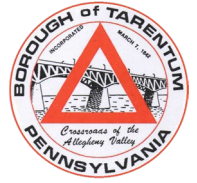




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ORDER: 6:00 _____ p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

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

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

Motion to amend agenda to include road closure of 1st Avenue on November 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM for the 25th-anniversary memorial ceremony for Michael Sims. **RK/MS; 7-0**

PRESENTATION: 1. Jim Bonner, Audubon Society

Mr. Bonner discussed bird town signs and if the Borough was willing to install more. Mr. Bonner suggested a total of six. Mr. Boddorf asked about the sizes of the signs and would it be possible to get them to fit under the Borough's welcome signs. Mr. Bonner also discussed a possible volunteer tree planting area, by Davidson Street. The trees are also appropriate for riparian buffers. Mr. Bonner also discussed Japanese Knotweed, which is an invasive species and what the Borough can do about it.

2. Gary Weleski, Brad James, Jim Erb

Mr. Weleski discussed a personal story about EMS services a friend recently used. He stressed the urge for the community and the Borough to ensure adequate funding is in place to support EMS. He also inquired about how we can get more individuals involved or how more educational items can be put out to the public about it.

CITIZEN COMMENT: *There were some additional unofficial comments about EMS that continued for several minutes. Mr. Blackburn discussed the history of EMS, billing, technology and several other items and asked "do we realized what needs to be done?" He discussed the subscription model and the need to ensure residents understand.*

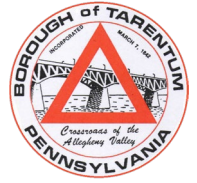
EXCEPTIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS (65 Pa.C.S.A. § 707):

N/A.

MINUTES: [09-10-2024 Regular Meeting](#)
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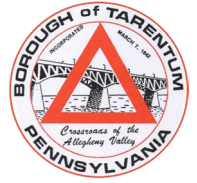
01. [Abundant Joy Request for Band Shell](#)

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>Mayor Lang discussed the grant the Department Secured for the K9 Vehicle. 19 Major Crimes, 192 Calls for Service, 8 arrest, 14 summons, 16 traffic and 10 non-traffic citations.</i>
President Report	<i>President Dadowski wanted to thank Summit Hose and the Recreation Board for the fall festival. Also, thank you to Public Works.</i> <i>Next ALOM Meeting is 11/7/2024 and is also the general election meeting.</i>
Solicitor Report	N/A
Police Chief Report	N/A
Code Officer Report	<u>2024.09 Monthly Report</u> N/A
Engineer Report	<u>2024.09- Engineer Report</u> If using fertilizers or pesticides, always follow the directions and never apply immediately before a rain storm.
Manager Report	Finance Update: ▪ Budget Upcoming Events: ▪ Boo Fest Oct 26 from 1-4 pm Other Updates: ▪ Lock and Corbet Crossing repair Work will start at the end of October or the beginning of November. ▪ PFAS and lead line inventory We are on target to submit the inventory to the DEP by 10/14/2024 ▪ Dredging Complete ▪ Fire prevention day at the school will occur on Thursday from 9 -11 AM. All district departments will be in attendance. Tarentum on the 9th, others on the playground. ▪ EMS We are making progress on the EMS recommendations, and a letter about the next steps will be sent shortly to all participating governments. ▪ Collins Way Storm Sewer Project Bid opening 10/10/2024



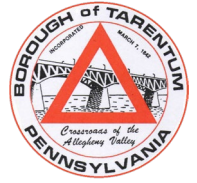
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	Reports and Updates: 2024.09 - League Link: September 2024 2024.09 - PELRAS Update 2024.09 - Allegheny County Council 2024.09 – PME Ae-Newsletter Sheriff Sale Listings (2024): 2024.09 Bid List 2024.09 Sale Results
Business	Postponed Business: ▪ N/A New Business: ▪ Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of September 2024. BN/KB; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 24-25: Electric 5-year agreement RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2025 REMAINING REQUIREMENTS ENERGY SUPPLY SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. ("AMP") RK/SC; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 24-26: Electric Pool Agreement RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2024 POOL AGREEMENT SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. ("AMP") RK/SC; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 24-27: LSA Grant RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING A STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT *Note: No match BN/RK; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Resolution 24-28: JAG Grant RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) *Note: No match MS/LH; 7-0 ▪ Motion to advertise Ordinance 24-07: Reasonable Payment Amount 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



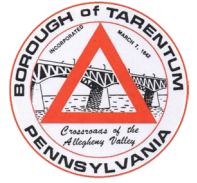
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	THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICITY TO THE RESIDENTS OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. BN/SC; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve Harmar Police Mutual Aid Agreement. MS/BN; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve the purchase of Radar Speed Sign for \$5,627.03. LH/SC; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve sell/scrap of Public Works 2008 Truck. MS/RK; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve road closure for Night Market on 10/10/2024. (Corbet 2nd to 5th) RK/SC; 7-0 ▪ Motion to approve health care opt-out update for 2025. BN/SC; 7-0 ▪ Discussion on Scanning Documents. <i>Manager Boddorf discussed the desire for scanning documents and records.</i> ▪ Motion to approve the road closure of 1st Avenue on November 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM for the 25th anniversary memorial ceremony for Michael Sims. (Amended). MS/SC; 7-0	
AVNCOG	<i>The COG is considering a website. There was a guest speak that discussed the Amazon Web discount.</i> <i>The Collins Way Project is going out for bid.</i>	Chair: Mr. Bertocki
Business Advisory Committee	<i>A luncheon will be held on the 16th at the Heritage Muesum.</i>	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Bertocki
Finance & Admin.	2024.09 Budget Report 2024.09 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Ms. Smith
Parks/ Recreation	Tarentums Annual Boo Festival will be on 10/26/2024. On 11/7/24 will be senior bingo. On 11/23/24 will be the annual holiday parade.	Chair: Ms. Smith Member: Mr. Bertocki



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Property/Health / Zoning		Chair: Mr. Nolan Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	Fire Department Reports EMS Report <i>Ms. Clark discussed the recent sheep incident.</i>	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mrs. Homa
Public Works	2024.09 Monthly Report	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Ms. Smith
Redevelopment/ Revitalization		Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mr. Bertock
Utilities	Water – 2024.09 – Water Plant Report Electric - 2024.09 – Electric Report	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Nolan

CITIZENS COMMENT:

Mr. Sopjack had questions about billing and the water monitoring. He asked about how daily usage works. Mr. Boddorf discussed the system and alerts.

Mr. Bonner state that he is looking forward to a tax increase. He wants to encourage one and believes are lower tax rate is doing a disservice to the Borough. Our low rate makes it more attractive to non-resident owners. The high amount of rental properties probably leads to lower property values. It might sound counterintuitive, but it could help everyone to have slightly higher taxes.

Walt Allfather had a question about if the Borough supplies gas to EMS. Mr. Boddorf discussed what we do provide.

Chuck Blackburn stated he wanted to see good things happen for all these communities and thinks we have a strong EMS in our community that deserves support.

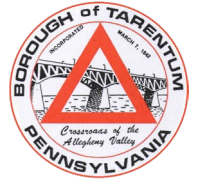
Brad James disccsed fire prevention week.

Councilwoma Smith wanted to thank Chief Vakulick and Mark Anuszek at situation on West 10th.

ADJOURN: 7:20PM
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