



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

REGULAR MEETING

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.			
ROLL CALL:	The following members were present: Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, and Mayor Eric Carter. Ms. Erika Josefowski was absent with cause.		
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:	Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 5:30 PM for Legal Matters, Personnel Matters and Property Matters.		
MINUTES:	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting . The motion carried unanimously.		
CITIZENS: Agenda Items.	None.		
COMMUNICATIONS:	01. Communication 01 – Allegheny Family Network Request 02. Communication 02 – BridgePoint Church Event Request		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<p>Calls for service detailed.</p> <p>Officer Lang retirement as of September 1, 2020. Wishes Officer Lang best of luck in future endeavors.</p> <p>Hoping Council does move forward with Trick or Treat this year.</p>
President Report	<p>Echo comments regarding Officer Lang and well wishes for retirement.</p> <p>Hopes this is the last Zoom meeting. Hopes that October meeting will be in Council Chambers.</p> <p>Borough offices are open to the public daily from 10am to 2pm.</p> <p>School is back in session so please be cautious of children crossing streets and walking throughout town.</p>
Solicitor Report	N/A
Police Chief Report	Officer Lang Retirement effective September 1, 2020.
Code Officer Report	<p>2020.08 Monthly Report</p> <p>Demolition update – 20 completed. 3 more to go in this round.</p> <p>Asbestos testing bid results are in and on the agenda.</p> <p>CF: Gave thanks to CO Bruni for his work this month.</p>
Engineer Report	2020.09 - Engineer Report



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Manager Report

Upcoming Events:

September 29, 2020 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting

[2020.08 - Legislative Locator](#)

[2020.08 - League Link](#)

2020.08 - PELRAS Update

New Business:

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- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to pay the Borough bills for the month of August, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the request of Allegheny Family Network to hold an Adult Education Graduation Event at the bandshell on Friday, September 25, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM and further approving the use of electric service. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the request of BridgePoint Church to hold community event at the bandshell on Sunday, October 11, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the request of Megan Grevas to hold a birthday party event at the bandshell on Saturday, September 19, 2020, and further approving use of electric service. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to award the bid for asbestos testing services 2020 RFP #1 to Corwin Inspections LLC in the amount of \$6,000.

Question on the motion: *Mr. Bonner questioned whether testing can be carried out at properties which are severely deteriorated or unsafe to enter. Mr. Bruni responded that they could take samples from the siding. They can attempt to get some samples in the doorway or gain slight entry into the property. They will base findings upon the samples that they are able to obtain.*

The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Homa to accept the quote from Dobil Laboratories, Inc. for an audio/video system installation in the Borough Council chambers in the amount of \$38,742.47. The motion carried 5 – 1 with Mr. Bonner voting nay.
- ❖ Discussion of possible motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to pursue an action to quiet title for the property owned by Tarentum Borough and located at



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	parcel number 1223-S-270. Upon question by Mr. Bonner regarding possible deed restrictions or covenants, the item was tabled until further information can be established.	
Public Works	Monthly Report – <i>Posted Online.</i>	Ms. Homa
Utilities	<p>Water – 2020.08 - Water Plant Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #20-10: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE RATES FOR METERED WATER SOLD BY THE BOROUGH TO ITS CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST DEER AND REPEALING ALL RATES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH. <p>Discussion on the motion: <i>Mr. Bonner presented the details surrounding the rate modifications found in the Resolution. Rate details include the following:</i></p> <p><i>Reduction in rates to 5/8" customers from \$25.00 to \$23.00 per month. Rates were raised to \$25.00 in 2017.</i></p> <p><i>Increase rates on other size pipes (not raised in 2017). Almost 10 years since last increase. 15% increase across the board.</i></p> <p><i>Increase the overage rate for all customers. \$0.90 per 1000 gallons for all overage.</i></p> <p><i>The new rates present a more equitable distribution for all users of water. For those that reduce consumption it will help to save money on their bills.</i></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Bonner to approve the upgrade of the Tarentum Borough smart meter Regional Network Interface (RNI) to a cloud-based Software as a Service (SaaS) solution and further upgrade the existing Meter Data Management (MDM) system to cloud-based Sensus Analytics (SA) software at a project upgrade cost not to exceed \$45,956. The motion carries unanimously. 	Mr. Bonner
AVNCOG	No report. No meeting in August 2020.	Ms. Fox
Comprehensive Plan	Draft will be sent to Allegheny County, School District, Tarentum Planning Commission. 45-day review process. Then it will be presented to the public and ultimately Council for approval.	Ms. Homa



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<p>Finance & Admin.</p>	<p>2020.08 – Budget Report 2020.08 – Check Register 2020.08 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2020.07 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</p> <p>The 2021 MMO Calculations are as follows: Police - \$120,265</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Non-Uniform - \$158,187</p>	<p>Mr. Blythe</p>
<p>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</p>	<p>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Resolution #20-11:</p> <p>RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”) UNDER THE ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT PROGRAM.</p> <p><i>Active Allegheny grant in conjunction with East Deer for the Heritage Bike Trail going through each town. This grant is for planning and design work to re-evaluate the path that the bike trail currently follows through each of the municipalities.</i></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Recreation Board Report: Meeting occurred on August 25. BooFest for 2020 will be canceled. The Christmas parade will be canceled.</p> <p>Recreation board decided to do a drive thru Halloween event for the children in the community. October 17, 2020 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. On First Avenue near the Carl Magnetta Amphitheatre. There will be a booth for children to receive treats if their family does not have a vehicle.</p> <p>Santa ride through Tarentum. Passing out treats to children. Will try to involve the fire companies. This is in the planning stage.</p> <p>Magazine second publication will be coming out soon.</p> <p>Tarentum Market Night – September 17 – supported by the Recreation Board. Event for businesses to stay open late one night per month.</p> <p>Trick or Treat - October 31 from 6P to 8P – Harrison/Brackenridge are asking if Tarentum will be participating in Trick or Treat.</p>	<p>Ms. Fox</p>



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	<p>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to hold the Trick or Treat Night for Tarentum Borough on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6PM to 8PM. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Women’s Group – Taking collections for the Home Center. Box located in Tarentum Borough building.</p> <p>Bandshell remembrance tree – Any further thoughts now that the bandshell remodel is almost complete? Will get more information on the specs of the tree to determine where it can be installed.</p>	
Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Redev./ Revitalization		Ms. Josefoski
Property/ Health/Zoning		Ms. Josefoski
Public Safety	Eureka – Monthly Report	Mr. Blythe
<u>CITIZENS:</u>	<p>Larry Steffen – Property adjacent to Wood Street boat ramp – Approached council previously. Asked council if they would consider an arrangement for Mr. Steffen to take over the property under some sort of agreement. Would like to possibly put a mural on the retaining wall but has concerns about graffiti or defacement. Borough manager has his email address.</p> <p>Pepsi Gamble – Porter Street – Is the CARES funding for police or is it being repurposed? Tarentum resident for 6 years with her husband and children. Electric turned off for non-payment. Was on shut off list prior to pandemic. Cannot pay in full by the time designated under utility payment policy. Feels that electric rates are higher than Duquesne and West Penn.</p> <p>Ms. Fox stated that her heart goes out to those folks who are impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>Brian Rittmeyer – Tribune Review – Asked for clarification on the water rate increase. Borough manager will respond via email this evening.</p>	
<u>ADDITIONAL:</u>		
<u>ADJOURN:</u>	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	