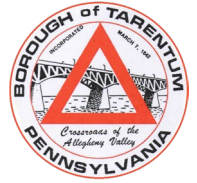




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ORDER: _____ 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

ROLL CALL: Scott Dadowski, Raymond Kerr, Kevin Bertocki, Lou Ann Homa, Brian Nolan, Carrie Fox, Brian Snyder, Mayor Bob Lang

ALSO PRESENT: **Borough Solicitor** Eric H. Dee;
Borough Manager Dwight D. Boddorf;
Also Present: Detective Mark Glowgoski

CITIZEN COMMENT:

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

The following executive sessions were held: June 28th to discuss personnel and contractual items related to Police.

MINUTES:

Minutes approval is done at the regular Council Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

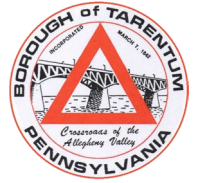
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COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
President Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Solicitor Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Police Chief Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Code Officer Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting



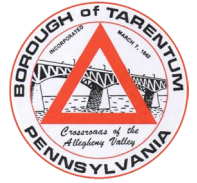
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Engineer Report	Listed on regular monthly meeting
Manager Report	<p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 6-month review and budget transfer Borough Manager Boddorf noted that a 6-month budget review went out to Council and Department Heads. The Borough is short revenue projections in electric and taxes. A few line items are over budget, including policing items related to January’s shooting. Across all funds the Borough is positive approximately \$580,000. <p>Country Expressions Band had to reschedule their concert to Sunday July 23rd</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ N/A <p>Other Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trash update Borough Manager Boddorf discussed the following updates and notes on trash service in the Borough:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1826 accounts.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 133 accounts added that were not previously paying.• 68 extra cans delivered.• 38 missed initial delivery cans delivered.• Website updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 new forms added to website:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra trash can request.• Missed pick up or issue.• Popup added on homepage informing visitors of changes and directing them towards forms.• Staffing requirements and changes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estimated 40 – 50 calls/emails per week since implementation.• PW staff are delivering extra cans and exchanging others.• Daily lists from front office to public works about changes/deliveries/issues• Tracking of serial numbers• Lost/stolen can investigations.



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- Requests for exceptions
- Trash communication items
 - 1 postcard to entire town regardless of trash usage (2400)
 - 2 flyer inserts for bills approximately (2200) households/businesses.
 - Savvy citizen
 - May 30th (1193)
 - June 7th (1193)
 - June 15th (1193)
 - June 24th (1193)
 - July 10th (1193)
 - CodeRed
 - June 15th (1699)
 - June 24th (459)
 - July 10th (1701 contacts)
 - Social Media
 - March 21st (484 reach)
 - April 14th (1180 reach)
 - May 25th (858 reach)
 - June 15th (517 reach)
 - June 24 (2584 reach)

Total combined media announcements: **16**

Total amount of individuals reached throughout communications campaign:

Approximately 22,416.

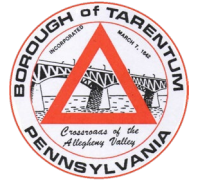
Furthermore, the Borough Manager noted that under the Borough's ordinances related to waste that every household shall have waste services. He noted that staff do not have the statutory authority to waive costs for residents who don't wish to pay for services. The Borough Council could if they so choose to modify the ordinance. Council Member Fox noted that we don't want vacant property in the Borough. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Bruni noted the Borough has a vacant property registration program and that some individuals not desiring to pay for trash at vacant properties are self-identifying for the purposes of that program.

Council President Scott Dadowski mentioned that the 133 individuals not paying trash services over the years amounts to everyone else subsidizing costs for the entire borough.

The Borough Manager stated that overall, the roll-out has gone better than anticipated and that they staff have done a good job handling the challenges. He discussed the possibility of a dumpster day where the Borough pays for a large dumpster and residents



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can dump whatever trash they can fit in their vehicle on that day.

- **Dredging update**

Borough Manager Dwight Boddorf informed the Council that the estimated costs for dredging the pumphouse intake is at about \$220,000 this year. The last dredging was completed two years ago at about 130,000.00 and we should consider delaying dredging for this year. Council President Scott Dadowski asked if the Borough will be ok to push it off. Borough Manager Boddorf replied that while not ideal, we can push it off if we have no other choice.

Reports and Updates:

- Listed on regular monthly meeting

Sheriff Sale Listings (2023):

- Listed on regular monthly meeting

Business

Postponed Business:

- Discussion on pavilion rental

Borough Manager Dwight Boddorf noted that this resolution will allow any routine request for a park reservation to be approved by the Borough Manager.

Council Member Snyder asked a question about AA meetings being held there and if it would be a problem if someone else reserved the space. The Manager noted that previously the approval sheet is taken to the reservation to show proof of reservation. Mr. Snyder asked if we could post reservations at the pavilion. Mrs. Fox noted that they have been very understanding in the past.

- Discussion on façade improvement

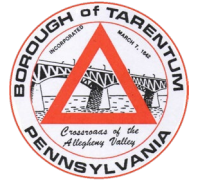
Mr. Boddorf noted the application and material is available online. Furthermore, he noted that we are seeing a lot of investment in the Borough right now and a façade improvement grant has been successful in other governments. Mr. Boddorf went on to discuss some of the guidelines and provisions.

- Discussion on additional trash can

Mr. Boddorf noted that the cost of replacement can for stole or lost ones is \$100.00 for this year. He noted that even if a can gets stolen there is still a cost to replace the can. The second item he noted was the Borough is required to pay for approximately 2,200 cans we have to pay for with 1826 given out. For that reason the staff and manager recommend that a \$10.00 per month costs be adopted for extra cans. Council Member Fox stated that she is against any resident paying more than the original 100 costs that was advertised. She recommend that is an



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adjustment needed to be made that it should be done next year. Mr. Dadowski stated that he sees where Mrs. Fox is coming from but there is another side of the argument and that garbage is no longer unlimited and we should pay for whatever the cost of the service is. Borough Solicitor Dee commented that when the next contract comes up that today's prices may impact the contract in the future. Mayor Lang asked if there were additional fees incurred. Mr. Boddorf noted that when you account for staff member time that we never had to deal with before then yes. Currently, we have about three staff members a day spending about two hours on waste-related matters. There were some comments from audience members, but they did not state their name and address before the comments.

- Discussion on Summit Hose Roof issue

Mr. Boddorf commented that Summit Hose Fire company has a leak in their roof and asked Council to consider authorizing up to \$22,499.00 if needed for repairs. The Borough engineer and a contractor have looked at the roof and there is a concern due to the siren on top of the building. Mr. Nolan asked if it would be possible to put a pole in the ground and mount the siren on top of that.

New Business:

- Discussion on shared policing services with Brackenridge

- Intergovernmental Agreement
- MOU
- Shift MOU
- Pension

- Discussion on USDA Facility Grant

Mr. Boddorf noted that the Borough will apply for approximately \$58,000.00 to help offset costs for the police changes.

- Discussion on 2023 budget modification

Mr. Boddorf noted that the Borough should complete a budget modification resolution, although not required, would be a good idea.

- Discussion on annual insurance renewal

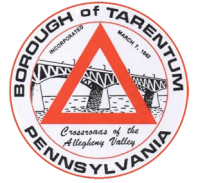
Mr. Boddorf noted that the annual insurance renewal is due, and that the Borough will save about \$14,000.00 compared to this year's costs.

- Discussion on Comcast franchise renewal with COG

Cable television franchise fee is an annual fee charged by a local government to a private cable television company as compensation for using public property it owns as right-of-way for its cable lines.



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- Discussion on Act 152 Concurrent Resolutions
Mr. Boddorf noted that these need to be completed for the previously approved demolition grant through the County.

- Discussion on conditional use of parcel 1223-N-90 (Holy Martyr)
Mr. Bruni commented that Legends of Pittsburgh (a gym) is looking to purchase the facility and utilize the building and lot for its current services. The Borough will need have a condition use hearing to determine what types of conditions Council wants to put on the property.

- Discussion on Tripak Sewage Resolution
Mr. Bruni commented that this resolution is needed for Tripak and the DEP

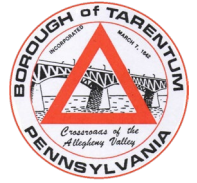
- Discussion on sale of Borough Parcels 1223-P-161 & 1223-P-167
Mr. Boddorf informed Council that DG is going to possibly purchase the land for a grocery store. He noted that there are some additional requirements that would have to be met in order for them to commit a store in Tarentum.

- Discussion on PennDOT Side Aside Grant
Mr. Boddorf informed the Council that there is an opportunity through a State grant to help clearcut trees and brushes along the riverbank if that is something Council is interested in.

Mr. Boddorf noted there is an opportunity for the Borough to join the COG in a multi-municipal appeals board.



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Business Advisory Committee	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Ms. Fox
Finance & Admin.	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Mr. Dadowski
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Property/Health / Zoning	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Nolan Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Bertocki
Public Works	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Dadowski
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Special Events/ Tourism	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Snyder Member: Mr. Bertocki
Utilities	Listed on regular monthly meeting	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Nolan

CITIZENS COMMENT:

Resident Cindy Homberg announced that she is having an event on July 27th commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Korean War and encouraged everyone to show up.

Ray Fortuna asked Council if they are going to have a renewal or not on the dock leases. Mr. Dadowski noted an official decision hasn't been made on that. Mr. Dadowski asked about what the lease states in terms of renewal. Mr. Fortuna noted that a common courtesy would be to inform them ahead of time.

Resident Betty Smith asked about putting up a light at the intersection of Ross Street. Mrs. Fox noted she previously had asked about speed bumps and was informed by PennDOT they don't put bumps on roads like that. Mrs. Smith also asked if anything could be done about all the stray cats. Mayor Lang noted he would check with our animal control officer.



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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM

RK/CF; 7-0



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