



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 REGULAR MEETING
[Online Zoom Meeting](#)
[Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 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. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, and Mayor Eric Carter.		
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:	N/A		
Minutes:	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting . The motion carried unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	<p><u>CITIZENS COMMENT:</u> Bob Artman, 104 W 7th Avenue – Asked about the demolition at 108 W 7th. Mr. Artman has asked council to consider possibly leaving the garage structure standing at the parcel. He asked about the possibility of acquiring the property from the Borough to be able to utilize the garage structure. Mr. Artman indicated that there was a prior lease agreement for him to utilize the garage structure in exchange for maintenance of the sidewalks, etc. although it cannot be located. Stated that he is not interested in owning the parcel, but just wants to lease the use of the garage.</p> <p>Joe and Ashley Jarrett – Candles by Ashley – Thanked council for consideration of their request to allow use of the gazebo for their wedding event in July 2021.</p>		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Tim Rapp – Request Appointment to the Planning Commission 02. Communication 02 – Ashley Jarrett – Gazebo Request		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	Police Service Calls report presented.
President Report	Borough offices are still open. Please reach out to offices or elected officials if you have any questions or concerns within the Borough.
	Thanks to public works department for their efforts during the winter weather events.
	Upper Allegheny CDC Advisory Committee meeting will be taking place on February 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM.
	ACBA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday March 4, 2021.
	ALOM Spring Educational Conference has been tentatively postponed to June 17-20.



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REVISED COMMITTEES FOR 2021

Business Advisory/Liaison; NEW COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ray Kerr

Member: Carrie Fox

Administrative/Employee Relations/Finance

Chairperson: Adam Blythe

Member: Jim Bonner

Public Works

Chairperson: Lou Ann Homa

Member: Adam Blythe

Utilities (Water & Electric)

Chairperson: Jim Bonner

Member: Ray Kerr

Redevelopment & Revitalization

Chairperson: Carrie Fox

Member: Lou Ann Homa

Parks & Recreation/Library:

Chairperson: Carrie Fox

Member: Brian Snyder

Property & Zoning/Health

Chairperson: Jim Bonner

Member: Brian Snyder

Public Safety & Civil Service

Chairperson: Adam Blythe

Member: Ray Kerr

Special Events:

Chairperson: Brian Snyder

Member: Lou Ann Homa

Solicitor Report

Discussion with Joe Muscatello regarding bond refinancing. Borough can begin to examine this process at this time.

Police Chief Report

Code Officer Report

[2021.01 Monthly Report](#)



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	<p>Demolition projects are all under way. One calls have been placed by all three (3) companies. Our public works department has done utility disconnections at the various properties.</p> <p>Relative to Mr. Artman’s request, a conversation will need to be held with the contractor at this location if council wishes to consider his request.</p>
Engineer Report	<p>2021.02 - Engineer Report</p> <p>MS4 reminder to please avoid dumping or draining into the street as it may discharge into the storm system and streams.</p>
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>February 23, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Regular Meeting March 2, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting</p> <p>2021.01 - Legislative Locator 2021.01 - League Link 2021.01 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to pay the Borough bills for the month of January, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to appoint Tim Rapp to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Bonner to award the 2019 Safe Neighborhoods Demolition Grant Project contract to Minniefield Demolition Services in the amount of \$69,000. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to adopt Ordinance #21-01: 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 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to advertise Ordinance #21-02: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN



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ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [Resolution #21-02](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER 1223-B-251 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.

The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Homa to eliminate the crossing guard position at the intersection of East 10th Avenue and Corbet Street. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Kerr to approve the [request of Ashley Jarrett](#) to reserve the Gazebo on July 24, 2021 for a wedding event from noon to 4:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works	2021.01 Monthly Report New public works vehicle is being prepared now and should be available in March.	Ms. Homa
Utilities	Water – 2021.01 – Water Plant Report Electric – 2021.01 – PMEA Monthly Newsletter	Mr. Bonner
Finance & Admin.	2021.01 – Budget Report 2021.01 – Check Register 2021.01 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2021.01 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 2020.12 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report	Mr. Blythe
Solicitor Regoli departed the meeting at 6:42 p.m.		
AVNCOG	Demolition project forthcoming. Minniefield Demolition has received very positive remarks from other communities.	Ms. Fox
Parks/ Recreation/	Hoping to have summer concert series this year. Bands are all scheduled. We will have to follow along with Covid restrictions.	Ms. Fox



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Library	<p>Will be doing a canned food collection project with Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (AVAC).</p> <p>Tree Pittsburgh event. Studies conducted to determine areas where trees are lacking. Tarentum appears to be one of the areas according to those studies. As such, they are offering trees to individuals in the community. Folks can order the trees and they will pick them up at the Tree Pittsburgh Event at the Marina parking lot. Estimated 200 trees available for Tarentum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the Recreation Board to hold a Tree Pittsburgh tree adoption event on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tarentum Marina parking lot. The motion carried unanimously. <p>Councilman Kerr asked if trees are available to the municipality. We will ask the organization.</p>	
Special Events/ Tourism	<p>Craft Beer Festival discussion. Mr. Snyder conducted many phone calls and emails to inquire about the possibility of this event. He believes this event is entirely possible within the Borough. Discussion held amongst council members.</p> <p>Preliminary Event Details: Fenced in area. Ticket sales. Beer vendors separate from food/craft vendors. Estimated at \$35-\$45 per ticket. Dependent upon number of vendors. Servings are typically small amounts at beer festival events. Typical attendance usually includes young families or beer connoisseurs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Blythe to authorize the Special Events Committee to hold the First Annual Tarentum Borough Craft Beer Festival at Dreshar Stadium on Saturday, August 28, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. 	Mr. Snyder
Redev./ Revitalization	Ms. Fox mentioned that it is great news to hear that the Pittsburgh Brewing Company is coming to East Deer.	
Property/ Health/Zoning		
Public Safety	Eureka – Monthly Report	Mr. Blythe
Public Comment:	N/A	
Adjourn:	Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	