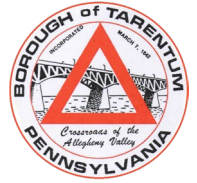




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ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

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

ALSO PRESENT: **Borough Solicitor** Eric H. Dee;
Borough Manager Dwight D. Boddorf;
Code Enforcement Officer Anthony D. Bruni
Chief of Police: William Vakulick

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Timothy Rapp asked about the police agreement with Brackenridge and specifically about seniority. Mr. Boddorf noted that seniority for Tarentum would take precedence over Brackenridge officers. He also noted that “we have done everything in our power to protect everything the union fought for doing the last contract negotiations as well as being fair the Brackenridge Officers.

Jim Bonner stated that now would be a good time to discuss if the Summit Hose Fire Siren is needed at all and it is an opportunity to explore other communication methods.

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

N/A.

MINUTES: [June 28, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes](#)
[July 20, 2023, Council Agenda Meeting Minutes](#)

RK/CF; 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. N/A.

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>The mayor wanted to express thanks to the Eagles for their donations to the police. On July 15th the Mayor was contacted by Worthington Chief of Police and accepted a plaque in memory of Chief McIntire.</i>
President Report	<i>Mr. Dadowski states there hasn't been an ALOM or CDC meeting recently and he has no report of them. He wanted publicly to thank “Dwight, Bob, Bill and all the guys” for all the work and effort</i>



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	<i>put into the shared policing contract.</i>
Solicitor Report	<i>Working on zoning amendment on off premises signs. He hopes to have something for the September meeting.</i>
Police Chief Report	N/A
Code Officer Report	2023.06 Monthly Report

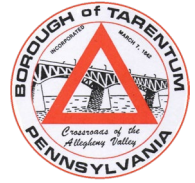
Engineer Report	2023.06- Engineer Report
Manager Report	<p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>Other Updates:</p> <p><i>Mr. Boddorf thanked both Borough Council’s, Mayors, and staff from both municipalities in relation to the months of work on the shared policing contract.</i></p> <p>Reports and Updates:</p> <p>2023.06 - Legislative Locator: No Update since December</p> <p>2023.06 - League Link: July 2023</p> <p>2023.06 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>2023.06 - Allegheny County Council</p> <p>2023.06 – PME Ae-Newsletter</p> <p>Sheriff Sale Listings (2023):</p> <p>2023.06 Bid List</p> <p>2023.06 Sale Results</p>
Business	<p>Postponed Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 23-09: * Adds a \$10.00 monthly fee for each additional garbage can after initial can. <p align="center">RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF</p>



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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 AND SETTING THE AMOUNT AND METHOD FOR FEES OF OTHER BOROUGH PERMITS, LICENSES AND COSTS.

RK/BN; 5-1 with Councilwoman Fox opposed.

▪ Motion to approve [Resolution 23-10](#):

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM ALLOWING APPROVAL OF THE RENTAL OF PARK PAVILIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER.

CF/BN; 6-0

▪ Motion to approve façade improvement [grant guidelines, application](#) and scoring matrix.

Councilwoman Fox thanked the Borough Manager and planning committee for completing this.

BN/CF; 6-0

▪ Motion to authorize payment of up to \$22,499.00 from Borough Savings to repair Summit Hose Roof issue.

RK/BN; 5-0-1; with Councilwoman Fox abstaining due to familial relations with the fire department.

New Business:

▪ Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of June, 2023

CF/KB; 6-0

▪ Motion to approve [Resolution 23-11](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR AN ACT 152 GRANT.

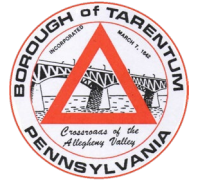
LH/CF; 6-0

▪ Motion to approve [Resolution 23-12](#):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACKNOWLEDGING BLIGHTED PROPERTIES AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES



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CONSTITUTING HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS TO BOROUGH RESIDENTS.

CF/RK; 6-0

- Motion to approve [Resolution 23-13](#):
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

RK/CF; 6-0

- Motion to approve [Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development](#).
* For Tripak Sewage

Mr. Bruni noted this is required by the DEP and that it gives permission for the company to tap into the Borough sewer system.

CF/BN; 6-0

- Motion to adopt [Ordinance 23-02](#):
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION AND RELATED SERVICES

RK/BN; 6-0

- Motion to adopt [Ordinance 23-03](#):
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM POLICE PENSION PLAN TO INCLUDE AN ENTIRELY NEW ARTICLE XIII RESULTING FROM THE INCLUSION OF POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE BOROUGH OF BRACKENRIDGE PURSUANT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

CF/LH; 6-0

- Motion to approve [MOU](#) between Tarentum Borough and the Tarentum Borough Police Wage and Policy enacting shift changes.

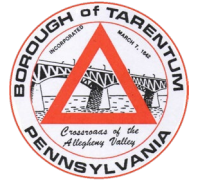
Chief Vakulick noted that the 12-hour shift would start august 6th.

RK/CF; 6-0

- Motion to approve [MOU](#) between Tarentum Borough and the Tarentum Borough Police Wage and Policy enacting ranking officer changes.



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LH/CF; 6-0

- Motion to approve USDA Facility Grant in the amount of \$59,993.00.

RK/BN; 6-0

- Motion to approve annual insurance renewal with Altany in the amount of \$99,828.

*Note: previous years cost was \$114,656.00

CF/BN; 6-0

- Motion to approve [engagement letter](#) with Cohen Law Group for Comcast franchise renewal negotiations.

Mr. Boddorf noted that if all municipalities sign we will get a 20% discount and then we will need to entire an intermunicipal agreement.

CF/KB; 5-0-1; Mr. Nolan abstained.

- Motion to award [2023 demo project](#) to Minniefield Demolition Service in the amount of \$39,500.00.
 - 110 W. 11th Ave. (Notifications and Asbestos Testing already completed)
 - 338 W 10th Ave., Rear (Notifications and Asbestos Testing already completed)
 - 1219 Pitcairn (Notifications and Asbestos Testing already completed)

Mr. Bruni noted that they have done previous work for us and will do a good job.

CF/LH; 6-0

- Motion to approve conditional use of parcel 1223-N-90 (Holy Martyr).

CF/RK; 6-0

Mr. Bruni asked if there were any conditions the Borough wanted to attach. Several comments were made about permit approval for additional changes or signage.

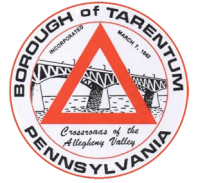
- Motion to sign letter of intent for Borough Parcels 1223-P-161 & 1223-P-167.

Mr. Boddorf noted that this doesn't lock the Borough into any deals and several negotiations are ongoing.

RK/CF; 6-0



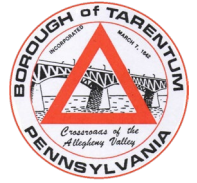
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AVNCOG	2023.06 Board Meeting Minutes <i>Two speakers from the County noted that their County is working on the County Comprehensive plan, and they are asking for input from local officials, planning board, code enforcement, etc.</i>	Chair: Ms. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	<i>A business advisory luncheon was held on June 28, 2023, with minimal attendance. The committee is reaching out about future attendance of luncheons.</i>	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Ms. Fox
Finance & Admin.	2023.06 Budget Report 2023.06 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Mr. Dadowski
Parks/ Recreation/ Library	<i>The July 20th concert was canceled and won't be rescheduled. August 3rd is 56 East Band, August 17th is the food truck event, August 31st is Chris Denim and planning is ongoing for Boo fest and the parade.</i>	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Property/Health / Zoning	N/A	Chair: Mr. Nolan Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	2023.06 Eureka Report 2023.06 Highlands Report 2023.06 Summit Report	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Bertocki
Public Works	2023.06 Monthly Report	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Mr. Dadowski
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	N/A	Chair: Ms. Fox Member: Mr. Snyder
Special Events/ Tourism	N/A	Chair: Mr. Snyder Member: Mr. Bertocki



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Utilities	Water – 2023.05– Water Plant Report Electric – 2023.06 – Electric Report	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Nolan
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CITIZENS COMMENT:

Citizen Tim Rapp asked about the extra fee for the garbage can. Mr. Dadowski noted that the subcontractors should note have been allowing residents to buy cans. Mr. Rapp also asked what happened to Summit Hose Roof. Mr. Boddorf stated there is a leak on half of the roof that was not refinished a few years ago.

Resident Bill Maying asked a question about 338 10th avenue demo and if all the debris will be removed during demolition. Mr. Bruni answered that he believes the contract can do that and it shouldn't be an issue.

Brackenridge resident Amanda O'Conner noted that it has been very hard for residents and officers since January 2nd and thanked Council for taking the Brackenridge Officers and giving the Borough 24/7 police coverage.

Brackenridge Mayor Lindsey Fraser stated that is a sad day for Brackenridge and that there has been a quality of policing that has defined it and that Chief McIntire was proud of. She noted that we have impressed people at the County, State and Federal level with the efficiency and professionalism in supporting each other and making this happen. She thanked Officer Duffy, Chief Vakulick, the Tarentum Police Department and Council and that has made a really hard time less difficult.

President Dadowski welcomed the Brackenridge Officers in the room to Tarentum Borough.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

CF/BN 6-0



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