



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



Order:	The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.			
Roll Call:	The following members were present: Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mr. Raymond Kerr 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 Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to approve the April 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes . The motion carried unanimously.		
Presentation:	Joe Muscatello – Boenning and Scattergood – Tarentum Borough Bond Financing ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Ms. Fox to authorize Boenning and Scattergood to begin the process of bond refinancing and conducting a rate analysis for the possible issuance of new funds. The motion carried unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	Gary Banichar - 360 W 8th Avenue - Applied through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program for the parcel next to his property. Learned of back taxes due to the Borough. Cannot obtain property through the VPRP until past due taxes are resolved. Asked council for consideration to reduce the amount owing in past due taxes so that he can acquire the adjacent parcel.		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Summit Hose Fireworks 02. Communication 02 – Community Life		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	April calls for service report presented.
President Report	Some of the Governor’s restrictions are being lifted at the end of May. Night market has been wonderful. Election day is coming up.
	ALOM conference registration is open. Conference at 7 Springs in June 2021. Attended Upper Allegheny CDC meeting on April 21, 2021. Established “priorities” of the CDC which include items such as blight remediation, renewal of commercial business districts, responding to food scarcity, internet connectivity upgrades, collaboration



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	among public, private and non-profit organizations, and coordination of CDC efforts with joint municipalities. CDC website coming in the near future.
Solicitor Report	Update on America First Enterprises v. Tarentum Borough – Billboard matter.
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	<p>2021.04 Monthly Report</p> <p>Siegel Excavation has completed their contract/project.</p> <p>Retaining wall removed at 360 ½ W. 8th Avenue. Neighboring resident, Gary Banichar, indicated that water is now running to sidewalk. Code officer suggested possibly utilizing public works to assist with improving the conditions.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the Tarentum Borough Omnibus Demolition Project 2021.4 for the following three (3) properties: (1) 243/245 W 7th Ave, (2) 339 W 11th Ave, and (3) 532 E 3rd Ave. The motion carried unanimously.
Engineer Report	<p>2021.05 - 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>



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May 25, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Regular Meeting
May 31, 2021 – Borough Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day
May 1, 2021 – 4:00 PM – American Pie Concert at Magnetta Amphitheatre
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Reports and Updates:

[2021.04 - Legislative Locator](#)

[2021.04 - League Link](#)

[2021.04 - PELRAS Update](#)

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.

Boat dock lease discussion.

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

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

New Business:

❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Homa to pay the Borough bills for the month of April, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

❖ 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.

The motion carried unanimously.

❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to approve the job description for the position of Utility Billing Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to approve the job description for the position of Finance Coordinator. The motion carried unanimously.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Ms. Homa to approve the request of Summit Hose to hold a firework only event at Dreshar Stadium on Saturday, July 3, 2021 and further requesting the closure of First Avenue from Main Street to Cherry Street. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of Community Life to hold a memorial event at the Magnosta Amphitheatre on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to approve the quote from Beaver Jack Tree Service for the removal of two (2) sycamore trees and one (1) maple tree situated on Worth Street in the total amount of \$5,760. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe to refund all deposits placed for the boat dock wait list and to permanently discontinue the boat dock wait list. The motion carried unanimously. 	
AVNCOG	<p>2021.03.24 – Minutes + Financial Report</p> <p>CITF 2021 Grant Application – Sanitary Sewer Lining and Manhole Rehabilitation Project – Application Denied.</p> <p>American Rescue Plan Funding may be released soon to municipalities under 50,000 in population.</p>	Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	<p>Finishing up letters to businesses. Meeting will likely take place in June 2021 with local business owners and representatives. Targeting a timeframe during the lunch hour.</p>	Mr. Kerr
Finance & Admin.	<p>2021.04 – Budget Report 2021.04 – Check Register 2021.04 – Check Register (Liquid Fuels) 2021.04 – YTD Revenue/Expenditure Report 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>	Mr. Blythe



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	<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, utility payment due dates, 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>	
<p>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</p>	<p>2021 Summer Concert List 2021 Rec Board Event List 2021.05.15 Great American Clean Up Event</p> <p>American Pie concert last Saturday was a great success. Senior Scratch Off Bingo set for Thursday, May 6 Great American Clean Up event coming soon. All volunteers welcome.</p> <p>Recreation Board purchased twelve (12) new banners for display on W 7th, town entrances and also in front of Borough Building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize the public works department to hang the twelve (12) new banners on the borough streets and entrances. The motion carried unanimously. <p>“Hard to Recycle” day at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall from 9am to 1pm. Call 412-488-7490 for more information.</p>	<p>Ms. Fox</p>
<p>Property/Health/ Zoning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Blythe 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. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Ordinance #21-05: <p>ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL,</p>	<p>Mr. Bonner</p>



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	<p>PROVIDING OPERATING PROCEDURES AND STATING THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>Public Safety</p>	<p>Eureka – Monthly Report 2020.04</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution 21-09: <p>RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Mr. Blythe</p>
<p>Public Works</p>	<p>2021.04 Monthly Report</p> <p>PennDOT will be conducting repairs on W. 7th Avenue (over Bull Creek) starting on Wednesday May 12, 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Blythe to purchase a 2022 Ford F-350 4x4 with Custom Stainless Steel Dump Body in the amount of \$67,843. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Snyder to hire Terry Chambon, Nicholas Hilliard, and Zachary Kuniak as temporary summer work employees at a rate of \$12.00 per hour with a tentative start date of May 17, 2021. The motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Kerr abstaining. <i>Note: All three employees have previous summer work experience from the 2020 summer season.</i> 	<p>Ms. Homa</p>



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Redevelopment/ Revitalization	The Buzz (6th Avenue) may be opening soon. PastaKing is now open.	Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism		Mr. Snyder
Utilities	Water – 2021.04 – Water Plant Report Electric – 2021.04 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter Production 31.25 million gallons. Point park fountain could be run for 29.6 hours with 31.25 million gallons. ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to seek applications for employment for the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator. The motion carried unanimously.	Mr. Bonner
Public Comment:	Gary Banichar - 360 W 8th Avenue - Asked for consideration to resolve the principal property tax amount and arrange a payment plan for the delinquent fees associated with the past due taxes. Cindy Homburg – 538 E 10th Avenue - Asked whether the issues described last month for the property owner at 308 Lock Street has been addressed further.	
Other Council Comments:	N/A	
Adjourn:	❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.	