



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers

[Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.](#)

Meeting Minutes



ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.</u>			
ROLL CALL:	The following members were present: Ms. Erika Josefoski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, and Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mayor Eric Carter. Absent with cause: Ms. Lou Ann Homa		
ALSO PRESENT:	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	X
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	AWC
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS:	Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:15 PM for personnel matters.		
MINUTES:	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting . The motion carried unanimously.		
PRESENTATION:	Mark Turnley, CPA – 2018 Tarentum Borough Audit .		
CITIZENS: Regarding Items on the Agenda.	Val Schubert – BridgePoint Church – Introduced herself to council and asked for her event request to be approved. Lucinda Sobol – 510 E 8th – Contacted code officer about the neighboring property trash; placed out early and trash still remains after pickup day; issue with rats in the area as well; asked code enforcement to look into solutions		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	Police department calls for service report presented.
President Report	Attended community comprehensive plan meeting with several council members. Good turnout from the community and it seemed like a lot of positive feedback and interactions took place. Earth Day event taking place on April 25, 2020 is a joint community effort and encouraged residents to participate.
Solicitor Report	
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i> Provided brief update on demolition project. 8 properties down, 17 remaining. Also awaiting demolition of 7 other properties through AVNCOG CDBG funding. New business, Harvest Moon Coffee Shop, grand opening taking place on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:30 a.m.



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Manager Report

Upcoming Events:

March 26, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Zoning Hearing Board

March 31, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting

April 7, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting

[Legislative Locator Monthly Update](#) – *Posted Online.*

Borough sale of personal property pursuant to Resolution #19-21: Sold old police department computer system to Springdale Township Police Department in the amount of \$400.00.

New Business:

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to pay the Borough bills for the month of February, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to advertise [Ordinance #20-01](#): ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AND THE RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Communication 01: [Letter from BridgePoint Church](#) requesting to use bandshell

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the request from BridgePoint Church to use the Tarentum Park pavilion and bandshell on Sunday, April 12, June 21, July 19, August 16 and September 13 from 8 AM to 4 PM, subject to Borough closure for bandshell remodeling. The motion passed unanimously.

Communication 02: [Letter from Dynamite Daycare](#) requesting use of the bandshell.

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the request of Dynamite Daycare to hold their annual preschool graduation event at the bandshell on Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, and further approving use of the restroom facilities and street closure in the evening. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the purchase of Tyler Technologies Incode software for financial recordkeeping, personnel management, payroll, and utility billing and account maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Report: [Monthly Report](#)

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to authorize Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$76,950 to Ron Gillette, Inc. for the 2019 CDBG Water Valve Installation Project Phase IV. The motion passed unanimously.



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Public Works	Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>	Ms. Homa
Utilities	<p>Water – Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i></p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Josefoski to adopt the job description for Water Plant Manager. The motion carried unanimously. 	Mr. Bonner
AVNCOG	<p>Attended the February 26, 2020 meeting. Allegheny County Economic Development hired the asbestos contractor for the AVNCOG demolition project. Things are moving forward with the demolition project.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Mr. Bonner to appoint Carrie Fox as Tarentum Borough representative on the AVNCOG board of directors. The motion carried 5-0 with Ms. Fox abstaining. 	Ms. Fox
Comprehensive Plan		Ms. Homa
Finance & Admin.	Borough monthly financial reports are posted online.	Mr. Blythe
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<p>Concert schedule has been released.</p> <p>Library closed but they were kind enough to donate a microfilm machine to the Borough to review old records and meeting minutes. The library also donated two films to the Recreation Board from the Centennial and Bicentennial of the Borough.</p> <p>Women’s event coming up at River Forest hosted by the AK-Strong Chamber of Commerce. Brochures are at the front table.</p> <p>Attended the Highlands Partnership Meeting at Harrison Township; there was a guest speaker from Allegheny County Health Department speaking about the opioid crisis.</p> <p>Bethany Hallam – County Council At-large – Proposed a townhall meeting for this area. More to come on this item.</p> <p>Senator Lindsey Williams office is opening at the plaza in Natrona Heights.</p> <p>Earth Day Cleanup event is on April 25. Please volunteer.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to appoint Tim Rapp to the Recreation Board, said term to expire December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously. 	Ms. Fox



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Special Events/ Tourism	Special Events committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 9 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers Earth Day cleanup event in April. Please register for the event.	Mr. Snyder
Redev./ Revitalization		Ms. Josefoski
Property/ Health/Zoning		Ms. Josefoski
Public Safety	Eureka Fire and Rescue Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>	Mr. Blythe
<u>CITIZENS:</u>	<p>Bill Mayhugh – 347 W. 11th Avenue – Asked whether new municipal software will have an alert system for utility customers so that they can learn about possible high rates or unexpected changes in consumption.</p> <p>Gina Landa – 512 E 6th Avenue – Asked how much money will be saved by no longer outsourcing payroll and whether any other costs will be saved by the purchase of this technology. Manager answered that payroll is around \$4,500 per year and data backup is around \$1,500 per year.</p> <p>Lucinda Sobol – 510 E 8th Avenue – Wants to see plastic recycled in the Borough.</p> <p>Charles Dizard – Harrison Township Commissioner – Mentioned that the township struggles with recycling costs as well. Industry costs are high for recycling.</p>	
<u>ADJOURN:</u>	Motion by Ms. Josefoski, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	