



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 COUNCIL MEETING
 BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting



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. Raymond Kerr, Mr. Adam Blythe, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, and Mr. Brian Snyder.		
Also Present:	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	AWC
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	AWC
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
Exceptions to Open Meetings:	Tuesday, October 5, 2021 following the Regular Council Meeting – Personnel, Property, Litigation matters.		
Minutes:	❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to accept the September 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	Bob Lang - Asked whether any other residents submitted a request for appointment to the Office of Mayor.		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Appointment Request to EAC– Cynthia Kramer 02. Communication 02 – Pavilion Request – BridgePoint Church 03. Communication 03 – 5K Run/Walk Event Request – Salvation Army 04. Communication 04 – Appointment Request to EAC – Christa Jones		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	N/A. Office Vacant.
President Report	Final market night will take place in October. ALOM meeting update from September 2021. Discussion of ALOM finances. Reported on the Banner Community Program and the qualifying municipalities. Spoke about the changes to the Sunshine Law. ALOM directors meeting and general membership meeting coming up in early November.
	ALOM municipal meeting at Rivers Casino tentatively planned for February 6, 2022. Community Development Committee report presented. Several topics of discussion including broadband connectivity and food scarcity. Looking to secure additional funding from local State Senator and State Representative offices for the various endeavors of the CDC. There was a significant focus on the topic of transportation during the most recent meeting.
Solicitor Report	Commonwealth Court Brief Filed on 10/4/2021 in the matter of Tarentum Borough v. America First Enterprises (532 CD 2021) (a/k/a Tarentum Billboard Zoning Matter)
Police Chief Report	



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Code Officer Report	<p>2021.09 Monthly Report</p> <p>Update on fall demolition project of three (3) properties. Asbestos abatement permits have been applied for through the County. After the permits are issued, the contractor will be ready to begin demolition. After these three demolitions are completed, the total will be 49 properties since 2019.</p>																				
Engineer Report	<p>2021.10 - Engineer Report</p> <p>MS4 reminder: The MS4 page on our website was updated last month. Additional information added. Please be mindful of dumping into the stormwater system.</p>																				
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events: October 17, 2021 – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM – BooFestival in the Park October 26, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting October 31, 2021 – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Trick or Treat Night November 2, 2021 – Election Day November 9, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting</p> <p>Reports and Updates: 2021.09 - Legislative Locator 2021.09 - League Link 2021.09 - PELRAS Update 2021.09 - Allegheny County Council Connection Newsletter</p> <p>Sheriff Sale Listings (September 2021):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="402 1266 1461 1570"> <thead> <tr> <th>Property:</th> <th>Auction #:</th> <th>Docket #:</th> <th>Date:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>622 Roup Street</td> <td>020JUL21</td> <td>MG-20-000256</td> <td>10/4/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>319 W 9th Avenue</td> <td>006JUN20</td> <td>MG-19-000810</td> <td>10/4/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>621 E 8th Avenue</td> <td>015FEB21</td> <td>GD-20-007634</td> <td>10/4/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>305 W 9th Avenue</td> <td>025OCT21</td> <td>MG-19-001081</td> <td>11/1/2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to pay the Borough bills for the month of September, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to advertise Ordinance #21-07: <p align="center">ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RENAMING</p>	Property:	Auction #:	Docket #:	Date:	622 Roup Street	020JUL21	MG-20-000256	10/4/2021	319 W 9th Avenue	006JUN20	MG-19-000810	10/4/2021	621 E 8th Avenue	015FEB21	GD-20-007634	10/4/2021	305 W 9th Avenue	025OCT21	MG-19-001081	11/1/2021
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STREETS AND ROADWAYS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Adam Blythe to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor of Tarentum Borough. The motion carried 4 to 2 with Mr. Kerr and Ms. Homa voting no. Mr. Adam Blythe abstained.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to accept the resignation of Adam Blythe as councilperson for the 2nd Ward. The motion passes 6-0 with Mr. Adam Blythe abstaining.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt [Resolution #21-14](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH MAYOR. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of the Salvation Army to hold the 3rd Annual Red Kettle 5K Race and 1 Mile Family Fun Run event on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of BridgePoint Church to use the Magnetta Amphitheatre for a community meal and turkey give away event on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.
Note: The request to utilize the Amphitheatre is a back up plan in the event Covid causes the event to be moved outdoors.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Mr. Snyder to authorize the Borough Manager to place the 2017 Ford Explorer Police SUV for sale on Municibid. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

AVNCOG	2021.09 Monthly Report Fraud/scam information discussed at the most recent COG meeting. Information will be posted on our Borough website regarding elder abuse information and senior scam awareness.	Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	The next BAC meeting will be scheduled soon. The BAC committee sent out letters to the businesses who attended the last meeting to gather feedback about a few business/Borough items. Asked	Mr. Kerr



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	<p>about welcome packet information and the type of information that would be helpful/productive to include in the packet.</p> <p>Mr. Kerr and Ms. Fox visited GS Retail on E. 1st Avenue. Owned by Greg Smith. It is a local graphic design company that does a great deal of national graphic design work, including a recent contract for a chain of stores in Alaska. Mr. Smith has been invited to be a speaker at the next BAC meeting.</p> <p>The next BAC tour will take place at Tripak Industries.</p>	
Finance & Admin.	<p>2021.09 – Budget Report 2021.09 – Check Register 2021.08 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</p> <p>We are in budget season, so the Borough will begin working on the 2022 budget.</p>	Mr. Blythe
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<p>BooFestival - October 17 from 11am to 4pm - Hayride, Maze, Pumpkins, Magician, Bluegrass Band.</p> <p>Scarecrow Contest – Information is available on the website.</p> <p>Christmas Light Contest will take place on December 18, 2021. Deadline of December 16 to register for the contest.</p>	Ms. Fox
Property/Health/ Zoning	<p>Appointment of EAC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Cynthia Kramer to the Environmental Advisory Council, said term to expire December 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Christa Jones to the Environmental Advisory Council, said term to expire December 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Jim Bonner to the Environmental Advisory Council, said term to expire December 31, 2021. The motion carried 5-0 with Mr. Bonner abstaining. ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Resolution #21-15: <p>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 1224-J-124 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE</p>	Mr. Bonner



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	<p align="center">COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.</p>	
Public Safety	<p>Eureka – Monthly Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to advertise Ordinance #21-06: <p align="center">ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ITS FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE, AS CODIFIED AT CHAPTER 127 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF KEY LOCK BOXES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.</p> <p align="center">The motion carried unanimously 6-0.</p>	Mr. Blythe
Public Works	<p>2021.09 Monthly Report</p> <p>Hydrant flushing is currently underway. If you see dark or cloudy water, please run your cold water until the line flushes.</p>	Ms. Homa
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	<p>There is a new ‘reclaimed furniture’ store at the old Harrison’s Men’s Store on Corbet Street.</p>	Ms. Fox
Special Events/ Tourism	<p>No report for October.</p>	Mr. Snyder
Utilities	<p>Water – 2021.09 – Water Plant Report Electric – 2021.09 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter</p> <p>FUN WATER FACT FOR OCTOBER: 31 million gallons of water produced this month. The average shower is 6 gpm. That is enough water for 5 million minutes of showering. That rounds out to roughly 9 years, 10 months’ worth of a shower.</p>	Mr. Bonner
Public Comment:	<p>Cindy Homburg - 538 E 10th Avenue - Thanked the Borough for painting the yellow lines at the intersection of Garfield Street and E 10th Avenue. The annual ghost tour is coming up at Prospect Cemetery on October 14, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Asked about the street name ordinance. Mentioned confusion with E 10th Avenue as well.</p> <p>Bob Lang - 620 E 10th Avenue - Asked Mr. Blythe why he was interested in being named to the Mayor seat.</p>	
Additional Council Comment:	<p>Mr. Kerr – On September 11, 2021 we held The Flag Moving ceremony. Took donations for the homeless veterans Christmas stocking charity which raised \$700. Raised \$500 for Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (AVAC) as well. Thanked Rep. DelRosso and Council President Dadowski for attending.</p>	



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	Ms. Fox - Mentioned that AVAC takes care of the cross located on the New Kensington side of the river. Folks should consider donating to the efforts of maintaining the cross. The cross was installed in the 1950s by a Tarentum High School class.
Adjourn:	❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.