



**BOROUGH OF TARENTUM**  
 COUNCIL MEETING  
 BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Regular Meeting



<b>Order:</b>	<b>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.</b>		
<b>Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.</b>			
<b>Roll Call:</b>	The following members were present: Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, Mr. Raymond Kerr, Ms. Lou Ann Homa, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox and Mayor Adam Blythe.		
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	BOROUGH SOLICITOR	DAVID A. REGOLI	X
	CHIEF OF POLICE	WILLIAM S. VAKULICK	X
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
<b>Public Comment:</b> <i>New Business Items.</i>	N/A		
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to accept the resignation of Adam Blythe as Mayor of Tarentum. The motion carries unanimously 6-0.</li>   <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Adam Blythe to fill the vacancy in the office of councilperson for the 2nd Ward. The motion carries unanimously 6-0.</li>   <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt <a href="#">Resolution #21-18</a>:           RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA          ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH COUNCILPERSONS. The motion carries unanimously 6-0.</li>   <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Bob Lang to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor of Tarentum Borough. The motion carries unanimously 6-0.</li>   <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt <a href="#">Resolution #21-19</a>:           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 carries unanimously 6-0.</li> </ul> <p align="center">***Swearing in of Councilman Adam Blythe and Mayor Bob Lang performed by the Honorable Carolyn S. Bengel***</p>		



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<b>Exceptions to Open Meetings:</b>	Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. following the Regular Council Meeting – Personnel, Property, Litigation matters.
<b>Minutes:</b>	❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to accept the minutes of the <a href="#">October 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting</a> . The motion carried unanimously 7-0.
<b>Public Comment:</b> <i>Agenda Items.</i>	
<b>Communications:</b>	01. <a href="#">Communication 01 - EAC Appointment Request - Al Bowers</a> 02. <a href="#">Communication 02 – Easter Egg Hunt Event Request – Women of the Moose #711</a> 03. <a href="#">Communication 03 – Park Event Request - Carrie Lewis DelRosso</a> 04. <a href="#">Communication 04 – Letter of Mayor Resignation – Adam Blythe</a>

**COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

<b>Mayor Report</b>	Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Will have a report next month.
<b>President Report</b>	<p>Congratulations to the new Mayor and council members.</p> <p>Thanked Adam Blythe for his time as interim Mayor during the last month.</p> <p>Thanked Carrie Fox and the Recreation Board for the Halloween Events including the Boo Festival. Also thanked the emergency responders for their assistance in these events including Trick or Treat night.</p> <p>Attended ALOM meeting last month. Will be serving on the Board on behalf of Tarentum Borough as District 1 representative. During the ALOM meeting there were seven nominations for the Borough Council member of the year. Results will be provided in the coming weeks.</p> <p>2022 Banner Community Applications went out. Tarentum has already completed their application and returned it back to ALOM.</p> <p>ACBA Banquet will be Saturday, February 5, 2022.</p>
<b>Solicitor Report</b>	Continued with the Bond refinancing project.
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	<p>No report.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt the <a href="#">Tarentum Borough Police Department Policy 4.12 – Juvenile Holding Policies and Procedures</a>. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</p>
<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<p><a href="#">2021.10 Monthly Report</a></p> <p>Fall demolition project is almost complete. Two of the three homes are completed. One home left to demolish under this project.</p>
<b>Engineer Report</b>	<p><a href="#">2021.11 - Engineer Report</a></p> <p>CDBG Year 47 – Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project. Estimate was \$111,926 and the funded grant amount is \$72,752. The low bidder came in at \$73,043.</p>



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MS4 reminder: As we approach winter, please be mindful of excessive salt on sidewalks which may run into our stormwater system.

**Manager Report**

**Upcoming Events:**

- November 11, 2021 – Borough Office Closed
- November 20, 2021 – 1:00 PM – Tarentum/Brackenridge Christmas Parade
- November 23, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Budget Meeting
- November 25 – 26, 2021 – Borough Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 30, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Recreation Board Meeting
- December 4, 2021 – 3:00 PM – Santa Claus Comes to Town
- December 7, 2021 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting

**Reports and Updates:**

- [2021.10 - Legislative Locator](#)
- [2021.10 - League Link](#)
- 2021.10 - PELRAS Update
- 2021.10 - Allegheny County Council Connection Newsletter

**Sheriff Sale Listings ([November 2021](#)):**

Property:	Auction #:	List:	Docket #:	Date:
622 Roup Street	020JUL21	Postponed	MG-20-000256	12/6/2021
319 W 9th Avenue	006JUN20	Postponed	MG-19-000810	12/6/2021
621 E 8th Avenue	015FEB21	Postponed	GD-20-007634	11/1/2021
305 W 9th Avenue	025OCT21	Postponed	MG-19-001081	11/1/2021
609 E 9th Avenue	021DEC21	Sale List	MG-20-000126	12/6/2021

**New Business:**

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to pay the Borough bills for the month of November, 2021. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Mr. Blythe to approve the request of Women of the Moose #711 to hold the Easter Egg Hunt at Tarentum Park on April 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with street closure to take place 30 minutes prior to the event. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to approve the request of State Representative Carrie Lewis DelRosso to hold a Community Wellness Event in Tarentum Park on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Blythe to ratify <a href="#">Resolution #21-16</a>:  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”). The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</li> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt <a href="#">Resolution #21-17</a>:  RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT FOR THE ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT PROGRAM. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</li> <li>❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Mr. Kerr to adopt <a href="#">Ordinance #21-07</a>:  ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RENAMING STREETS AND ROADWAYS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</li> </ul>	
<b>AVNCOG</b>	<p><a href="#">2021.10 AVNCOG Agenda-Minutes-Reports</a></p> <p>Discussed the CDBG Year 47/2021 project. The low bid is a big victory for the Borough.</p> <p>COG annual banquet will take place in January 2022.</p>	<b>Ms. Fox</b>
<b>Business Advisory Committee</b>	<p>Will be setting up a Business Advisory Committee luncheon for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Currently seeking out a venue.</p> <p>DiFatta Law Offices, LLC opened in town at 606 Corbet Street.</p> <p>Ales on 6th will be opening at the former Ziggy’s.</p>	<b>Mr. Kerr</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b>	<p><a href="#">2021.10 – Budget Report</a></p> <p><a href="#">2021.10 – Check Register</a></p> <p><a href="#">2021.09 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</a></p> <p>Budget meeting set for November 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.</p>	<b>Mr. Blythe</b>
<b>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</b>	<p>Boo Festival was a huge success this year. Thanks to Borough staff, Tammy Suttly and Carla Adams for their help with the event. It was a great event for the children in our community. Thanks to the Praha for their assistance with the hayride event.</p> <p>Scarecrow Winners:</p>	<b>Ms. Fox</b>



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	<p>1st Place – Hailey’s Hair</p> <p>2nd Place – Jessica Kelly</p> <p>3rd Place – Maskas &amp; Sons</p> <p>Tarentum/Brackenridge Christmas Parade will take place on November 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Pictures with the wiener-mobile will take place at the Marina prior to the parade.</p> <p>Santa Comes to town on December 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. There will be three (3) Santa’s riding around town. The fire companies will be helping with this event.</p> <p>Senior Scratch Off bingo will take place on December 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tarentum Marina. Prizes will be awarded. We can’t hold the event at Dalton’s Edge yet due to Covid protocols.</p> <p>Christmas Light Decoration contest is underway. Please see the website for more information.</p> <p>Evangel Heights Church will be holding a food distribution event for community members on November 20 during the Christmas Parade event. They have 100 non-perishable food packages available for distribution. They would also like to hold additional events in the future.</p>	
<p><b>Property/Health/ Zoning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Kerr to appoint Al Bowers to the Environmental Advisory Council, said term to expire December 31, 2023. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</li> </ul> <p>We are still looking for a 5th candidate for the Board. If anyone is interested, please let us know.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to adopt <a href="#">Resolution #21-20</a>:</li> </ul> <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 1223-K-250 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</p> <p>Article in the Pittsburgh Business Times recently. Listing of zip codes with most “housing momentum” in the County. Tarentum zip code is #11 on the list.</p>	<p>Mr. Bonner</p>



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<b>Public Safety</b>	<p><a href="#">Eureka – Monthly Report</a></p> <p>❖ Motion by Mr. Blythe, second by Ms. Fox to adopt <a href="#">Ordinance #21-06</a>:</p> <p>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. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.</p>	<b>Mr. Blythe</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<p><a href="#">2021.10 Monthly Report</a></p> <p>Thanks to the Public Works department for putting in a number of manhole risers on 1st Avenue, 10th Avenue and a few other locations within the Borough.</p>	<b>Ms. Homa</b>
<b>Redevelopment/ Revitalization</b>	<p>No report.</p>	<b>Ms. Fox</b>
<b>Special Events/ Tourism</b>	<p>No committee report.</p> <p>Presented a <a href="#">Skatepark Memorandum Handout</a> to council regarding a skateboard park proposal for the Borough. Asking council to review the printout and seriously consider the concept and proposal.</p>	<b>Mr. Snyder</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<p><a href="#">Water – 2021.10 – Water Plant Report</a>  <a href="#">Electric – 2021.10 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter</a></p> <p>FUN WATER FACT FOR NOVEMBER: 29.5 million gallons produced this month. This converts to 3.75 billion ounces of water. This equates to 13+ million 12 oz. cases of beer.</p> <p>River dredging is now complete.</p>	<b>Mr. Bonner</b>
<b>Public Comment:</b>	<p>Stephanie Adams - W 8th and Grantham - Having issues in her area with cars being parked on the sidewalk. Asked whether there is an Ordinance that prohibits this conduct. Spoke with the police department about the sidewalk parking issue on Grantham Street.</p> <p>Also mentioned that the skatepark is a positive item for the Borough.</p> <p>Asked for consideration for a stop sign on Grantham Street.</p> <p>Cindy Homburg - 538 E. 10th Avenue - Asked for the renaming of streets to mean something to the Borough.</p> <p>Marilyn Pesce - Owner of property at E 11th Avenue spoke on the renaming of the alleyways.</p> <p>Tom Berquist - 211 W 9th Street - Reached out to the Borough on several occasions regarding traffic issues at this location. As he sits on his porch, he sees quite a bit of traffic speeding past his</p>	



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	<p>area. Councilman Bonner addressed Mr. Berquist by stating that there are a few options available to the Borough to address some of the traffic concerns in this area. There was a meeting of Mr. Bonner, Ms. Fox and Mr. Snyder at this location a few weeks ago to examine this item.</p> <p>Bob Fegneletto - Asked questions about the mailing of the electric bills to tenants and landlords. Asked for consideration to send the utility bill in the immediate month following consumption.</p> <p>Brad Lightner - 909 East Street - Discussed the Vacant Property Resolution and some of the requirements for off street parking on East Street.</p> <p>Chuck Dizard - Harrison Township - Santa event on December 4 also includes the three (3) fire companies from Harrison Township. Brackenridge is also holding a similar event on this day.</p>
<b>Additional Council Comment:</b>	Councilman Ray Kerr - Thursday is Veteran’s Day. Please thank your Veterans for their service.
<b>Adjourn:</b>	❖ Motion by Ms. Homa, second by Ms. Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.