



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting



ORDER: _____ p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

ROLL CALL: Present: Lou Ann Homa, Brian Nolan, Maggie Smith, Susan Clark, Scott Dadowski, Kevin Bertocki, and Mayor Bob Lang. Absent with Cause: Raymond Kerr

ALSO PRESENT: **Borough Solicitor:** Eric H. Dee;
Borough Manager: Dwight D. Boddorf;
Code Enforcement Officer: Anthony D. Bruni;
Police Department: Lieutenant Mark Glogowski

CITIZEN COMMENT:

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

The following executive sessions were held: N/A

MINUTES: [02-13-24 Regular Meeting](#)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. [Request for the Women of the Moose to hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt.](#) (motion below).
2. [Request from AIU to park Head Start Mobile Care Unit on 3/30/2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.](#)
3. [Request from Dynamite Daycare for Graduation Event.](#)
4. [Letter to Council from Eureka Community Ambulance.](#)

Mr. Dadowski read the entire letter from Eureka Community Ambulance. "Dear Eureka Community Ambulance Service I hope this message finds you well. I have received your request for additional funding, and first, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the dedication and service that Eureka Community Ambulance Service provides to our community. Your team's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of our residents is truly commendable.

I understand the challenges you are facing with budget constraints and their potential impact on your operations. Please know that I am deeply concerned about possible cuts or closure, as your services are essential to our community's well-being. In light of this, I want to assure you that I am fully committed to working with the Borough Council and exploring all possible avenues to secure the additional funding needed to support your operations. Furthermore, I believe this is an opportunity for collaboration among local governments. I will reach out to our neighboring municipalities to encourage them to come together to support your organization.



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By pooling our resources and efforts, we can ensure the continuity and stability of your invaluable services.

Your request is our top priority, and we will do everything in our power to find a solution that allows you to continue your essential work without interruption. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if there are any specific ways we can assist or if further discussions would be beneficial. I am here to support you and ensure that our community continues to have access to the high-quality emergency medical services you provide.

Thank you again for all that you do. I look forward to working closely with you and our neighboring communities to address this challenge and ensure the sustainability of your essential services.” “We are blessed to have the services we have; we have the best. Obviously, what we contribute is not enough, and we will do what we need to do.”

5. Recreation Board resignation letter from JP Marino due to scheduling conflicts.
6. Recreation Board resignation letter from Jen Marino due to scheduling conflicts.

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>23 Major Crimes in both communities. 130 other calls for service. 4 arrests, 5 summons, 2 traffic citations, 5 non-traffic citations.</i>
President Report	<i>I attended the ACBA directors' meeting and had a lot of discussions about regulatory boards. We discussed the Public Partners program, which we promote. Dwight and I attended a Congressional breakfast on Saturday and discussed some of the funding matters for 2024-2025. I will be attending the Spring ALOM conference coming up.</i>
Solicitor Report	<i>We have the amended zoning ordinance and map ready to send to the planning committee.</i>
Police Chief Report	<i>I wanted to thank the Council and Borough Manager for expressing support for Eureka.</i>
Code Officer Report	2024.02 Monthly Report

Engineer Report	2024.02- Engineer Report Properly dispose of used motor oil, oil-based paints, solvents, household cleaners, and other hazardous household chemicals. Go to www.westmorelandcleanways.org for more info.
Manager Report	<p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 2023 Audit will begin in April. ▪ The Borough is working on several grant-related items. <i>“We have applied for four major grants for the water plant, two from State funding, and we are hoping for the other two from Federal funding.”</i> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Egg Hunt ▪ Night Market <i>Will go on Savvy Citizen and online if approved</i>



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Other Updates:

- [Zoning Map and Ordinance update](#)
c to go to the Borough Planning Committee and Allegheny County Planning Department. Additionally, properties must be posted.

Reports and Updates:

2024.02 - League Link: No update since January 2024
[2024.02 - PELRAS Update](#)
[2024.02 - Allegheny County Council](#)
[2024.02 – PME Ae-Newsletter](#)

Sheriff Sale Listings (2024):

[2024.02 Bid List](#)
[2024.02 Sale Results](#)

Business

Postponed Business:

- Motion to approve Crown Castle Lease amendment.
We continued negotiations with Crown Castle and have had a chance to get ahead of the curve with the contract and rent increase. Currently, they pay \$20,000.00 per year. Through renegotiations, we raised the rent to \$26,600.00 per year plus annual increases and a \$10,000.00 signing bonus.

BN/LH; 6-0

New Business:

- Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of February 2024.
 BN/MS; 6-0
- Motion to approve bid from Three Rivers Diving to clean and inspect Water Treatment Plant Clearwell for approximately \$6,000.00
**Note: Requirement after recent DEP Audit.
 Mr. Boddorf noted we have to have this done due to an audit by DEP.*

KB/BN; 6-0

- Motion to approve [Ordinance 24-02:](#)
 AN ORDINANCE OF TARENTUM BOROUGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 50 OF 2021 AND REGULATING SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES TO BE PLACED WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

KB/LH; 6-0

- Motion to approve [Ordinance 24-03:](#)
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING RULES GOVERNING COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES OPERATING IN THE BOROUGH, ESTABLISHING AVOIDED COST RATES, AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.

KB/BN; 6-0



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- Motion to advertise [Ordinance 23-06 amendment](#).
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TARENTUM BOROUGH ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AND SETTING FORTH THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICITY TO THE RESIDENTS OF TARENTUM BOROUGH.
BN/KB; 6-0
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-06](#):
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SHARING OF CASH TRANSPORTATION ARRANGMENTS BETWEEN TARENTUM BOROUGH AND THE TARENTUM BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR.
MS/BN; 5-0, 1 abstention
- Motion to request the Tarentum Borough Planning Committee to review the [proposed Zoning Map Change](#).
LH/KB; 6-0
- Motion to advertise **Public Hearing on Comcast Franchise Renewal** pursuant to Section 626 of the Cable Communications Policy Act on April 9 at 5:00 PM.
LH/BN; 6-0
- Motion to approve the Recreation Board and Women of the Moose's request to close First Avenue for their annual Egg hunt between Ross and Corbet on 3/30/2024 from 8:30 AM to the end of the hunt.
MS/SC; 6-0
- Motion to approve the AIU HeadStart's request for the UPMC Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to park in the parking lot between E. 4th Avenue & E. 3rd Avenue on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a mobile care event.
BN/SC; 6-0
- Motion to approve Dynamite Daycare's request for annual preschool graduation on 5/23/2024 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM and for practice that morning from 10:30 AM to noon.
KB/MS; 6-0
- Motion to approve [Summit Hose Company's request](#) to close First Avenue between Ross and Corbet from 9/25/2024 to 9/28/2024 for the Tarentum Fall Festival.
SC/BN; 6-0
- Motion to appoint Wendy Conn to the Tarentum Recreation Board.
MS/SC; 6-0
- Motion to approve the Night Market Committee's request to close Corbet Street and 5th Avenue for the following dates to hold [Night Market: May 9, June 13, July 11, and August 8](#).



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	<p>LH/KB; 6-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to ratify ECDCI Grant application for Police Department for \$82,500.00 <p>MS/SC; 6-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve CPF 2025 grant application for Water Treatment Plant for approximately \$920,000.00 Electrical Upgrades: \$420,000, Mechanical Upgrades: \$500,000; \$300,000 was already awarded from the State. <p>SC/KB; 6-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to advertise the April 2, 2024, Conditional Use hearing for the following: Parcel 1223-G-12 (335 E. 8th Ave) Parcel 1223-N-00090 (334 West 9th Ave) <p>BN/KB; 6-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to authorize a Spring 2024 Dumpster Day on 4/28/2024 from 9:30 -12:00 PM <p>MS/BN; 6-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion on grant opportunity for Dreshar Stadium. Tabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve Snack Shack installation for \$3,518.00 <i>Mr Boddorf noted that the Borough received three bids.</i> <p>BN/KB; 5-0, 1 abstention</p>	
AVNCOG	<i>The deadline for COG Dinner is 3/18/2024. COG has submitted over \$24,000 for ADA ramp approvals in town.</i>	Chair: Mr. Bertocki
Business Advisory Committee	N/A	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Bertocki
Finance & Admin.	2024.02 Budget Report 2024.02 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Ms. Smith



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Parks/ Recreation	<i>The Recreation Board and Women of the Moose are sponsoring the Egg Hun on 3/30/2024 at 9:00 AM sharp. Thanks to PW for hanging the flag and Scott Townsend for making it. The 8th edition of the magazine will be out in April. Thanks to Dwight and Council for all the support.</i>	Chair: Ms. Smith Member: Mr. Bertocki
Property/Health / Zoning	<i>The zoning map is moving on to the next stage.</i>	Chair: Mr. Nolan Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	<i>Continuing discussions with other departments about the future.</i>	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mrs. Homa
Public Works	2024.02 Monthly Report <i>The stop light at 10th and Corbet is impressive. A left-hand turn will now be available.</i>	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Ms. Smith
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	N/A	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Mr. Dadowski
Utilities	Water – 2024.02 – Water Plant Report Electric - 2024.02 – Electric Report	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Nolan

CITIZENS COMMENT:

Mr. Mayhew, 347 West 11th Avenue. Is there grant money coming for the waterline on West 11th? Mr. Boddorf noted that, yes, there is a grant the Borough is applying for West 11th Avenue. The Borough has a 20-30-year plan for the Borough’s water system. Mr. Mayhew expressed the need for a fire hydrant to be there and for it to be flushed. Trees cut under the power lines made a mess. Mr. Boddorf noted the Borough would come to take a look at it.

345 West 11th Street wanted to second the mess made under the power lines.

Wend Conn, 300 Main Street. I wanted to say the response to the recent electrical issue was wonderful and that the Savvy App is awesome.

Brad James, Eureka appreciates your comments.

Mr. Mayhew added an additional comment on the brush under the powerlines. Mr. Boddorf noted that no one should be touching the Borough-owned utility poles.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. **MS/BN; 6-0.**



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