth that they use.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

It is the four hours for the borough employee to turn it on and off.

MR. ROSSEY

It can be on Friday and all they need is an extension cord. And it can be shut off on Monday. We don't have to pay anybody down there overtime, it can be Friday and Monday.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

There are firemen here, what do you think?

AUDIENCE MEMBER

I think that our permission should be asked, if you own for the pavilion. Just like we would ask you for permission to use the band shelter or any other borough property. And you are not overstepping the boundary by not asking Summit Hose. Our President is around, you can call the fire hall and leave a number and I am sure that he will get back to you.

This is twice that me and Scott, Jimmy, and Mike, you are a life member, also, it is just not right to do, when it is our property, our pavilion. I think it is ridiculous.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Jimmy, I will give you one quick thing.

JIMMY

Since I go through this last meeting and this meeting, need to sit down with if the borough wants to do this they have to get Summit Hoses permission. They were supposed to give a donation to Summit Hose. They never did,

so you turn it down this time. If they want to give the donation, it is a set price to use that property. It is a set price if you want to rent out the borough building. You tell them it is \$300 whether you are the mayor or any citizen of the town. You pay the certain amount and it is for everybody but you don't give when it don't belong to you. If you want to make it right you sign an agreement and these people have to pay the money up front or they don't get to use it.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Thank you, Jim, and thank you for your comments. It opens our eyes and this is what we need to hear.

MR. KERR

This — nothing against summit do they actually own it if it is on our property? In the stadium, there is a refreshment stand that at one time a football organization built and they were told by council that the Little League Organization has the right to use it because it is Borough Property. If you build on Borough Property, the Borough takes it over, am I correct?

JIM

That is railroad property.

MR. CLARK

If it is affixed to the property does it becomes our property, that is the general rule of law. Yes, again, I would want to look at it. When this whole conversation started someone mentioned there was a lease, so if we have entered into the lease, what type of lease is it? There are different issues that I am simply unaware of. I don't want to give an incomplete legal opinion. But if you want to affix something to the property by using it, it becomes the land owners, that is the general rule.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Okay, with that information, and the negative dissent, this is on July 11th. I don't think we will have another meeting. I want to

table this motion so we can figure this out. Another fact is that if they were asked last year and they didn't donate when they said they would, they should have. So let's table it.

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F. STREETS & SANITARY SEWERS.

MR. CARTER

1. Motion to grant the residents of Roup Street permission to hold a block party on Saturday, August 1st, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. With a rain date of Saturday, August 8th and to block the street from Summit Street to Wills Alley during this time. Upon motion by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Kerr, of Roup Street permission to hold a block party on Saturday, August 1st, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. With a rain date of Saturday, August 8th and to block the street from Summit Street to Wills Alley during this time. Upon a vote, the motion carries.

MR. KERR

They did this last year, is that correct?

CHIEF VAKULICK

They understand it should be the same. They should leave access on the one side for emergency.

MR. ROSSEY

I will put that in the letter stating that they have to keep a lane open for emergencies.

MR. KERR

2. I also have a motion to accept the 2015 Paving list, for the following; 400 block of West 8th Avenue, the 100 block of Conroy, the 400 block of Walters Way, and the 100 block of Walters Way for a total of \$72,800. Moved by Councilman Kerr, seconded by Councilman Davidek.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Yes. Motion was passed by a unanimous vote from Council.

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G. PARKS & RECREATION.

MR. SCHMITT

1. I make a motion to support the grant application for the Grandview Elementary Greenways Grant.

Moved by Councilman Schmitt, seconded by Councilman Carter, to accept the application — to show support for the application of the Greenways application for the playground at Grandview Elementary.

Is there any remarks? Everybody is familiar and we have seen that?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

No remarks, Motion was passed by a unanimous vote from Council.

MR. SCHMITT

2. Motion to advertise the ordinance 15-04 prohibiting certain activities and behaviors in Riverview Memorial Park. Motion made by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Councilman Firko.

Moved and seconded to advertise ordinance 15-04 prohibiting certain activities and behaviors in Riverview Memorial Park.

Any remarks?

REMARKS:

MAYOR MAGNETTA

I would like to know who proposed this?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Who?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Who proposed this?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

I would say I support it. I do.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

You support it. In other words, you drew this up, or you are behind this?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Maybe.

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MAYOR MAGNETTA

Good. Have you ever been in the park?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

I have been in the park.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

I have you ever been in the park when there are concerts?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Yeah.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Have you observed what has gone on when there are concerts in the park?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Have you read the ordinance?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Yes. I have.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Then what can prohibit anything that is disruptive?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Well, you have that you can bring animals the in the park know.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Responsible pet owners, well look at your 15...I don't even have kit, can you help me out on that amendment that we discussed?

(Simultaneous speaking.)

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Of course you have the service animals. In 105 of section 5, do you have that mayor?

MR. CLARK

The catch-all provision that was add is anything disruptive can be dealt with.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

What about bikes?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Bikes fall under that same issue. That same section, section 1.

CHIEF VAKULICK

May I comment on this?

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PRESIDENT FIRKO

Yeah.

CHIEF VAKULICK

Who will monitor this?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Who is monitoring it now?

CHIEF VAKULICK

If we drive through and we see a dog or a bike, we throw them out. So if we see a dog shitting, the police are supposed to get out and go get them and tell them they are not a responsible owner? This park is for kids and people to walk. You can't put a bike in there and you have an elderly person walking and a bike coming up behind them. They are not going to hear them. Do you know what is going to happen? What are we thinking here? This is — this is completely —

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Skate boards are still prohibited.

CHIEF VAKULICK

We have a beautiful park. We just put up posts light poles and we are going to bring bikes in here and dogs and half the park is made for kids. We will put dogs down there? This is going to be a police problem, seriously? What are we thinking here? We may as well put alcohol and drugs in the park and take down the no smoking. We are not worried about the kids safety, right?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Come on, Tim.

CHIEF VAKULICK

Then you will go to me and want this monitored and the dog shit in the park and the police didn't do anything about it. I don't want to hear that. It is out of line, completely out of line.

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MR. DAVIDEK

You have a motion and a second on the floor I would like to remind the mayor — I would like to remind the mayor, he can veto this ordinance.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

I know that, Joe, and it will be vetoed. But what I am saying is, just like the Chief said we have one of the most beautiful parks in the area. People enjoy it. This ordinance says, about all the enjoyment of the park and this. We are going to bring dogs in and bikes in, and you know a couple of weeks ago I was in the park and I happened to be sitting there, and a little kid about 2 years old walked over and trampled in a pile of crap. You know what the parents did? Took her over to the water fountain, and cleaned off his shoes in the water fountain.

Now, there are people that take their dogs to the park that aren't bothered or not caught. That are responsible. They do have bags, they do pick up. But that is — there excuse me, few and far between. Believe me.

Gentlemen I will tell you what. You are making a big, big, big mistake, if you pass this ordinance. There is no need to change the ordinance we have now. I don't know why anyone would want to change this ordinance. It is crazy, absolutely crazy.

CHIEF VAKULICK

Did you ever look at the grassy area along 5th Avenue and see when people clean up their dogs doings? It never happens. Ask the street how many times they do it.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

There was some question on whether this is permitted. We drew it up under all good intentions.

CHIEF VAKULICK

It is not a good idea Timmy. I don't think it is.

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PRESIDENT FIRKO

I respect your opinion.

CHIEF VAKULICK

I believe it is a bad idea.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Do you have comments?

ERIKA JOSEFOSKI

This is something I will — I don't want to make waves my first day here. I believe we can revisit this. There are such great points going both ways, and I certainly don't want to people to not be able to bring their dogs, they love their dogs like they love their children and they should be able to bring them to the park. At the same time, I can understand that they don't want their children around any dog or they don't want them stepping in anything. There may be some certain area that we can fence off as a dog park and have stand with bags and let the dogs run free.

AUDIENCE MEMBER

A dog park it has good points and bad points, the bad points about are —

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Can you state your name?

BRUCE RINGER

Bruce Ringer, Ringer's Dog training.
At a dog park, you are having off-leash dogs, who has got the shot records of this dog? Who has the temperament of the dog?
I run a doggie day care. I screen every dog that comes into my place. I turn away more than I accept on temperament reasons. I am against dog parks because somebody from South Hills can bring their dog in, and nothing

about this.

CHIEF VAKULICK

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Same thing will happen here. Who will ID people at the gate? I mean the same reason why the temperament of the dog with the children in the dog.

BRUCE RINGER

If it is on a leash, it is under control.

CHIEF VAKULICK

If it is on leash, unless you are walking close enough to a child and the dog snaps out at the end of the leash. You know it as much as I do.

MR. GUTONSKI

I have one question about this, and I am very neutral when it comes to this, I have one question for you. What is the situation now whenever — because we know that there are people that walk dogs through the park.

CHIEF VAKULICK

We get a call or we see them, we ask them to leave the park. Same with bicycles. The bicycle thing, there are elderly, some of them can't hear. So if you have somebody that rides the bike properly and says, I am going on your left, you think they are going to hear it? No, they will turn around and turn right into that bike. It makes no sense. Our park is beautiful. Why are we changing it? I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Listen, the only reason why is that we propose this, and I will take the blame for this. I appreciate having the ability, in your case, if you want to argue that is fine. We show our dislike for something that is not. I based my opinions on the responsible pet owner that wants to go down, myself included, but I pass that park with my leashed animal that I am right now not permitted in the park.

CHIEF VAKULICK.

I fully understand that, but do you think that 911 is going to take the calls that say there is a dog that the owner didn't pick them up and tell the police to go down there. They will hang up on them.

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PRESIDENT FIRKO

Bill are they —

CHIEF VAKULICK

Your problem isn't the responsible pet owners.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

They will do the same thing to say the dog is in the park. We can banter this all day. I think that the bikes, if anybody has any defense about this?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Oh my, stop and think of it. I mean just like the Chief said, I have seen this and if anybody — if you sit down at the park and watch. There is a lot of older people who walk that park. I mean, they enjoy walking the park. They enjoy sitting on the bank and looking at the river and you know, watching the boats go by, come on, fellas.

This is idiotic, this thing, this is idiotic. It should be ripped up and throw in the garbage. It is terrible.

MR. KERR

When I walk my dog, I have to stay on 1st Avenue. And I carry the paper bags, one of the best things the Valley Paper is the bag it comes in, sometimes, and I clean up. It is a shame I can't stroll, even the middle of the night, early in the morning, I can't stroll through the park with my dog. You know?

CHIEF VAKULICK

Then you have to deal the with the street department and the kids in the water fountain

cleaning their shoes. The street department has to go through that mess so we pay a guy to walk around with the poop scooper, basically to clean up what people don't clean up.

10:55

PRESIDENT FIRKO

But we do have an offer to buy —

CHIEF VAKULICK

If they are being used, responsible pet owners.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

I think I would be willing to drop the bicycle, but I am still a little bit —

MR. KERR

You don't have just one lap, you have to come back.

MAUREEN WHITE

Maureen White Worth Street, right across here. Any one of you councilmen who is voting for this should come sit on the porch in the evenings and watch dogs drink out of the fountain and watch kids play in the fountain. I wouldn't drink out of that fountain if I was dying of thirst, from what I see down there, and I have a dog and I live right here and I can't walk it down through the park.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Did you ever want to?

MAUREEN WHITE

No, not at the risk — there is a spray park and a playground. Our dog is very well behaved. She likes to bark at people and lick everyone to death, but I don't. I walk 1st Avenue with a bag. A red bag from the newspapers.

MR. KERR

Can we do a trial basis?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Did you want to amend? And take the bikes out? Whatever you want to do, Joe.

MR. DAVIDEK

It was presented as you have it typed we have a motion.

10:55

PRESIDENT FIRKO

And now you have a question on it. Go ahead.

CARRIE FOX

170 Cedar Street. You didn't consider in that ordinance that you have a concession stand over there that you didn't think about putting in there. It is used about six or seven times a year for summer concerts. You can't have dogs around food. You can't have it where we have the tables set up for food. So, that is another thing you didn't even write in there.

I don't understand how you councilmen can come up with an ordinance when nobody else has any input on it.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Who says that there is dissension? There is discussion.

CARRIE FOX

I didn't say there was dissension.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Any activities that would be contrary to the continued quiet enjoyment of the Grandview Park and the borough citizens is what we added because we knew there was — there are people out there that just aren't — they will break the law. I agree with that. This resolution — this ordinance is drafted with great intention. That is to benefit the citizens of the Borough of Tarentum.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

How? What kind of benefit is it to the Borough of Tarentum?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

By enjoying this great park that we have, Mayor, we should marketing this park to dog owners.

10:55

LARRY TROUTMAN

Larry Troutman, 1st Avenue. Why didn't you ask the people that use the park what they think about the bikes and what they think about the dogs on the leashes? My wife walks in that park with a walker. Does she want to have a bike coming up behind her? That is crazy. I see people out of my window with their dogs crapping in the park and no bags.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Okay. Here is what we will do —

JIM BOWSER

Table this and go right now and every citizen — Jim Bowser, 314 West 8th Avenue. Every citizen of this town, every taxpayer of this town deserves the same right. I don't agree with the bikes in the park and I don't agree with the dogs, but I think there should be a place in this town that you can take the dog, and walk the dog. You build a skate board park down here, and you got a grant for that skate board park. The kids ruined it and now it is a hockey thing down there. How is that doing, Bill?

MR. ROSSEY

The hockey rink is doing all right.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

The kids didn't ruin the skate park, Jim, it was the wood that rotted away. It was going to cost us too much money.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

We are totally off.

JIM BOWSER

Table this, make it provisions that it should be somewhere in the borough that people can take their dog. And it would save a lot of aggravation.

PRESIDENT FIRKO:

We will table it. We will make revisions. We will ask for comments and go from there.

PERSON

Don't you have a motion on the floor?

20:55

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Do you just drop the motion?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

You are allowed to table it. I believe I am. We just did one today.

MAYOR MAGNETTA

You were wrong there too.

JIM BOWSER

Then you veto it, Mayor.

MR. DAVIDEK

I rescind my second of the motion.

MR. SCHMITT

I rescind the motion.

MR. CLARK

He withdrew his motion and he withdrew his second, as I recall at this point. Now, you are the President, is that what the record should reflect?

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Yes. Okay.

BRUCE RINGER

Do you still want — even though you won't allow dogs in, there, I will still buy things and pull them up there, if you want them.

PRESIDENT FIRKO.

We will keep that in mind.

CHIEF VAKULICK

Maybe you should put those along 5th Avenue and Council can see if they work out. See if they will give you the permission to do that and see how it works out with the bags and the grassy areas.

BRUCE RINGER

I don't have a problem with that.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Let's let this lay. Let's get cool heads
this is just stuff that needs to be debated
and we will move on.

10:55

MR. GUTONSKI.

Maybe you may want to set up a public meeting
about this since they are the ones that will
be involved for this.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

We will discuss this further.

H. AVN/COG There is no report.

J. KOZ, Mayor?

MAYOR MAGNETTA

Nothing at this point in time, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

J. Redevelopment And Revitalization Committee.

MR. KERR

Nothing, Mr. President.

MR. GUTONSKI

Before we get to citizens comments, I want to
speak a couple words, speaking as the Borough
Manager-in-Training. I have been attending
numerous events dealing with the Borough,
dealing with the early warning detection
system with the water, and dealing with the
sustainable municipalities and the work that
Bill did in the past. We are trying to
continue with those efforts.

I am going to grant writing class on Thursday
and numerous other classes that are set up
for our parks and other issues for the
Borough.

I have been working with the street
department. I have been working with Bill
and the ladies in the office to get a firm
grasp on how the Borough is ran on a day-to-
day basis. And that is it.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Citizens comments, please rise and state your

name.

JIM BOWSER

314 West Dayton Avenue, Owner.
First thing that I have is with the sign at the train station. Is there any ordinance that he can leave that sign and just raise it up a little, with being able to see it from the bridge instead of moving it? I mean what is your ordinance on the height of the sign?

MR. FABEC

Once he changes it he has to apply for a permits.

JIM BOWSER

Then we can just have him change it and take it up and not interfere with the intersection?

MR. FABEC

I can't tell you because I don't know how high it is, so I can't tell you if he moved it up if it would be okay.

JIM BOWSER

I think that would be more feasible than if he leaves it and as long as he gets the advertisement and you can see it from the bridge, why interfere with traffic? Second thing I got, is what is the deal with the gas and oil drilling? Is that table and under the water or what is going on there?

MR. GUTONSKI

Right now the industry is at a lull. So the interest is not there right now.

JIM BOWSER

And the third thing, Tim, being you are the management coordinator, there were people up here earlier in dire need of work done in front of their house. I think at this time, out of the goodness of your heart, give that 1300 bucks up and fix those peoples problem up on 13th and try to alleviate their water getting in their basement. As time progresses you can get the computer. I understand you need the upgrade and you need

to do things, but these people were in dire need and they were promised for that street to be fixed and it should be fixed. There is 1300 bucks there that could help them out.

MR. GUTONSKI

There is money in the budget that we can use for street repairs, so we will be able to use that money to be able to help them.

JIM BOWSER

Why the don't we use that money and help these people out and get that problem solved.

MR. GUTONSKI

We are going to get that problem solved. We don't need that \$1,300. We have money in the budget.

JIM BOWSER

Alleviate the computer for six months and then go from there. Fine just get them people's problems fixed.

PRESIDENT FIRKO

Any additional comments?

TIM KUHNS

Tim Kuhns, 100 Kuhns Drive. I know it is easy to criticize everybody. I would like to commend some people. A year or two years ago, I think the mayor and the chief spearheaded putting in new traffic lights in West 7th avenue in West Tarentum. Living there, I used to see every other week an accident. I haven't seen an accident — and I could have been wrong but I haven't seen any — since the lights were installed so I would like you to commend you on being proactive and helping our community.

CHIEF VAKULICK

Tim is right. We have had none.

MR. GUTONSKI

The accident rate has dropped 95.99 percent.

CHIEF VAKULICK

That wasn't because of lights, that was driver error.

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PRESIDENT FIRKO

Thank you Tim for the kind remarks, well deserved. Again, it is not all about the negatives. We should disagree and work it out, that is why we are here. It would be easy to run this Borough if anyone agreed. Any other citizen comments?

LARRY TROUTMAN

Larry Troutman, 1st Avenue. This is just a question. You take up the park, one end to the other to put the lights in, and they are beautiful, but they graded it and nobody planted grass seed. Is there plans or is that guy supposed to plant that grass or do we just wait for the weeds to build up throughout the year?

MR. ROSSEY

He should be back any day. He hasn't been paid a dime yet. He has to come back and grade that and put seed down.

MR. GUTONSKI

He is waiting for a piece of equipment to get repair for that to happen.

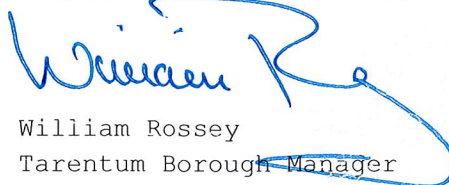
LARRY TROUTMAN

The lights look nice.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Davidek, seconded by Mr. Schmitt.
There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting of May 18, 2015 was unanimously adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Tarentum Borough Manager