



**BOROUGH OF TARENTUM**  
**COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Regular Meeting



**ORDER:**                   6:00         p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**     Brian Nolan, Maggie Smith, Susan Clark, Scott Dadowski, Kevin Bertocki, Lou Ann Homa, 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:**

*Sgt. Grimm from the 317<sup>th</sup> Military Police presented on the U.S. Army’s request to use the hill for training as they have in the past. Specifically, they want to spend a few nights throughout the year training and firing blanks in the near future. Mr. Boddorf asked if the overnight and blank fire were the same event or different. Sgt. Grimm clarified that they are most likely separate. They are looking to spend the night this year and to do blank fire exercises next year. Mr. Boddorf asked how many times a year they are asking for. Sgt. Grimm said a few times a year, maybe two or three. Mr. Boddorf noted there are several ways to notify residents if need be.*

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

The following executive sessions were held: N/A

**MINUTES:**   [03-12-24 Regular Meeting](#)  
 KB/LH; 6-0

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. [Email to the Manager and Council from the 307th Military Police Company requesting the use of Tarentum Property for military training.](#)
2. [Request from Blackburn’s](#) to close the road on June 21, 2024, for their annual company picnic.

**COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

<b>Mayor Report</b>	<i>Major Crimes: 39, Calls: 174, Arrests: 3, Summons: 9, Warrants: 17, Traffic citations: 16, Non-traffic citations: 7.</i>
<b>President Report</b>	<i>I attended an EMS forum at Citizens House hosted by Representative Steele and DCED. The conversation about funding is gaining traction, and I hope the other municipalities help out. I attended the ALOM spring education conference, and it was not surprising that EMS was a major</i>



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	<i>topic. CC4 EMS is an organization that gives statistics about funding and what EMS companies do. Tax collection, specifically delinquent taxes, was another big topic. We were named a 2024 Banner Community.</i>
<b>Solicitor Report</b>	<i>Completed decisional use request on Legends of Pittsburgh</i>
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	N/A
<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<a href="#">2024.03 Monthly Report</a> <i>The vote will be coming up for Legends, and we are attending a meeting Friday with the COG about the demolitions.</i>

<b>Engineer Report</b>	<a href="#">2024.03- Engineer Report</a> Properly dispose of used motor oil, oil-based paints, solvents, household cleaners, and other hazardous household chemicals. Go to <a href="http://www.westmorelandcleanways.org">www.westmorelandcleanways.org</a> for more info.
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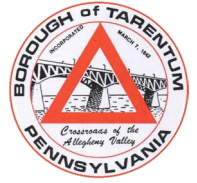
<b>Manager Report</b>	<p><b>Finance Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 2023 Audit has started</li> <li>▪ The Borough has received a grant from the State DCED for \$82,500.00 <i>We have been awarded this grant. It is for e-ticketing, cameras, and doors. Since 2019, the Borough has received about 2.9 million dollars in grant funding, and we have a success rate of about 65% in receiving grants we apply for. I wanted to thank the staff for all the hard work over the years. These grants wouldn't be possible without them.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Night Market</li> <li>▪ Spring Clean Up</li> <li>▪ Dumpster Day <i>April 28th will be the Borough's first dumpster day.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Other Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Zoning Map and Ordinance update <i>There are a few final updates, and they will go to Allegheny County Planning for review and comments.</i></li> <li>▪ 10th and Corbet <i>We are nearing completion of the project. PennDOT requires a 30-day waiting period, which will start tomorrow. Additionally, we are waiting for some of the telecommunications companies to remove lines. Mayor Lang asked if the plate readers had been tested yet. Mr. Boddorf answered no, they haven't been installed yet.</i></li> <li>▪ Crossing Guard <i>After carefully considering and reviewing traffic and pedestrian patterns in the area, the Council has voted to remove this crossing guard post effective from the start of the next school year. Tarentum Borough remains deeply committed to ensuring our students' and residents' safety and well-being. Recognizing the importance of this intersection, especially during school hours, we are actively exploring a range of additional</i></li> </ul>
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*safety measures. These include enhanced road markings, updated signage, and the implementation of traffic calming strategies as needed. Our goal is to maintain a safe environment for all pedestrians and drivers in the area.*

*Mayor Lang added some additional signs would be a good edition.*

**Reports and Updates:**

[2024.03 - League Link: March 2024](#)

[2024.03 - PELRAS Update](#)

[2024.03 - Allegheny County Council](#)

[2024.03 – PMEAE-Newsletter](#)

**Sheriff Sale Listings (2024):**

[2024.03 Bid List](#)

[2024.03 Sale Results](#)

**Business**

**Postponed Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

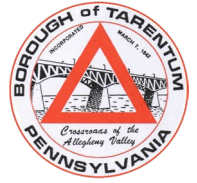
- Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of March 2024.  
**BN/KB; 6-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-07:](#)  
RESOLUTION OF TARENTUM BOROUGH AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF PENNSYLVANIA I, LLC  
*Mr. Boddorf noted this does not lock out any other competition, just merely allowing Comcast and any other company is welcome to operate within the Borough.*  
**LH/KB; 6-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-08:](#)  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY TO REPAIR ROADWAY AT CORBET STREET.  
*Mr. Boddorf discussed that the crossing at Corbett is in bad shape, but Norfolk Southern is responsible for it, and the Borough should at least address it with them.*  
**SC/BN; 6-0**
  
- Motion to approve [MOU between Tarentum Borough Police Department and Allegheny County District Attorney Office](#) pursuant to Act 22 of 2017.  
*Mr. Boddorf noted that this came from the DA's office and allows the DA's office to handle police right-to-know videos.*  
**SC/MS; 6-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Agreement for Consulting Services.](#)  
\*Note part of the approved PFBC grant for Tarentum and Cheswick Riverfront Development.



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*Mr. Boddorf noted that the same planning agency that did the multi-municipal plan is also leading this planning project.*

**BN/MS; 6-0**

- Motion to approve an application to Allegheny County Vacant Property Program for Parcel 1223-N-238.

*Mr. Boddorf noted this is next to several lots we own and will allow us to clean up the property and fence it in to prevent further dumping of tires.*

**MS/SC; 6-0**

*Mayor Lang added that Highland Tire agreed to take the tires at costs to help clean up.*

- Motion to approve hiring K.Golembiesky as temporary part-time fill-in crossing guard effective 4-10-2024.

**LH/SC; 6-0**

- Motion to remove crossing guard position from 9<sup>th</sup> and Corbet for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.

**BN/SC; 6-0**

- Motion to send notice of non-renewal for DQE contract pursuant to 2005 contract.  
*Mr. Boddorf noted that we should be reviewing contracts that auto-renew and renegotiate as necessary.*

**MS/BN; 6-0**

- Motion to approve Firehouse Subs grant application for Summit Hose generator in the amount of \$12,316.48.

**SC/BN; 6-0**

- Motion to approve [dredging of pumphouse intake](#) for an estimated cost of \$68,000 – \$160,000.00.

*\*Note: We will also include an exploration of retrofitting pipes into the river for future intake.*

*Mr. Boddorf noted that this has to be done by hour and by barge and that the Borough carried over \$100,000.00 from last year. We are exploring an alternative means of water intake that will help cut costs substantially.*

**KB/SC; 6-0**

- Motion to approve the installation of pavers, planters, tables, and chairs by PW at 215 Corbet Street for a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

*Mr. Boddorf noted that several ideas have occurred over the last year. The original plan was a gazebo, but the costs had ballooned. The Mayor had suggested putting down pavers and some seating there. We can develop it further in the future if wanted. Mr. Bertocki asked if it included a camera. Mr. Boddorf said not at the moment.*

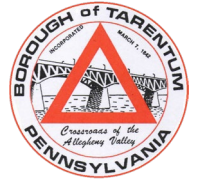
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion to approve <a href="#">Conditional Use Decision for Legends of Pittsburgh</a>.  <i>Mr. Nolan noted a resident suggested a stop sign.</i>  <b>LH/SC; 6-0</b></li>   <li>▪ Motion to approve road closure between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on 7/21/2024 from 3:00 – 9:00 PM.  <b>KB/BN; 6-0</b></li>   <li>▪ Motion to approve Request from U.S. Army to allow:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overnight Training</li> <li>2. Blank fire exercise</li> </ol> <b>MS/LH; 6-0</b></li>   <li>▪ Motion to approve <a href="#">Ordinance 23-06 amendment</a>.              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.  <b>SC/BN; 6-0</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>AVNCOG</b></p>	<p><i>Mr. Bertocki and Dadowski attended the Annual COG Dinner and met with several elected officials. They also discussed the Heritage Trail.</i></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki</p>
<p><b>Business Advisory Committee</b></p>	<p><i>The next meeting will be at the Manos Gallery on the 24th and noon.</i></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Kerr  <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertocki</p>
<p><b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">2024.03 Budget Report</a>  <a href="#">2024.03 Check Register</a></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki  <b>Member:</b> Ms. Smith</p>
<p><b>Parks/ Recreation</b></p>	<p><a href="#">3-26-2024 Meeting Minutes</a>  <i>The Recreation Board met on 3-26-24 and held the Egg Hunt on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Senior bingo is on April 11th at 1:00 PM. The Crossroads Magazine will be out this month. Finally, Wendy Conn is a newly appointed member of the Recreation Board.</i></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Smith  <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertocki</p>



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	<i>Mrs. Smith discussed all the great things happening at the Heritage Museum. We could add the events to Savvy Citizen.</i>	
<b>Property/Health / Zoning</b>	N/A	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Nolan <b>Member:</b> Mr. Kerr
<b>Public Safety</b>	<i>The report from Eurkea Fire 27 calls. 139 EMS Calls.</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Clark <b>Member:</b> Mrs. Homa
<b>Public Works</b>	<a href="#">2024.03 Monthly Report</a>	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Homa <b>Member:</b> Ms. Smith
<b>Redevelopment/ Revitalization</b>	N/A	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki <b>Member:</b> Mr. Dadowski
<b>Utilities</b>	<a href="#">Water – 2024.03 – Water Plant Report</a> <a href="#">Electric - 2024.03 – Electric Report</a>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Kerr <b>Member:</b> Mr. Nolan

**CITIZENS COMMENT:**

*Resident Cindy Homberg asked about the crossing guard elimination. Mr. Boddorf noted that the new person being hired is a fill-in, and the other position is being eliminated. Pittsburgh History and Landmarks will be doing a walking tour on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Do we need to notify the Borough? Mr. Boddorf states if it is a small group of people, then we don't necessarily need to approve it, but if it is a large group and the path, then we may. Once you know more about it, please coordinate with us. The house was torn down at the Church; shouldn't they have known the water was running? Mr. Boddorf said he thought the water damage was from years ago, but we don't have an official answer and that is something to ask them.*

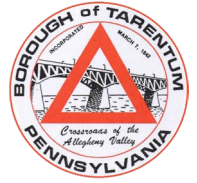
*Resident Iola asked about potholes. Mr. Boddorf noted that we are moving to do major paving every other year so that our funding can go futher. We also look at the conidition of pipes under the road.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09PM  
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ATTEST:

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Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager

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Scott Dadowski, President of Council



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