



**BOROUGH OF TARENTUM**  
**COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.



Regular Meeting

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** Scott Dadowski, Kevin Bertocki, Lou Ann Homa, Brian Nolan, Raymond Kerr, Maggie Smith, and Mayor Bob Lang. Susan Clark is to be seated after Resolution 24-01.

**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: 1-2-2024 for personnel contract discussions (Borough Manager contract).

**MINUTES:** [01-02-24 Reorganization and Agenda Meeting](#)  
[01-09-24 Council Meeting](#)  
[02-06-24 Special Meeting](#)

RK/MS; 6-0

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. [Vacancy Board Reappointment Request.](#)
2. [Letter of interest in appointment to Zoning Board.](#)

**COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

<b>Mayor Report</b>	<i>For both Borough's 39 Major Crimes, 164 total calls, arrest 7, summons 7, warrants 4, traffic citations 15, and non-traffic citations 5.</i>
<b>President Report</b>	<p>The council president will appoint Susan Clark as chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, and Lou Ann Homa will be appointed as a member.</p> <p>The council president will appoint Wendy Conn to the Zoning Hearing Board.</p> <p><i>The council president and Borough Manager attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Banquet. "five or six years ago, people asked where Tarentum is, and now everyone knows."</i></p>



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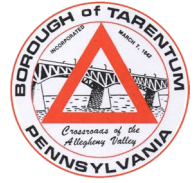
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	<i>3/7/24 is the next ACBA meeting, and I will report on it at our March meeting.</i>
<b>Solicitor Report</b>	<i>“I have been working with Gibson Thomas Engineering to finalize the zoning map, and the Borough Manager will address some of it during his comments.”</i>
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	N/A
<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<a href="#">2024.01 Monthly Report</a>

<b>Engineer Report</b>	<p><a href="#">2024.01- Engineer Report</a>  Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet waste get washed down the storm drain or into the street.</p>
<b>Manager Report</b>	<p><b>Finance Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2023 Audit will begin shortly. <i>These are required every year and will be made available to the public when completed.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">2024 Recreation Board Schedule</a> <i>“This is posted online and Savvy Citizen. Please make sure you have the app. Thank you to the recreation board for all their work.”</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Other Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup> and Corbet <i>“Pole has been installed, and the sidewalks are being worked on and will be ADA compliant. ADA requires clearance of three feet, and the distance from the box to the curb is four feet.”</i></li> <li><a href="#">Zoning Map and Ordinance update</a> <i>“The overlays were missing for the map and had to be added in. There are a few minor changes by the Marina, ensuring the Billboard complies with the ordinance. There has to be a public hearing, and properties must be posted. We are getting close to the end of this.”</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Councilwoman Homa asked if there would be a lot of properties affected by the change. Mr. Boddorf said a handful would be by the Marina. Mr. Bruni added that this is the proposed plan and that there is an opportunity to make changes, but it has to be done right.”</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Dee added that one of the criticisms of the previous ordinance was that it was too confusing, and this simplifies it. Our goal is to have no legal challenges.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curb to curb ordinance <i>“Currently being worked on.”</i></li> <li>Mobile food vendor ordinance</li> <li>Electric ordinance revision <i>“ongoing project, and there are ordinances to be advertised on this agenda.”</i></li> </ul>



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- Electric supply contract “ongoing process. Tarentum buys its power wholesale and redistributes it.”
- [2023 Year-In-Review](#) “in Tarentum’s code a year-in-review is required.”  
 Mayor Lang thanked the Borough Manager for completing this.

**Reports and Updates:**

- [2024.01 - League Link: January 2024](#)
- [2024.01 - PELRAS Update](#)
- [2024.01 - Allegheny County Council](#)
- [2024.01 – PME Ae-Newsletter](#)

**Sheriff Sale Listings (2024):**

- [2024.01 Bid List](#)
- [2024.01 Sale Results](#)

**Business**

**Postponed Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

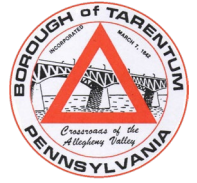
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-01](#)  
 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH COUNCILPERSONS.

**BN/LH; 6-0** Susan Clark was seated.

- Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of January 2024.  
**RK/BN; 7-0**
- Motion to reappoint Tim Kuhns to the Vacancy Board.  
**LH/MS; 7-0**
- Motion to [advertise Police Eligibility Application and Testing](#)  
 \*Note: The eligibility list is valid for one year.  
 The Borough Manager clarified this is part of the contract with Brackenridge.  
**RK/BN; 7-0**
- Motion to approve [Brinks Contract](#)  
 \*Note: For cash transportation.  
 The Borough Manager clarified the free service from FNB has been terminated, and the Borough must now pay for this service.  
**LH/RK; 7-0**
- Motion to approve [First Energy Contract](#)  
 \*Note: The company has changed its name; no contract terms are changing.



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**RK/BN; 7-0**

- Motion to approve Tower Lease Contract  
\*Note: Borough Manager recommends Council to consider Tabling item until March.  
Mr. Boddorf noted that the current contract is up for renewal, and the Borough is in negotiations with the company and would like time to negotiate further.
  
- Motion to approve [Façade Improvement Policy Waiver for Retroactivity](#).  
\*Note: Recommendation from Planning Committee  
Mr. Boddorf noted that this allows the council to have a mechanism for a retroactive grant.

**RK/MS; 7-0**

- Motion to open and advertise the 2024 Façade Improvement Grant.  
\*Note: This is a continuation of last year's allocated funds. \$25,000 remains in the fund. The Borough can, therefore, award up to five grants.

**BN/RK; 7-0**

- Motion to ratify Water Plant vehicle purchase for \$18,247.00

**RK/LH; 7-0**

- Motion to approve Water Plant [SCADA system upgrade via Cambria Systems and Gibson-Thomas for \\$24,500.00](#).

**MS/BN; 7-0**

- Motion to ratify [Tarentum Borough's Abuse or Molestation Policy](#).  
\*Note: New insurance requirement

**RK/BN; 7-0**

- Motion to approve the [Planning Committee's recommendation](#) on lot consolidation at Parcels 1223-G-251 and 1223-G-240 to become 1223-G-251.  
\*Note: Grandview Square, 301-303 East 10<sup>th</sup>

**RK/BN; 7-0**

- Motion to approve the [Planning Committee's recommendation](#) on lot consolidation at Parcels 1223-G-238, 1223-G-236, and 1223-G-232 to the new 1223-G240 lot.  
\*Note: Grandview Square, 301-303 East 10<sup>th</sup>

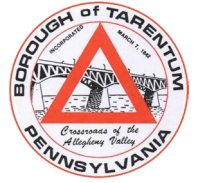
**RK/LH; 7-0**

- Motion to approve the [Planning Committee's recommendation](#) on lot consolidation at Parcels 1223-L-286 and 123-L-325  
\*Note: 901 Ross Street. Acquired through Vacant Property Program

**RK/KB; 7-0**



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- Motion to approve the Recreation Board's request to install a [26" x 48" wooden flag](#) on the snack shack pavilion.  
\*Note: The Recreation Board will cover all material costs. PW to install.  
**MS/RK; 7-0**
  
- Motion to approve a [letter of support for the Depot's](#) application to the COVID-19 ARPA PA Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program Grant.  
\*Note: Grant request is for \$1,975,000.00  
**RK/KB; 7-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-02](#):  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A TAX BREAK FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.  
  
*Mr. Boddorf noted that PA enacted this law to encourage individuals to volunteer, and the County is proposing to pass a county-wide tax break of up to \$500.00.*  
**RK/SC; 7-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-03](#):  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT A WIRELESS FACILITIES DESIGN MANUAL FOR THE REGULATION OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES.  
  
*Mr. Boddorf noted this enacts community standards around small wireless towers.*  
**KB/MS; 7-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-04](#):  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM POLICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2024.  
  
*Mr. Boddorf noted this is done annually.*  
**RK/MS; 7-0**
  
- Motion to approve [Resolution 24-05](#):  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDS REQUIRED EXPERIENCE HOURS FOR POLICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY.  
  
*Mr. Boddorf noted that Tarentum Borough changed the requirements in 2017 to 6000 hours of experience. Given the current hiring climate, the Chief of Police recommends changing the hours to 2050 to widen the applicant pool of officers.*  
**RK/BN; 7-0**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion to approve <a href="#">Ordinance 24-01</a>:          ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AND THE RATES OF COMPENSATION THEREOF FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024   <i>Mr. Boddorf noted that this was amended to include the solicitor's fees.</i>  <b>MS/LH; 7-0</b></li>   <li>▪ Motion to advertise <a href="#">Ordinance 24-02</a>:          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.  <b>RK/BN; 7-0</b></li>   <li>▪ Motion to advertise <a href="#">Ordinance 24-03</a>:          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.   <i>Mr. Boddorf noted that the Borough is required to comply with PURPA.</i>  <b>RK/BN; 7-0</b></li> </ul>	
<b>AVNCOG</b>	<i>“Attended my first meeting. Mr. Talani will be president, and Mr. Connelly will be vice president. The annual dinner will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>.”</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki
<b>Business Advisory Committee</b>	<i>“Scheduling a meeting on February 28th and sending out invitations tomorrow.”</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Kerr <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertocki
<b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b>	<a href="#">2024.01 Budget Report</a> <a href="#">2024.01 Check Register</a>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki <b>Member:</b> Ms. Smith
<b>Parks/ Recreation</b>	<i>“The Recreation Board put out a new events schedule with eight concerts scheduled. There will also be two food drives on May 30<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be working with BIG on Earth Day. There will be an appreciation lunch at 1:00 p.m. on that day.” “Plans are underway for Boofest, Bingo, and the Parade.” “Finally, the Tarentum Magazine’s eighth edition will be released in April.”</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Smith <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertocki



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<b>Property/Health / Zoning</b>	N/A	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Nolan <b>Member:</b> Mr. Kerr
<b>Public Safety</b>	N/A	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Clark <b>Member:</b> Mrs. Homa
<b>Public Works</b>	<a href="#">2024.01 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 – 2024.01 – Water Plant Report</a> <a href="#">Electric - 2024.01 – Electric Report</a>  <i>The water plant has been given some upgrades, and organizing everything has been.</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Kerr <b>Member:</b> Mr. Nolan

**CITIZENS COMMENT:**

Resident Al Bowers asked about joining Brackenridge for the Police Department and whether the public knows about the joint venture. Mayor Lang answered the car's state-serving Brackenridge. Mr. Boddorf noted that we are contracting services, not a merger. Mr. Bowers asked if the cogenerator included solar. Mr. Boddorf stated that it did not, and the solar is more complicated but forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.  
**BN/MS; 7-0**



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