



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
 COUNCIL MEETING
 BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, December 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting



Order:	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Council President Scott Dadowski.		
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.			
<u>MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR SOLICITOR DAVID A. REGOLI WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 9, 2021.</u>			
Roll Call:	The following members were present: Mr. Raymond Kerr, Mr. Jim Bonner, Ms. Carrie Fox, Mr. Brian Snyder, Mr. Scott Dadowski, and Mayor Bob Lang. Mr. Adam Blythe and Ms. Lou Ann Homa were absent with cause.		
Also Present:	DEPARTMENT	NAME	PRESENT:
	BOROUGH MANAGER	MICHAEL L. NESTICO	X
	POLICE PATROLMAN	JORDAN SCHRECENGOST	X
	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	ANTHONY D. BRUNI	X
Exceptions to Open Meetings:	November 23, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. for personnel and property related matters.		
Minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried 5-0. ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Kerr to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried 5-0. 		
Public Comment: <i>Agenda Items.</i>	None.		
Communications:	01. Communication 01 – Vacancy Board Appointment Request – Tim Kuhns 02. Communication 02 – EAC Appointment Request – Matt Jenkins		

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<p>Proposal to modify Tarentum Borough Code 246 - Abandoned Vehicles</p> <p>Met with State Representative DelRosso on November 24, 2021 regarding the Tarena property in hopes to see a grocery store at the location.</p> <p>Discussed the Handle With Care program for youth in coping with domestic violence issues and related matters.</p>
President Report	<p>Thank you to the public works department for making the town look nice during the holiday season.</p> <p>Thanks to Carrie and the recreation board for the light decoration contest for homes and businesses. It's nice to see happening in our town.</p> <p>Attended the ALOM general membership meeting on December 4, 2021.</p>



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Police Chief Report	No report.																														
Code Officer Report	<p>2021.11 Monthly Report</p> <p>Final home demolition for 2021 has been completed. All demolitions have been completed in a satisfactory manner.</p>																														
Engineer Report	<p>2021.12 - Engineer Report</p> <p>MS4 reminder: Please be mindful of excessive salt on sidewalks which may run into our stormwater system.</p>																														
Manager Report	<p>Upcoming Events: December 24-27, 2021 – Borough Office Closed for Christmas December 31, 2021 – Borough Office Closed January 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Borough Council Regular Meeting January 5, 2022 – 5:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>Reports and Updates: 2021.11 - Legislative Locator 2021.11 - League Link 2021.11 - PELRAS Update 2021.11 - Allegheny County Council Connection Newsletter</p> <p>Advertised for openings for the various board openings in 2022: <i>Vacancy Board (One opening), Planning Commission (Three openings), Zoning Hearing Board (Two openings), Recreation Board (One opening), Civil Service Commission (One opening), Environmental Advisory Council (One opening) and Emergency Management Coordinator.</i> <i>Please send any letters of interest for these voluntary positions to Michael L. Nestico, Borough Manager, 318 Second Avenue, Tarentum, PA 15084.</i></p> <p>Sheriff Sale Listings (December 2021):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Property:</th> <th>Auction #:</th> <th>List:</th> <th>Docket #:</th> <th>Date:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>622 Roup Street</td> <td>020JUL21</td> <td>Postponed</td> <td>MG-20-000256</td> <td>1/3/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>319 W 9th Avenue</td> <td>006JUN20</td> <td>Postponed</td> <td>MG-19-000810</td> <td>1/3/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>621 E 8th Avenue</td> <td>015FEB21</td> <td>Postponed</td> <td>GD-20-007634</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>305 W 9th Avenue</td> <td>025OCT21</td> <td>Postponed</td> <td>MG-19-001081</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>609 E 9th Avenue</td> <td>021DEC21</td> <td>Sale List</td> <td>MG-20-000126</td> <td>3/7/2022</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Property:	Auction #:	List:	Docket #:	Date:	622 Roup Street	020JUL21	Postponed	MG-20-000256	1/3/2022	319 W 9th Avenue	006JUN20	Postponed	MG-19-000810	1/3/2022	621 E 8th Avenue	015FEB21	Postponed	GD-20-007634	N/A	305 W 9th Avenue	025OCT21	Postponed	MG-19-001081	N/A	609 E 9th Avenue	021DEC21	Sale List	MG-20-000126	3/7/2022
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New Business:

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to pay the Borough bills for the month of December, 2021. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Presentation:

Joe Muscatello - Boenning & Scattergood - Discussion of 2022 Bond Issuance.
 Chris Brewer - Dinsmore & Shohl LLP - Bond Counsel

- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt [Ordinance #21-09](#):

AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,925,000); COVENANTING TO PAY, AND PLEDGING UNLIMITED TAXING POWER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINKING FUND AND APPOINTING A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; FIXING THE FORM, MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MATURITY DATES, REDEMPTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING A FILING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF OFFICERS; AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE BONDS.

The motion passes unanimously 5-0.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Scott E. Avolio, Esq. and the firm of Avolio Law Group, LLC as interim solicitor for Tarentum Borough. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Gibson-Thomas as the Engineering Firm of Tarentum Borough for 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to appoint First National Bank as the depository of Tarentum Borough funds for 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Mark C. Turnley, CPA as Auditor for Tarentum Borough for 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.



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- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Altany Insurance as the Insurance Brokerage of Tarentum for 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to ratify the advertisement of the vacancies of the various boards, committees, and commissions of the Borough of Tarentum for 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to advertise the meeting schedule for the various boards, committees and commissions of the Borough of Tarentum for 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to advertise Tarentum Borough Council meetings for January 4, 2022 and January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to advertise a Tarentum Borough Planning Commission meeting for January 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Ms. Fox to advertise notice of a public hearing before Tarentum Borough Council on January 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at which time Borough Council will receive public input on the conditional use zoning request for the property located at 209 Lock Street. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Bonner to ratify authorization of the Borough Manager to execute a one-year contract extension with Waste Management for 2022 sanitation hauling services at a rate of \$188.79 per ton. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to adopt [Ordinance #21-08](#):

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2022 AT A RATE OF 5.48 MILLS.
The motion passes unanimously 5-0.

- ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Ms. Fox to advertise [Ordinance #22-02](#):

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 passes unanimously 5-0.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Ms. Fox, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Dianna Roney to the Tarentum Borough Planning Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2023. The motion passes unanimously 5-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Kerr to appoint Jim Bonner to the Tarentum Borough Planning Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2024. The motion passes 4-0 with Councilman Bonner abstaining. ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Resolution #21-24: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SETTING THE AMOUNT AND METHOD FOR FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE BOROUGH, ITS EMPLOYEES AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR VARIOUS SERVICES PERFORMED FOR THE CITIZENS, RATE PAYERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. The motion passes unanimously 5-0. 	
AVNCOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Kerr, second by Mr. Snyder to appoint Councilwoman Carrie Fox as the Tarentum Borough representative of the AVN COG for 2022. The motion passes 4-0 with Councilwoman Fox abstaining. <p>COG budget passed with no additional cost to municipalities for 2022.</p>	Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	<p>BAC luncheon held on Wed. December 8, 2021 at 12 PM at Tarenbee. Thanks to Tarenbee and Pasta King for their hospitality during the event. Discussion about business promotion. BAC expressed to various businesses that we would like them to “take over” the committee. They were very receptive to this idea. Plan to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>Next meeting tentatively scheduled to take place at the Praha on January 26, 2022 at noon.</p> <p>Businesses discussed having a welcome packet/business guide for the Borough for visitors, new residents and new businesses.</p>	Mr. Kerr
Finance & Admin.	<p>2021.11 – Budget Report 2021.11 – Check Register 2021.10 - Real Estate Transfer Tax Report 2021.11 – Real Estate Transfer Tax Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Resolution #21-22: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM. 	Mr. Blythe



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	<p>The motion passes unanimously 5-0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to advertise Ordinance #22-01: <p>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 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.</p>	
<p>Parks/ Recreation/ Library</p>	<p>Santa Comes to Tarentum - Held on December 4, 2021. Three Santas and Three Firetrucks all held three parade routes within the Borough. Thank you to the recreation board for all of their work throughout the year and for this event. Thank you to all three fire companies for their assistance during this event. Thanks to Santa helpers Tim Rapp, Hugh Fox and Scott Dadowski. Thank you to Adam Blythe, his family and Zeta Phi Beta for their assistance during the event.</p> <p>Light Up Contest for 2021. This was the first year that the event included residential properties. The winners are as follows:</p> <p>Home 1st Place: “Car Stopper” – 318 W 11th - Kelli Koprivnikar & Jack Wise 2nd Place: “Most Traditional” – 506 E 8th - Tom Tyborowski & Glenn Marsh 3rd Place: “Most Colorful” – 509 E 10th - David Kjanica</p> <p>Business 1st Place: “Car Stopper” – 300 Corbet St - Merle Norman Studios 2nd Place: “Most Traditional” – 208 Corbet St - Lehman Flower Show 3rd Place: “Most Colorful” – 708 Corbet St - Tarentum Post Office</p> <p>The recreation board meeting for December 2021 will not take place.</p> <p>The recreation board wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p>	<p>Ms. Fox</p>
<p>Property/Health/ Zoning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to adopt Resolution #21-23: <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-G-23 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.</p>	<p>Mr. Bonner</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Ms. Fox to appoint Matt Jenkins to the Environmental Advisory Council, said term to expire December 31, 2022. The motion passes unanimously 5-0. ❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Kerr to appoint Jim Bonner to the Environmental Advisory Council, said term to expire December 31, 2024. The motion passes 4-0 with Councilman Bonner abstaining. <p>Environmental Advisory Council now at full participation with five (5) active members.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Chairman</td> <td>Jim Bonner</td> <td>12/31/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Christa Jones</td> <td>12/31/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Cynthia Kramer</td> <td>12/31/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Al Bowers</td> <td>12/31/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Matt Jenkins</td> <td>12/31/2022</td> </tr> </table>	Chairman	Jim Bonner	12/31/2024		Christa Jones	12/31/2022		Cynthia Kramer	12/31/2023		Al Bowers	12/31/2023		Matt Jenkins	12/31/2022	
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Public Safety	Eureka – Monthly Report	Mr. Blythe															
Public Works	2021.11 Monthly Report	Ms. Homa															
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	No report.	Ms. Fox															
Special Events/ Tourism	Asked for consideration to advertise for openings of the Special Events Committee. Borough manager asked for opportunity to explore the proposal and get back to Mr. Snyder.	Mr. Snyder															
Utilities	<p>Water – 2021.11 – Water Plant Report Electric – 2021.11 – PMEA Monthly e-Newsletter</p> <p>33 Million gallons of water = 12 Million cases of wine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Motion by Mr. Bonner, second by Mr. Snyder to adopt Resolution #21-21: <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATING THE RATES FOR METERED WATER SOLD BY THE BOROUGH TO ITS CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST DEER AND REPEALING ALL RATES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH. The motion passes unanimously 5-0.</p>	Mr. Bonner															
Public Comment:	None.																
Additional Council Comment:	Councilman Dadowski - Addressed Mr. Bonner’s expiring term. Thanked him for his service and thanked him for continuing to serve on other Borough boards including the EAC and the Planning Commission.																



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	<p>Honored to be Council President for the past two years and indicated that he would be willing to remain in the position upon reorganization next month.</p> <p>Councilwoman Fox - Thanked Jim Bonner as a true asset to the borough and that he was great to work with over the years.</p>
Adjourn:	❖ Motion by Mr. Dadowski, second by Mr. Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion carries unanimously 7-0.