



**BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting**



ORDER: _____ p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

ROLL CALL: Adam Blythe, Lou Ann Homa, Jim Bonner, Carrie Fox, Brian Snyder, Scott Dadowski, Raymond Kerr, Mayor Eric Carter

**ALSO
PRESENT:**

DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT
BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	
BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	
CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	

EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 707):

The following executive sessions were held: N/A

MINUTES: [April 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting](#)

PRESENTATION:

Joe Muscatello – Boenning and Scattergood – Tarentum Borough Bond Financing

CITIZENS COMMENT:

COMMUNICATIONS:

01. [Communication 01 – Summit Hose Fireworks](#)
02. [Communication 02 – Community Life](#)

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	
President Report	
Solicitor Report	Update on America First Enterprises v. Tarentum Borough – Billboard matter.
Police Chief Report	



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Code Officer Report	<p>2021.04 Monthly Report</p> <p>Small demolition project may be presented in June 2021 for three (3) properties. (1) 243/245 W 7th Ave, (2) 339 W 11th Ave, and (3) 532 E 3rd Ave.</p> <p>Property #1 has been previously condemned. It was originally part of current demo project 2021.03. Due to minor confusion regarding asbestos remediation, we agreed to remove this property from the existing contract with Siegel Excavation. We still need to take action on this property.</p> <p>Property #2 has been previously condemned. It was on several prior demolition lists, but we continued to remove the property from the list because of the internal condition and contents of the home. We should move forward on this item with special consideration toward some of the home contents.</p> <p>Property #3 is in the process of being condemned. It is also a significant concern that has presented new issues in the recent months. We are awaiting the results of an asbestos survey at this property.</p>
Engineer Report	<p>2021.04 - Engineer Report</p> <p>MS4 reminder: Do not dump in to catch basins and road drains because it may pollute our storm system and streams.</p>
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>May 6, 2021 – 1:00 PM – Senior Scratch Off Bingo</p> <p>May 15, 2021 – 9:00 AM – Great American Clean Up Event</p> <p>May 18, 2021 – PA Primary Election Day</p> <p>May 25, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Regular Meeting</p> <p>May 31, 2021 – Borough Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day</p> <p>May 1, 2021 – 4:00 PM – American Pie Concert at Magnosta Amphitheatre</p> <p>May 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting</p> <p>Reports and Updates:</p> <p>2021.04 - Legislative Locator</p> <p>2021.04 - League Link</p> <p>2021.04 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>Service Line Warranties will be issuing a Spring mailer to the community in mid-May 2021. A reminder letter will also be sent out in early-June 2021. The Service Line Warranties program is not administered by Tarentum Borough but we do endorse the program which offers local homeowners' exterior water or sewer line repair coverage.</p> <p>Boat dock lease discussion.</p>



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Sheriff Sale Listings ([April 2021](#)):

Property:	Auction #:	Docket #:
419 W 9TH AVE	068MAY21	MG-19-001292

New Business:

- ❖ Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of April, 2021.

- ❖ Motion to adopt [Ordinance #21-04](#):

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR THE BOROUGH AS WELL AS WORKING FOR PRIVATE CITIZENS, CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES, SUCH AS PARTNERSHIPS, WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

- ❖ Motion to approve the job description for the position of Utility Billing Clerk.
- ❖ Motion to approve the job description for the position of Finance Coordinator.
- ❖ Motion to approve the request of Summit Hose to hold a firework only event at Dreshar Stadium on July 4, 2021 and further requesting the closure of First Avenue from Main Street to Cherry Street.
- ❖ Motion to approve the request of Community Life to hold a memorial event at the Magnetta Amphitheatre on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
- ❖ Motion to approve the quote from Beaver Jack Tree Service for the removal of three (3) sycamore trees situated on Worth Street in the total amount of \$5,760.

AVNCOG	2021.03.24 – Minutes + Financial Report CITF 2021 Grant Application – Sanitary Sewer Lining and Manhole Rehabilitation Project – Application Denied.	Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee		Mr. Kerr
Finance & Admin.	2021.04 – Budget Report 2021.04 – Check Register 2021.04 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2021.04 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report	Mr. Blythe



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	<p>2021.03 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</p> <p>Borough manager executed the engagement letter with Mark Turnley CPA for the 2020 Audit and we started working on the initial 2020 audit punchlist.</p> <p>Finance and utility billing software implementation is under way. Borough expects to “go live” with new utility billing system starting June 1, 2021. As part of the conversion from the old software to the new system, there may be a slight delay in getting utility bills calculated, processed, printed, and sent out to customers. We will be sending a notice and sample bill in late-May to explain the new bills and payment system. We will also post the following notice on the Borough website and social media:</p> <p><i>NOTICE: Tarentum Borough utility bills for June 1, 2021 may be slightly delayed. Our utility billing office is preparing to “go live” with new utility billing and accounting software. As part of this transition, the June 1 bills may not be sent out or arrive on schedule. They may be delayed by a day or two. We kindly ask for your patience as we move through this process. For the June billing cycle, all due dates, late periods, and shutoffs will be extended until Friday, June 18, 2021. All payments received after June 18 will be considered late.</i></p> <p><i>In conjunction with the transition process, we also plan to send out a “Sample Bill” and information sheet in late-May. This mailer will provide our customers with updated billing and payment information, any new billing or account details, and an understanding of the new utility billing and payment system. Thank you for your patience!</i></p>	
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<p>2021 Summer Concert List</p> <p>2021 Rec Board Event List</p> <p>2021.05.15 Great American Clean Up Event</p>	Ms. Fox
Property/Health/Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Motion to ratify payment of the invoice from Carl/Frank Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$9,850 for asbestos remediation of the fire damaged property located at 204 Lock Street.❖ Motion to adopt Ordinance #21-05: <p>ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL</p>	Mr. Bonner



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	ADVISORY COUNCIL, PROVIDING OPERATING PROCEDURES AND STATING THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.	
Public Safety	<p>Eureka – Monthly Report</p> <p>The Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services has received signed resolutions for the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Update for 2020 from 63 of 130 municipalities. In order for Tarentum to be eligible for pre- and post- disaster Hazard Mitigation grant funding over the next 5 years, we must adopt the following resolution for the ACHM plan update.</p> <p>❖ Motion to adopt Resolution 21-09:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.</p>	Mr. Blythe
Public Works	<p>2021.04 Monthly Report</p> <p>PennDOT will be conducting repairs on W. 7th Avenue (over Bull Creek) starting on May 3, 2021 to remove the buckled sidewalk. A temporary pedestrian detour will remain in place for the duration of the project. A barrier and lane shift will also take place to accommodate the pedestrian detour. Project Design Plans.</p> <p>Municibid update. Both items end on May 14, 2021. 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Extended Cab 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 1-Ton Dump Truck</p> <p>❖ Motion to purchase vehicle...</p>	Ms. Homa
Redevelopment/ Revitalization		Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Utilities	<p>Water – 2021.04 – Water Plant Report</p> <p>Electric – 2021.04 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter</p>	Mr. Bonner



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	❖ Motion to seek applications for employment for the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator.	
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ADJOURNMENT:

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