

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, 2016

6:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDING: Erika Josefoski, Greg Schmitt, Carrie Fox, Rhonda Dzigan, Tim Cornuet, Peter Varos, Solicitor Charles Clark. Chief William Vakulick, Manager Michael Gutonski

Council President Eric Carter-absent due to work. Mayor Magnetta absent due to illness

Vice President Erika Josefoski reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded

Vice President Erika Josefoski stated an Executive Session was held August 23, 2016 to discuss a personnel issue

Motion by Tim Cornuet, second by Carrie Fox, to approve minutes from the August 2, 2016 regular Council meeting motion passed 6-0, one absent

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. Cindy Homberg reminded everyone that the Ghost Tour at Prospect Cemetery will held October 6, 2016 at 6:00. Reservations are required.

2. Sandy Collins questions about what the Borough is going to do with abandoned properties. She stated that there are approximately 75 properties she asked if the Borough could put them up for Sheriff Sale.

Tim Cornuet told Ms. Collins that there is a motion on the agenda this evening to pass Ordinance 16-02 pertaining to vacant properties. Ms Collins also asked about delinquent property taxes. Carrie Fox stated that Karen Marietti, Tax Collector has been sending out Warning Letters and has been collecting more delinquent taxes and she should be commended on the job she is doing.

Karen Marietti, upon Carrie Fox's request reported that there as been more money coming in with the new letters that were approved by Council and the solicitor.

3. Regina Prokopczuk asked if the county would give a discount if the Borough put a lot of houses up for Sheriff Sale, Borough Manager Mike Gutonski told her no.

4. Martin Bertolino questioned what was going to be done with the side of the building at 215 Corbet St since the Borough could not get the grant to purchase the property. A discussion was held Solicitor Clark stated that the buildings on Corbet St were all to be purchased for the Corbet St realignment and that not all the buildings were purchased for demo Manager Gutonski said that Council needs to address the building.

3. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Tim Cornuet to approve payment estimate #2 to Andreas Painting in the amount of \$57,780.00 for water storage tank #2
Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

4. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to paint the outside only of tank #1 by Andreas Painting in the amount of \$50,100. Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

ELECTRIC: Nothing at this time

STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS:

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to advertise for the vacant UAJSA Board position
Motion Passed

2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve payment to Shields Paving in the amount of \$87,511.41 for the completion of 2016 paving project.
Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

3. Carrie Fox suggested to Council to purchase banners for the light poles on W 7th Ave a discussion was held regarding cost of banners and brackets

4. Motion by Tim Cornuet second by Peter Varos to purchase 22 banners and brackets for W 7th Ave not to exceed \$4,000.00 Motion Passed

SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE PUBLIC:

Rhonda Dzugan reported:

1. Eureka Summary of calls Fire 29 total personnel hours 925, EMS calls 245 total personnel hours 978, total company training hours 37 for the month of August

2. Highland Hose Co July Fire calls 8 man hours 3.5 training 22 hours. August Fire calls 14, man hours 106, training hours 180

3. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Greg Schmitt to pass Resolution 16-08 acknowledging that no employee contribution is required of the Borough of Tarentum Police Dept. into the Police Pension Plan Passed

4. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Carrie Fox to sell the 2014 Impala to Carlow College in the amount of \$13,000 Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

5. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Tim Cornuet to approve the purchase of two (2) 2016 Ford Interceptor All Wheel Drive SUVs Police Vehicles in the amount of \$55,462.44 Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

Chief Vakulick stated the building is a safety hazard.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Nothing at this time

MAYORS REPORT: Nothing at this time

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:

1. Chief Vakulick stated that in March he applied to the USDA for a grant to purchase two (2) new police vehicles in the amount of \$69,000.00. He stated due to the state not passing the budget in 2015 the grant amount received was actually \$39,700.00.

2. Chief Vakulick stated that the Police Dept would be purchasing two (2) 2016 Ford Interceptor AWD SUV's in the amount of \$55,462.44 with the grant of \$39,700.00 and the sale of the 2014 Impala to Carlow College in the amount of \$13,000.00.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Gutonski reported:

1. The work on water storage tank #3 is complete and work is being done #2 water storage tank

2. Manager Gutonski stated that Andreas, since the weather will be changing soon, would like to paint and complete the restoration to the outside only of #1 water storage tank. Since only the outside work will be done, no permits will be required.

3. Manager Gutonski stated that there is \$400,000.00 is left in the bond account and \$150,000.00 will be needed to pay on the remaining tank. The inside work for #1 tank will be bid out next year for completion.

4. Manager Gutonski asked that a motion be made by the Water Committee to approve painting the outside of #1 tank at a cost of \$50,000.00 by Andreas

5. Manager Gutonski stated he received a call for both the DEP and Army Corps of Engineers regarding the boat docks and that the Borough is in violation for some laws. The Borough has never been approached by either party regarding these violations in prior years. There are permits needed for each dock and the permits are expensive. Mr. Gutonski contacted Brackenridge Boro and they are faced with the same situation. They have leased out each dock and each dock lease is required to obtain the permits. Greg Schmitt ask if the solicitor can check into this law.

6. Manager Gutonski stated that the bids received last month for the digger truck were too low and last month Council voted on re-advertising the digger truck with the lowest bid being \$2,500.00 and advertise for the sale of a trailer. Bid opening will be held September 12, 2016.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Mr. Clark reported:

1. The lawsuit by the Goral's has taken another turn. The Goral's amended the original complain without a court order.
2. The sale of the property at 134 W 7th Ave had to be rescinded due to all the County Property Taxes that are owed and should have been removed. He asked for permission to go before the county to ask for forgiveness of the property taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE:

1. Motion was made by Greg Schmitt second by Tim Cornuet to pay August Bills
Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent Motion Passed
2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Pete Varos to accept the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer Phillip Davidek effective August 31, 2016. Motion Passed
3. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to advertise the position of Code Enforcement Officer. A discussion held regarding what should be put in the advertisement and when Council should interview and hire. The decision was to state in the advertisement the wage of \$17.00 per hour and the requirements for the position Motion Passed
4. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Rhonda Dzugan to rescind the sale and Tarentum Borough retain the deed for the property located at 134 W 7th Ave for failure to comply with Section 4 of the purchase agreement and for Solicitor Clark to approach the county to exonerate any County Taxes owed.
Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

WATER:

1. Motion by Pete Varo second by Carrie Fox to pay estimate #4 to Andreas Painting in the amount of \$3,115.59 for water storage tank #3. Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent
2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve payment for change order #1 to Andreas Painting in the amount of \$1,195.48 for water storage tank #3 Roll Call 6 yes 0 nay 1 absent

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. Motion by Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve VFW request to close Wood St from 4th Ave to the Tribune Review Building for a Block Party October 8, 2016 from noon until 8:00 PM, there will be no alcohol outside the only outside activities will be food and kids games. Motion Passed
2. Reminder from Carrie Fox of the Fall Festival Sept 22-24, 2016.
3. Carrie Fox stated that Cindy Homberg has done an excellent job putting together the 175th Anniversary Calendar for Tarentum Borough Celebration next year. They are hoping the calendars are done for sale at the Fall Festival
4. Erika Josefowski stated that a fence has been erected at the W 6th Ave basketball courts and the slow children signs have been erected.
5. Manager Gutonski stated that the Eagles donated money to help with renovations at the W 6th Ave basketball courts
6. Tim Cornuet asked if the students from St Josephs could be recognized by Council for the work that was done on the mural at the pavilion on W 6th Ave. This is already in the works

PROPERTY & ZONING:

1. Motion made by Tim Cornet second by Carrie Fox to adopt Ordinance 16-02 pertaining to regulations for Property Maintenance Motion Passed
2. A discussion was held among Council, the Manager and the Solicitor regarding Council members going out to do Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance. Solicitor Clark voiced his concerns about Council members going out on calls also. Manager Gutonski will do inspections etc until the Code Enforcement Position is filled. Former CEO Chris Fabec will do building permits until the new CEO is trained. Also discussed the time frame of the hiring process

AVN/COG: Nothing at this time

KOZ: Nothing at this time not meeting was held

REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION: Nothing at this time

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Cecil Douglas requested to use the band shell for an All Lives Matter Concert. Manager Gutonski informed him he needed to come to the Borough Office and obtain an application and return it to the Borough for consideration.
2. Sandy Collins requested a copy of Ordinance 16-02 Mr. Clark stated that she can look on line under the International Maintenance Codes 2015.
3. Barbara Magnetta stated she was concerned about council members doing the Code Enforcement job. Manager Gutonski said that he would do any inspections on the streets and property and Erika Josefowski will work on going through the files.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7.41 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski
Borough Manager

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET
COUNCIL MEETING

Sept. 6th 2016

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Linda Boldy	Tarentum
2. Robert B. Steben	HHC
3. Karen M. Mallett	Tarentum
4. Dave Rankin	305 Allegheny St. Tarentum
5. BILL MAYHELL	547 WEST 4 th AVE TARENTUM
6. GINA LANDA	512 E 6TH
7. SANDY COLLINS	209 MAIN ST.
8. Bob & LORAIN	108 W 4th St
9. Barb MAGNETTA	169 CEDAR ST
10. CINDY HOMBURG	538 E 10TH
11. Tim Rapp	204 E 9th
12. J. J. Sours	314 4th Ave own
13. GEORGE GUIDO	Valley View Disposal
14. Cecil D. Dargatzis	207 McKee Street Apt C
15. LARRY TROSTMAN	333 1ST AVE
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