

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

6:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

**ATTENDING:** Eric Carter, Erika Josefowski, Greg Schmitt, Carrie Fox, Rhonda Dzigan, Solicitor Regoli, Mayor Magnetta, Chief William Vakulick, Manager Michael Gutonski

Pete Varos & Tim Cornuet-absent due to illness

Council President Eric Carter-reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded

Motion: by Carrie Fox second by Erika Josefowski to approve minutes from November 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and November 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting Motion carried

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

1. Cindy Hornberg stated there are still 175th Anniversary calendars available
2. Walter Alfater stated that there is pipe in the street by 917 Lawton and the street is caving in for several months. Manager Gutonski stated that is a sewer line and it should be repaired soon
3. Jim Bowser stated the alley between W 8th Ave and W.9<sup>th</sup> Ave by Holy Martyrs Church is collapsing

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

1. Eric Carter stated there were two Executive Sessions held November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 and November 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 to discuss personnel matters.
2. Solicitor Clark submitted his letter of resignation
3. Council hired Mr.Regoli as Solicitor
4. Eric Carter thanked Council and Manager Gutonski on what was accomplished this past year for the Borough

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. No report at this time, the information from County 911 was not received;

**POLICE CHIEFS REPORT:** Nothing at this time

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

Manager Gutonski reported:

1. Around December 26, 2016 the 4th Ave Bridge repair will begin, the repairs are to be completed by summer 2017
2. The Budget, if passed will have no tax increase or utility rate increases, the Borough ended the year with \$130,000.00 which can be put toward infrastructure
3. The Budget allows for possible dredging of the water intake and new equipment

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Nothing at this time

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****ADMINISTRATION, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, FINANCE:**

1. Motion: Erika Josefoski second by Greg Schmitt to pay November Bills Roll Call 5 yes  
O nay 2 absent Motion Carried
2. Motion: Erika Josefoski second by Greg Schmitt to pass the 2017 Proposed Budget...roll call 4 yes 1 nay 2 absent. Motion passed. Councilwoman Fox stated she voted no for the budget because she doesn't approve of the Manager's raise and feels the money could be used elsewhere in the borough.
3. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Rhonda Dzugan to advertise Ordinance 17-01 Setting the tax millage at 5.48 mill, no increase.  
5 yes O nay 2 absent Motion Carried
4. Motion to approve Managers Work Agreement-tabled
5. Motion to by Erika Josefoski, second by Greg Schmitt to advertise the following meeting for 2017
  - A regular council meeting 1st Tuesday of each month
  - B. Recreation Board meeting 1st Thursday of each month (as needed)
  - C. Civil Service Board meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (as needed)
  - D. Planning Commission meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (as needed)
  - E. Zoning Hearing Board meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (as needed)Motion Carried
6. Motion by Erika Josefoski second by Carrie Fox to set the 2017 Tax Collectors commission at 2% for current years taxes. Roll Call 5 yes O nay 2 absent

7. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to hire Merge & Hill as the Borough Auditor for the year 2017. Motion Carried

8. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Rhonda Dzigan to hire Gibson Thomas Engineering as Borough Engineers for the year 2017. Motion Carried

9. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to advertise 3 opening for the Planning Commission (4 yr term) Motion Carried

10. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to advertise 1 opening for the Zoning Hearing Board (5 yr term) Motion Carried

11. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Rhonda Dzigan to advertise 1 opening for Civil Service Commission (6 yr term) Motion Carried

12. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to advertise for opening on Vacancy Board (recurring) Motion Carried

13. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to hire Hoffmans Kennels as the Borough Dog Catcher for the year 2017. With an addendum regarding fees and procedures for cats. Roll Call 3 yes 2 nay 2 absent

Yes, Erika Josefowski, Greg Schmitt, Eric Carter. Nay Carrie Fox, Rhonda Dzigan  
Motion Carried

14. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Greg Schmitt to approve new contract with Waste Management, no increase for 2017, \$4.62 increase per ton for 2018 & 2019  
Mayor Magnetta questioned how many tons of trash was picked up each week. Manager Gutonski stated he didn't know at this time, but would get the information. Motion Carried

15. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Carrie Fox to pay final pay estimate for water storage tank # 2 and #3 in the combined amount of \$14,636.39 (\$8,756.50 for tank #2 and \$5,879.89 for tank #3) Roll Call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent

16. Motion by Erika Josefowski second by Rhonda Dzigan to pay final change order for tank #1 in the amount of \$1,884.00, this is included in the \$8,756.50 final estimate.  
Roll call 5 yes 0 nay 2 absent

**WATER:** Nothing at this time

**ELECTRIC:** Nothing at this time

**STREETS AND SANITARY SEWERS:**

1. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Erika Josefowski to accept resignation of James Newcomer for the UAJSA Board Motion Carried
2. Motion by Greg Schmitt second by Carrie Fox to advertise for the open seat on the UAJSA Board. Letters of interest must be received by January 16, 2017 with interviews being held January 23, 2017. Motion carried
3. Greg Schmitt thanked Manager Gutonski for putting the Borough in a much better position financially than it has been for years.

**SAFETY AND CIVIL SERVICE PUBLIC:**

1. Motion by Rhonda Dzugan second by Erika Josefowski to start the hiring process for a full time police officer. Motion Carried
2. Eureka November 2016 Incident Summary  
MVC 08, EMS ASSIST 03, AFA 04, RIVER RESCUE 01, SMOKE INVESTIGATION  
02, ODOR INVESTIGATION 01, RWSF 01, PHYSICAL RESCUE 01, CWFS 01,  
COMMUNITY SERVICE 01  
TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS 47  
MUTUAL AID RESPONSES TO EAST DEER, HARRISON ARNOLD &  
SPRINGDALE TWP 05, EMS CALLS 231, TOTAL PERSONNEL HOURS 870,  
TOTAL COMPANY TRAINING HOURS 18

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

1. Motion by Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to approve an Easter Egg Hunt in Riverview Park sponsored by the Tarentum Women of the Moose #296 on April 15, 2017 along with closing First Ave from Lock St to Corbet St from 8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Motion Carried
2. Motion by Carrie Fox second by Erika Josefowski to accept the resignation of Susan Johnson from the Recreation Board. Motion Carried
3. Motion by Carrie Fox second by Rhonda Dzugan to appoint Cindy Homburg to the Recreation Board for the year 2017  
Erika Josefowski questioned if the position had to be advertised Mrs. Magnetta stated that the by laws of the Recreation Board read that they can appoint to their board.  
Motion Carried

4. Carrie Fox thanked the community for their support for the Annual Tarentum Brackenridge Christmas Parade along with Mayor Magnetta, Chief Vakulick, Police Department & Summit Hose

5. Carrie Fox reported that the Senior Bingo Will be held at Daltons Edge December 7, 2016 at 1:30pm

6. Carrie Fox stated there has only been 1 negative response to the Tarentum Borough Banners. She stated that the Military Banners are paid by individuals and not the Borough or Recreation Board. She stated that the Recreation Board has purchased additional Tarentum Borough Banners for each entrance into the Borough. She reported that Gray Signs is doing a great job on the banners.

7. Carrie Fox wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### **PROPERTY & ZONING:**

Erika Josefowski

**1. Discuss new ordinance proposals for:**

A Landlords and or property managers to live within 15 miles of their rental properties

Greg Schmitt stated that something needs to be done with these properties. Mr. Regoli questioned the legality of this and stated he needs to check into it further

B. Yearly rental privilege fees for landlords, the same as business privilege since they are basically running a business. The fee will be \$25.00 per year Discussion was held on who would be enforcing the fees.

C. Annual property and fire inspections for all businesses within the Borough Discussion was held, who would do the inspections, Chris Fabec stated he does the inspections for the bars and personal care homes, and he would do the inspections. Cost will be \$100.00 per year

2. Erika Josefowski stated that she and CEO Chris Fabec have been discussing software to help organize records for properties ex: citations, owners etc.

3. Mayor Magnetta stated he doesn't want to make it sound like he doesn't agree that the above needs to be done, but where is Mr. Fabec going to get the time. There was a discussion.

4. Chris Fabec stated that the sign Ordinance needs to be amended. There was a discussion regarding an annual bill board fee.

**AVN/COG:** Nothing at this time

**KOZ:** Nothing at this time

**REDEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION:** Nothing at this time

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

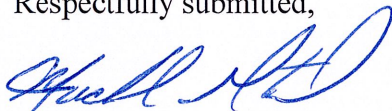
1. Jim Bowser questioned if charging the Occupancy Inspection fee and the Business License be double dipping,
2. Jim Bowser asked if Eureka's old American lafrance engine was sold
3. Walter Alfather questioned why his business, that is only open 3 days a week be required to pay the same \$100.00 a year fire safety inspection as a business that is open 7 days a week.
4. Lorraine White reported panhandlers and loiterers on corners of 4th Ave and Corbet St are bothering people. They come into the Rite Aid where she works. Chief Vakulick stated that if they are panhandling to contact the police.
5. Larry Troutman asked if the people hanging around the corners can be asked to move along
6. Cindy Homburg asked if another trash and treasure store opened on W 7th Ave. Manager Gutonski stated one opened next to Stepps Bar.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Greg Schmitt second by Erika Josefowski all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gutonski  
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESIDENT SIGN IN SHEET  
COUNCIL MEETING

December- 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS**

NAME	ADDRESS
1. <u>JEFF ADAMS</u>	<u>WATER PLANT</u>
2. <u>WALT ALTFATHER JR.</u>	<u>917 CORBET ST.</u>
3. <u>BARBARA MAGNETTA</u>	<u>169 CEDAR ST.</u>
4. <u>Shola King</u>	<u>109 Corbet St</u>
5. <u>Karen Marzetti</u>	<u>122 Kuhns Aly</u>
6. <u>Dave Rankin</u>	<u>ERC 305 Allegheny St.</u>
7. <u>Jim Boman</u>	<u>314 West 26<sup>th</sup> Ave</u>
8. <u>Thomas White</u>	<u>105 Warr St</u>
9. <u>JOHN V. CIESLIK</u>	<u>141 First Ave</u>
10. <u>LARRY TROTT</u>	<u>MAX 1ST AVE</u>
11. <u>GINA LANDA</u>	<u>512 E 6TH</u>
12. <u>CINDY HOMBURG</u>	<u>538 E 10th</u>
13. <u>Bred James</u>	<u>Enrolled Fire Rescue</u>
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