



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, August 13 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting



ORDER: _____ p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

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

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

PRESENTATION: Paul Beckhusen with American Municipal Power gave the following presentation:
https://tarentumboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Tarentum_PA-Council-Meeting_08132024.pdf

CITIZEN COMMENT: 1. A resident from 917 Corbet Street talked about the hydro plant in the 1980's.
 2. A visitor (Marilyand) from Natrona Heights wanted to publically thank Eureka EMS for the care they provided to a family member this month.

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

MINUTES: [07-09-24 Regular Meeting](#)
 RK/KB; 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Request from Tarentum Eagle Riders to host their annual charity ride on Saturday, August 24.

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>I wanted to publicly thank Allegheny Kiski Postal Credit Union, Pittsburgh Andozing, Eagles Club, and Brian DeFelice for the backpack giveaway this year. I also wanted to commend Officers Bush and Schrecengost for helping.</i> <i>14 Major Crimes, 264 calls total, 3 arrests, 6 summons, 5 warrant arrests, citations, 4 for traffic, 14 for non-traffic.</i>
President Report	<i>I attended an EMS meeting, and we are now meeting every two weeks. Our next one is tomorrow, and we are making progress, but it is a process. Public shutout to Public Works for the work done on</i>



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	<p>215 Corbet.</p> <p><i>The Council President read a statement about the Police Dog benefit concert.</i></p> <p><i>Council President Dadowski announced the Dwight Boddorf, the Borough Manager has been selected as 2024 Pittsburgh 40 Under 40.</i></p>
Solicitor Report	Assisting the Borough Manager with various requests.
Police Chief Report	
Code Officer Report	2024.07 Monthly Report

Engineer Report	<p>2024.07- Engineer Report</p> <p>Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash, or wash it at home in a grassy or gravel area. You can also divert your wash water into the grass or gravel area.</p>
Manager Report	<p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 2023 Audit is expected to be completed within the next 30 days. <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Concert Series: August 15, Rick Gercak; August 29, 56 East Band ▪ Friends of the RiverFront Cleanup <i>18 participants on August 29th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM</i> ▪ Summit Hose Company Fall Festival: September 26th – 8th <p>Other Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utility Pole Replacement Project <i>See the attached press release</i> ▪ Meter stickers and inspection <i>The Borough of Tarentum will conduct a minor check of all electric meters. As part of this initiative, we will also be adding safety stickers to each meter.</i> ▪ Demo of 505 East 8th on 8/14/2024 ▪ Riverfront Update <i>Grant paperwork is signed</i> ▪ Hail storm damage ▪ EMS updates <p>Reports and Updates:</p> <p>2024.07 - League Link: July 2024</p> <p>2024.07 - PELRAS Update</p> <p>2024.07 - Allegheny County Council</p> <p>2024.07 – PME Ae-Newsletter</p>



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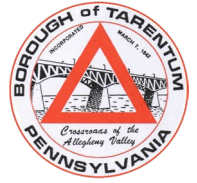
	<p>Sheriff Sale Listings (2024): 2024.07 Bid List 2024.07 Sale Results</p>
<p>Business</p>	<p>Postponed Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of July 2024. KB/LH; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 24-16: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO ADOPT INITIATIVES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PENNSYLVANIA AUDUBON COUNCIL BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA. MS/SC; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution for 24-17: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (MMO) <i>Note* first year reflecting the change in Police Officers due to Brackenridge shared services</i> RK/LH; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve Utility Account Information Policy. <i>To ensure the privacy and security of our residents, it is essential to have a clear policy restricting access to utility account information. Unauthorized access can lead to potential misuse of personal data, jeopardize the financial security of account holders, and erode trust in our services. By implementing strict controls over who can access this sensitive information, we can better protect our community, maintain compliance with privacy regulations, and uphold our commitment to safeguarding residents' personal and financial details.</i> RK/KB; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve right-to-know anonymous request policy. <i>I recommend updating our Right to Know Policy to align with the recent interpretation by the Office of Open Records (OOR). The key change is prohibiting anonymous requests; all requests must now include the requester's name and address.</i> KB/LH; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve K9 Fund Bank Account Policy. <i>The Police K9 Fund policy is created to ensure proper management and oversight of funds for the K9 unit. It is necessary to establish clear guidelines for collecting, using, and reporting donations and expenses, ensuring transparency. To maintain integrity and public trust, all financial activities will follow the standard checks and balances, including documentation, reporting, and auditing.</i> RK/MS; 6-0 ▪ Motion to authorize Borough Manager to establish K9 Fund Account with FNB.



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During last weekend's benefit concert in support of the Tarentum Police Department, a generous and unexpected gesture occurred when a police dog was presented to our department. We are incredibly grateful for the community's enthusiasm and support. We are now actively working through the logistics with all involved parties to ensure we can responsibly and effectively integrate a K9 unit into our police department. This includes discussions with the individuals and organizations involved to clarify plans and funding commitments.

RK/SC; 6-0

- Motion to approve grant application for K9 Vehicle and related accessories for approximately \$83,266.65.

MS/SC; 6-0

- Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Riverfront Development Advisory Committee Phase 1:

- Jennifer Simmers
- Carrie Fox
- Maggie Smith
- Adam Dickson
- Consultant: Jim Pashek

SC/LH; 5-0, 1 abstention (MS)

- Motion to approve exchange of Façade Grant from the Main Squeeze to Barley's and rescind Barelys original grant application and approval.

*Note: This is due to the closure of the Main Squeeze and the building being co-owned/occupied.

Barleys and The Main Squeeze are both located in the same building and owned by the same family. Both businesses initially applied for and received facade improvement grants. However, with The Main Squeeze's recent closure, it would be imprudent to reimburse funds to a defunct business. As part of the improvements, a garage door was installed between the two halves of the building, which benefits the overall structure.

Given the circumstances, two Council Members met with the business owners and recommended the following:

1. **Reimbursement for the Garage Door Installation:** *Since the garage door enhances the building as a whole and benefits Barleys, we should reimburse the cost of this installation.*
2. **Rescind the Other Facade Improvement Grant:** *We should rescind the facade improvement grant initially awarded to The Main Squeeze, ensuring that the building receives only one grant.*

This approach will ensure that we responsibly manage the grant funds while still supporting the enhancement of the building and the ongoing business, Barleys. This was our first round, and inevitably, unforeseen items arose.

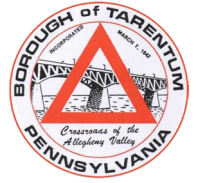
RK/KB; 6-0

- Motion to hire S. Richards as the Finance and Administrative Officer with an annual salary of \$80,000.00 effective 8/19/2024.

LH/RK; 6-0



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve Wood Street closure request from the Eagle Riders on August 24, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for their annual charity ride. MS/RK; 6-0 ▪ Discussion on municipal SALDO. Tabled. ▪ Discuss the meaning of reasonable payment in the Borough Ordinances. <i>In reviewing the Borough Code regarding utility payments, we have noticed that the term 'reasonable' is used without a clear definition. This ambiguity can lead to inconsistent interpretations and potential confusion for both residents and the Borough. I believe we should discuss and clarify what constitutes a 'reasonable' portion of an owed utility bill to ensure fair and consistent application of the policy. Establishing a clear definition will benefit both our residents and the Borough by providing transparency and uniformity in our approach.</i> ▪ Motion to adopt Ordinance #24-6 (Amending Ordinance 98-3 & 18-02): AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AMENDING ORDINANCES 18-02, 98-3, AND CHAPTER 216 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR RESTORATION OF STREET OPENINGS AND EXCAVATIONS RK/MS; 6-0 	
AVNCOG	N/A	Chair: Mr. Bertocki
Business Advisory Committee	<i>The committee has been dwindling down.</i>	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Bertocki
Finance & Admin.	2024.07 Budget Report 2024.07 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Ms. Smith
Parks/ Recreation	<i>Thursday is the Three Who Rock Concert. The next concert is on August 29th and is the 56 East Band. The Recreation Board is looking for vendors for the Fall Festival and for the Boo Fest.</i> <i>Summit Hose is going to have another cookout on Saturday, August 24th.</i>	Chair: Ms. Smith Member: Mr. Bertocki
Property/Health / Zoning	N/A	Chair: Mr. Nolan Member: Mr. Kerr



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Public Safety	Summit Hose: 32 calls for June 2024 27 calls for July 2024 Eureka Fire: 32 calls for June, 52 personnel hours EMS Report: 164 calls.	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mrs. Homa
Public Works	2024.07 Monthly Report	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Ms. Smith
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	N/A	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mr. Bertock
Utilities	Water – 2024.07 – Water Plant Report Electric - 2024.07 – Electric Report	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Nolan

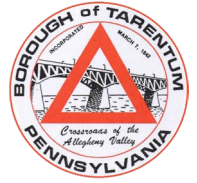
CITIZENS COMMENT:

1. Resident Cindy Homberg noted that all the EMS lottery tickets have been sold and thanked the business locations that helped to sell them. Asked about the stop sign at Boyd and 4th Avenue.
2. Resident Andy Sorata 333 West 11th Avenue discussed the cracks on West 11th Avenue. Also, asked about the crosswalk paintings.
3. Resident discussed the vacant property and limbs next to the church.

ADJOURN: 8:15 PM
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