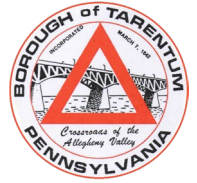




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ORDER: 6:00 _____ p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Eric Vetch, 218 West 12th Avenue. The Streetlight in front of the house is broken. There is also no stop sign on the 100 block of West 12th. Mayor Lang stated this is the first time he has heard about it. Mr. Boddorf asked for his phone number.

William Creevy, 107 Creevy Lane. I have been a dock owner since 1990. What concerns me is not knowing what is going to happen to these docks next year. I have heard all kinds of hearses of what you haven't done, but that is a hearses. I was in Florida at my last meeting and couldn't be here. Please give me an honest answer on what is going on.

John Cieslinski commented about the 1st Avenue paving throughout the Borough. We have a problem replacing the risers and sewage coverage. If we do repave, I would like to see the risers replaced. What is our access going to be during paving? Mr. Boddorf noted that there will be single-lane restrictions so we can keep it as open as possible. The contract went to El Grande Industries.

Tom Kish (Brackenridge Borough), I would like to know now if we are not going to have a lease.

Walt Rotholtz 521 1st Avenue, we need to know what is going on. What happens if we just put our stuff there? Solicitor Dee noted you would be subject to some kind of legal suit. You can get an attorney and have that person call me.

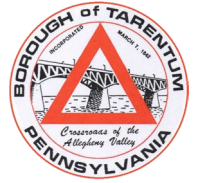
Brad James, Eureka was notified that we had received grant funding for about \$170,000.00 worth of equipment.

Tony Talerico (Creighton): I have had my dock for probably fifteen to twenty years; I have the nicest set of docks there. How would you feel if you were me? Do you think I am going to just walk away and leave that down there? If you were nice people, you would give us longer. How is that going to happen? It's unfair. Hell, I am willing to go to jail if I have to.

Ray Fortuna, Bullcreek Road, I put something on Facebook that said there will be a meeting to discuss the boat docks, and everyone is welcome to attend. The boaters contribute to the success of the local merchants. If my boat leaves this town, I leave this town. You, Scott, complained about being kicked out of Allegheny Ludlum. I did not



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have one negative comment.

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

Executive Session on August 8th at 5:00 PM for personnel review.

MINUTES: [July 28, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes](#)
[August 1, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting Minutes](#)

RK/BS; 7-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. N/A.

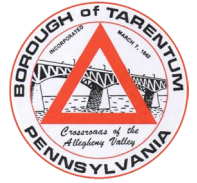
COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>Market night is this Thursday, and Tarentum Police partnered with them to give away 96 backpacks with school supplies.</i>
President Report	<i>I encourage residents and kids to come to get backpacks. Now that our Police Department has up to 13 officers, I wanted to thank everyone for doing what should have taken 12 months took 4. Make sure we welcome the new officers. We have had multiple water main breaks and wanted to thank them for fixing all of that. The next ACBA directors meeting is scheduled for September.</i>
Solicitor Report	N/A
Police Chief Report	N/A
Code Officer Report	2023.07 Monthly Report <i>I reached out to Minniefield to get a timeline for demolition. Received decibel testing results due to complaints. They tested on July 13th at 66.16 and are still within the Borough ordinance limits.</i>

Engineer Report	2023.07- Engineer Report
Manager Report	<p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>Other Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All the police documents from July 28 have been executed and sent to all parties.</i>



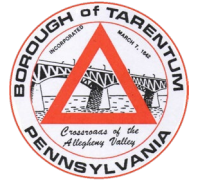
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	<p>Reports and Updates: 2023.07 - Legislative Locator: No Update since December 2023.07 - League Link: July 2023 2023.07 - PELRAS Update 2023.07 - Allegheny County Council 2023.07 – PME Ae-Newsletter</p> <p>Sheriff Sale Listings (2023): 2023.07 Bid List 2023.07 Sale Results</p>
Business	<p>Postponed Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 23-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM. CF/LH; 7-0 <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of July 2023. RK/BN; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Abundant Joy’s bandshell reservation request for August 26, 2023, for a community children’s event. *Note: will include a foam party in the grassy area. BS/KB; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 23-15: NOTICE TO BE INCLUDED FROM THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS FOR THREE PROGRAM YEARS – 2024, 2025, & 2026 CF/BN; 7-0 ▪ Motion to ratify retirement of T.Bajack effective July 25, 2023. RK/LH; 7-0 ▪ Motion to terminate riverfront dock leases for all leases effective October 31, 2023, until reinstatement by Borough Council. *Note: no lease approvals will be given until the Borough has an approved riverfront redevelopment plan. BS/KB; 7-0



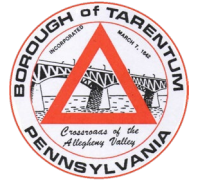
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AVNCOG	<i>CDBG Year 49 was approved for the Collins Way Project. All municipalities joined the Comcast Cable franchise renewal. CDBG Year 50 applications are due by September 8th. Harmar rejoined the COG.</i>	Chair: Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	<i>No luncheon this past month. I would like to compose a text or email to the businesses to see if they are interested in keeping this going.</i>	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Ms. Fox
Finance & Admin.	2023.07 Budget Report 2023.07 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Mr. Dadowski
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<i>The Recreation Board will have a concert and food truck event and another event on August 31st, which will be Chirs Denim. We are also in the process of publishing our 7th edition of the Tarentum Magazine.</i>	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Property/Health / Zoning	N/A	Chair: Mr. Nolan Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	2023.07 Eureka Report 2023.07 Highlands Report 2023.07 Summit Report	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Bertocki
Public Works	2023.07 Monthly Report <i>I wanted to thank the water department again.</i>	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Dadowski
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	<i>The Boho be is moving onto 4th Avenue from the Murphy Building.</i>	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Special Events/ Tourism	N/A	Chair: Mr. Snyder Member: Mr. Bertocki



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Utilities	Water – 2023.07– Water Plant Report Electric – 2023.07 – Electric Report	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Nolan
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Councilwoman Fox asked if we have to formally make a motion to extend their time. The Borough Solicitor stated he doesn't think we have to do that tonight, and it can be done later.

CITIZENS COMMENT:

William Creevy, 107 Creevy Lane, Do you owe the DEP money? The Borough Solicitor stated that the question doesn't have to be answered. I believe you have been lying to me ever since you did away with the list for boaters.

John Cieslinski, if I am reading this right, you have a motion to...Council President Dadowski interjected and clarified that it is the Borough with a plan, not the boaters. He went on to state this is all open to public comment.

Rhonda Rothholtz, 525 1st Avenue, I would like to know what the development plan is. Council President Dadowski stated we cited the comprehensive plan between Brackenridge, Harrison, and Tarentum, overwhelming wanted access to the river. In April, we listed the uphill battle to make what is going on down there legal. What is going on down there right now is not legal. For whatever reason, the permits did not get completed in 2016. Borough Solicitor Dee added the leases only go for a season. If one violates the lease and tries to use their violation of the lease to justify their position, that's not legally acceptable.

Scott Simmers, 175 Cedar Street, didn't we have to write a letter to the manager about leaving the docks? The Borough Solicitor stated I am quite confident you do not have the legal footing to stand on. The council will discuss this.

Bill Mayhew 347 West 11th Ave. How many engines for Mr. Kerr? Where do we stand with the Weleski signage? Mr. Boddorf noted a public hearing is coming up and you are welcome to come and make a comment.

Kyle Huffman, everyone is asking you for more time because they have more than docks to come out. Give us time or there will be one hell of a bonfire.

Jen Simmers 175 Cedar Street, do you have a plan in place to stop it from being completely overgrown and to stop homeless people?

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.
 LH/RK; 7-0



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