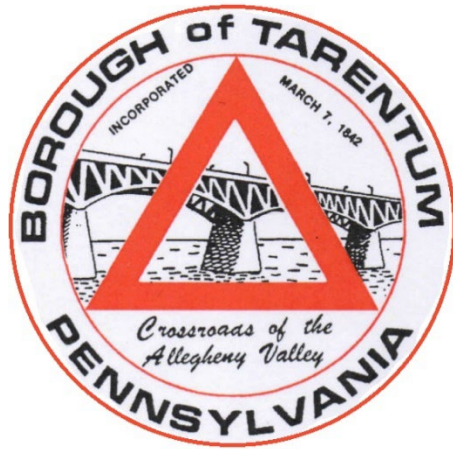


# 2024 Year-In-Review



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## Letter to Council and Mayor

January 14, 2024,

Municipal Council and Mayor Lang:

As we close the chapter on 2024, it is with great pride and gratitude that we reflect on the progress and accomplishments of Tarentum Borough over the past year. From economic development to infrastructure enhancements, the Borough has remained steadfast in its mission to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local businesses, and build a resilient community.

This report highlights the year's key financial and administrative activities, showing how resources were allocated to achieve strategic priorities. Despite rising costs and economic challenges, Tarentum has advanced critical initiatives while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Together, we look forward to building on this success in 2025 and beyond.

### 2024 key points:

1. **Financial Overview:** The 2024 budget maintained a millage rate of 5.48 mills, which has remained consistent for twenty years. The Borough closed the year with approximately \$500,000 plus for carryover projects. Additionally, this was part of the Borough's advanced planning to ease electric rate increases over a few years due to a significant increase in Capacity Price for 2025. The cost of capacity in 2025 is increasing by an estimated \$800,000.00 per year.
2. **Police Department**
  - Finalized the integration of shared police services with Brackenridge Borough, enhancing operational efficiency and community safety.
  - Secured funding for a Police K9 Unit, with plans to expand public safety programs in 2025.
  - Enhanced community engagement through educational programs and outreach initiatives.
3. **Code Enforcement**
  - Demolished over 65 blighted properties since 2019, maintaining one of the most aggressive blight removal programs in Allegheny County.
  - Increased public awareness of code compliance, reducing violations and fostering a culture of responsibility.
  - Continued Faced Improvement Program.
4. **Engineering and Public Works**
  - Completed critical infrastructure projects, including water and electric upgrades and street maintenance programs.
  - Completed 215 Corbet Avenue
5. **Parks and Recreation**
  - Hosted numerous community events, reinforcing Tarentum as a regional destination
  - Continued planning for long-term riverfront development, with committee work set to commence upon state approval.
6. **Electric Fund**
  - Managed significant increases in capacity costs, maintaining transparency in rate adjustments.
  - Utilized the Sensus system to improve reliability and outage response times.

- Replaced aging infrastructure, including poles and meters, ensuring consistent service delivery.

#### 7. **Water Fund**

- Secured over \$1.6 million in grants for water system improvements, including ADA compliance and storage facility upgrades.
- Continued to modernize the water infrastructure, reducing water loss and enhancing service efficiency.
- Addressed deficiencies raised by state inspections, ensuring compliance with updated regulations.
- Addressed water quality issues with enhanced filtration systems and clearwell level sensors.
- **Through a series of changes at the Water Plant, the Borough has gained positive funds for the first time in years.** These funds will be put directly back into repairing the system and replacing pipes in 2025.

## **Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond**

### **Strategic Initiatives**

- Implement findings from the riverfront planning grant to boost economic and recreational opportunities.
- Advance EMS authority discussions to ensure sustainable emergency services.
- Expand blight removal and facade improvement programs to revitalize neighborhoods.
- Review Borough fire services structure to ensure adequate fire protection

### **Infrastructure Goals**

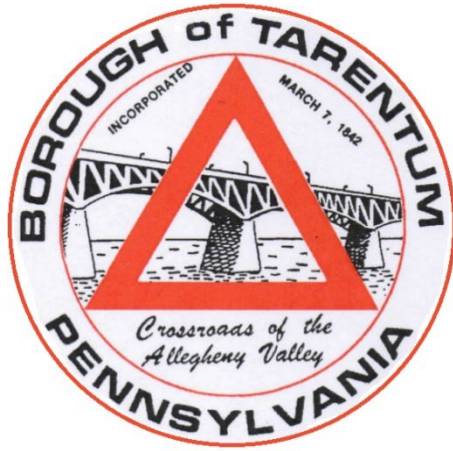
- Address electric capacity cost challenges with innovative rate strategies.
- Continue water system upgrades, focusing on long-term resource planning and compliance.
- Complete deferred projects like Bull Creek Bridge repairs and additional paving initiatives.

### **Community Engagement**

- Strengthen partnerships with residents, businesses, and regional stakeholders
- Promote Tarentum through events, tourism campaigns, and new branding initiatives.
- Foster transparency and public participation in municipal decision-making processes.

Sincerely,

Dwight Boddorf  
Borough Manager



## Borough Overview

One of 130 municipalities in Allegheny County, Tarentum Borough is uniquely situated along the Allegheny River and is just south of the tri-county point of Allegheny, Armstrong, and Westmoreland Counties. The cornerstone of this thriving community starts with a beautiful riverfront park that features a stadium, a deck hockey court, a children's spray water park, and a covered amphitheater with outdoor seating, restrooms, and concessions. Furthermore, the Borough boasts riverfront parks, playgrounds, full-time police, fire and EMS services, and a thriving local business community.

## Tarentum By the Numbers



Population:  
4,352



Household Median  
Income: \$ 41,466



Education:  
15% Bachelor's  
Degree or Higher



Employment:  
51.9%



Median Age:  
46.2 Years



65 or Older:  
20.8%

### Sources

US Census Bureau:

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## 2024 Borough Officials

Name	Title	Seat	Status	Contact
Bob Lang	Mayor	Mayor	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:blang@tarentumboro.com">blang@tarentumboro.com</a>
Scott Dadowski	Council President	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:sdadowski@tarentumboro.com">sdadowski@tarentumboro.com</a>
Lou Ann Homa	Council Vice-President	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:lhoma@tarentumboro.com">lhoma@tarentumboro.com</a>
Kevin Bertocki		2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:kbertocki@tarentumboro.com">kbertocki@tarentumboro.com</a>
Brian Nolan		3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:bnolan@tarentumboro.com">bnolan@tarentumboro.com</a>
Maggie Smith		At-Large	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:msmith@tarentumboro.com">msmith@tarentumboro.com</a>
Raymond Kerr		1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:rkerr@tarentumboro.com">rkerr@tarentumboro.com</a>
Susan Clark		3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	Elected Official	<a href="mailto:sclark@tarentumboro.com">sclark@tarentumboro.com</a>

### Duties of the Mayor:

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Borough Code, the Mayor shall have the duty to preserve order in the Borough, enforce the ordinances and regulations of the Borough, and perform any other duties as shall be vested in the Mayor's office by law or ordinance.

The Mayor shall sign papers, contracts, obligations, and documents as may be required by law.

Lastly, the Mayor may also collect any costs and fees received and pay the money into the treasury to report to the Council from time to time on the state of the Borough and to make recommendations to the Council on matters of borough concern.

### Functions of Council:

The Borough Code gives the Borough Council general supervision of the Borough's affairs. As such, council members must assume many roles found in separate branches or levels of state and federal governments. Specifically, council members serve in legislative, executive, and administrative capacities.

Council serves as the legislative body of the Borough, setting policy, enacting ordinances and resolutions, adopting budgets, and levying taxes. Council members also represent the Borough and its concerns before other municipal governments, the state and federal governments, and private sector entities.

The Council also performs executive functions, including preparation of the annual budget, proclaiming municipal events, hiring employees, and appointing members to borough authorities, boards, and commissions. Certain executive functions, such as representing the Borough at official functions, are often performed by the President of Council.

Council members also play a role in the administrative activities of municipal governments, overseeing day-to-day borough operations. In this capacity, council members provide for enforcing local laws and regulations, managing personnel, and purchasing equipment, materials, supplies, and services. Council members, as administrators, are actively involved in the financial management of the Borough and are responsible not only for the collection of monies earned through taxes, service charges, and grants but also for seeing that municipal funds are spent in accordance with approved municipal budgets.

A number of boroughs in Pennsylvania, including Tarentum, have hired a professional borough manager to direct operations on behalf of Borough Council.

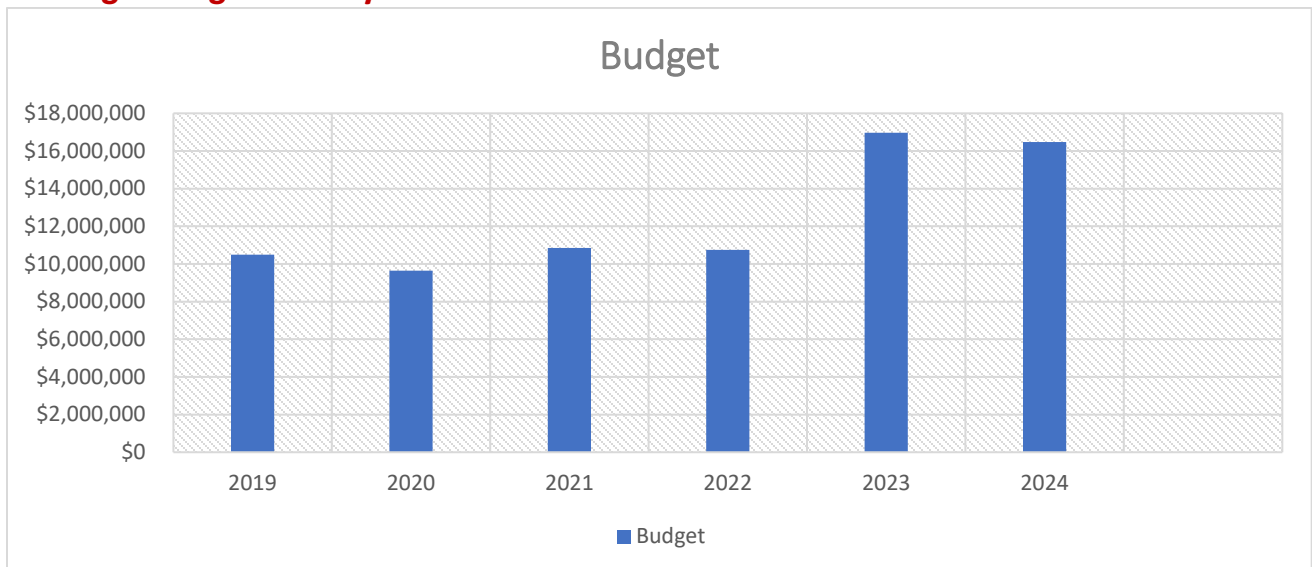
Council members also possess many other duties. Some examples are:

- Meet with residents to obtain input on borough programs and policies.
- Meet with other elected officials and borough staff on issues of general governance.
- Review technical reports from engineers, planners, and other professionals.
- Attend county and borough meetings and conferences.
- Participate in inspecting problems or reviewing proposals identified by residents.
- Report on the status of local government affairs to concerned residents.

### Professional Services

Name	Title	Firm
Eric Dee	Solicitor	Avolio Law Offices
Dan Schmitt	Engineer	Gibson-Thomas Engineering
Mark Turnley	Auditor	Mark Turnley and Associates
Dave Gusmar	Insurance Agent	Altany Insurance

### Borough Budget History



## Real Estate Tax History

The last millage increase for Tarentum Borough occurred in 2004 when the millage was set to the current rate of 5.48 mills. This rate equates to a tax liability of \$548 per \$100,000 of assessed real estate value.

### Tax Breakdown

	Tarentum Borough <sup>i</sup>	Allegheny County	Highlands School District <sup>1</sup>	Total
<b>Millage Rate</b>	5.48 mills	4.73 mills	25.13 mills	35.34 mills
<b>Percentage of Total Taxes</b>	15.50%	13.4%	71.1%	100.00%
<b>Average Residential Tax Bill</b>	\$ 235	\$ 203	\$ 1,069	\$1,507
Average Residential Assessment: \$ 42,560 <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Average Commercial Tax Bill</b>	\$ 834	\$ 720	\$ 3,897	\$5,451
Average Commercial Assessment: \$ 155,065 <sup>3</sup>				
<b>Average Industrial Tax Bill</b>	\$ 1,120	\$ 966	\$ 5,133.96	\$7,219.96
Average Industrial Assessment: \$ 204,296 <sup>4</sup>				

Currently, for every dollar (\$100.00) of real estate taxes paid by Borough residents, the following represents the distribution of the tax payment.

<b>\$16.00</b>	Tarentum Borough
<b>\$ 13.00</b>	Allegheny County
<b>\$ 71.00</b>	Highlands School District
<b>\$ 100.00</b>	Total

## Financial Goals and Policies

The Borough of Tarentum has an important responsibility to its citizens to carefully account for public funds, to manage municipal finances wisely, and to plan the adequate funding of services. The Borough Council adopts financial management and budgetary policies to provide sound principles in planning the Borough's current and future needs.

The financial goals of the Borough of Tarentum are broad, fairly universal statements. These goals are stated as follows:

- To preserve the quality of life in the Borough through the proper financial management of its resources and to fund a sufficient level of municipal services required for the maintenance of the Borough's infrastructure.
- To have the ability to withstand local and regional economic shocks, adjust to changes in our

community's service requirements, and respond to changes in Federal, State, and County priorities and funding as they affect the Borough's residents.

**The financial and budgeting policies that follow are proposed to meet these goals.**

1. The Borough will maintain a balanced budget by paying for all current expenditures with current revenues and fund balance. The Borough will avoid budgetary procedures that balance current expenditures at the expense of future years, such as postponing expenditures, underestimating expenditures, overestimating revenues, or utilizing short-term borrowing as tax anticipation loans (TANs) to balance the budget.
2. The budget will provide adequate maintenance and repair of capital assets and orderly replacement.
3. The budget will provide adequate funding for all retirement plans and other employee benefits.
4. The Borough's Finance Officer will prepare monthly reports of revenues and expenditures for the Borough Council and Department Heads.
5. Enterprise funds, such as those for water and electric, must be self-supporting.
6. The Borough will seek state and federal funds that are available for operating and capital projects.
7. The Borough will encourage the delivery of services, in whole or in part, by other public and private organizations whenever and wherever greater efficiency and effectiveness can be expected.
8. The Borough will utilize technology and productivity advancements that will help reduce or avoid increasing personnel costs.
9. The Borough will seek arrangements to share services with other municipalities where cost reductions can be achieved and where the quality of service will not be endangered.

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## 2024 Budget Review at a Glance

### Major Funds

Total Revenue: **\$ 16,477,313.06**

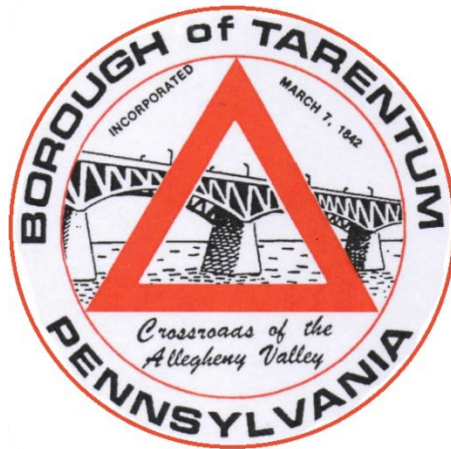
Total Expenditures: **\$ 16,477,313.06**

Total Carryovers: **approximately \$500,000.00, with another \$200,000 earmarked for 2025 projects.**

Fund #		Expenditures	Revenue	Difference
01	General Fund	\$ 4,296,147.13	\$ 4,296,147.13	0.00
05	Recreation Fund	\$ 24,800.34	\$ 24,800.34	0.00
06	Water Fund	\$ 2,028,240.69	\$ 2,028,240.70	0.00
07	Electric Fund	\$ 4,747,439.50	\$ 4,747,439.50	0.00
08	Sewer Fund	\$ 510,879.29	\$ 510,879.29	0.00
30	Cap. Reserve	\$ 4,698,891.11	\$ 4,698,891.11	0.00
35	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 166,273.00	\$ 166,273.00	0.00
60	Pension	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 16,476,671.06</b>	<b>\$ 16,476,671.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### Notes:

- The electric fund subsidizes the General and Water Fund if needed. Historically, the Electric Fund transfers approximately \$800,000.00 to 1,400,000.00 per year.
- Electric fund revenues and expenditures are in part based on usage, which fluctuates from season to season and year to year. The Borough averages usage for the previous three years to determine estimated usage.
- The entire 2024 Revenues and Expenditures record for 2024 is attached as Appendix A to this document.



## **Year in Review Statements, Services, Programs, and Operations Overview**

Within any organization, several programs or operations are not well-known outside those departments. Municipal government is no different. While line items exist on the budget, they often are insufficient in explaining the major services, programs, and operations that exist within the Borough. The following information is being presented alongside the budget to help the public understand what those line items' budgets pay for.

Note: this document provides a general overview and does not include every service or program the Borough provides.

## Police Department

### Police Patrol Services

**Program Mission:** *To provide public safety, emergency response, and crime deterrence.*

**Program Description:** This program directs, regulates, instructs, and supports the Police Department's operations in meeting the Borough's operational and strategic goals in the area of Patrol Services. The program provides management accountability over all Patrol Services functions, including Traffic and Foot Details, Enforcement, and Training.

### Police Community Services

**Program Mission:** *To provide community education, coordination, crime prevention, and youth services.*

**Program Description:** This program directs, regulates, instructs, and supports the Police Department's operations in meeting the Borough's goals in the area of Community Services. The program provides management accountability over all Community Services functions, including programs and special events, school crossing guards, parking and code enforcement, and equipment and fleet coordination.

### Police Support Services

**Program Mission:** *To provide public safety, emergency response, and crime deterrence by providing support services such as investigations, records, and administration.*

**Program Description:** This program directs, regulates, instructs, and supports the Police Department's operations in meeting the Borough's operational and strategic goals in the area of Support Services. The program provides management accountability over all Support Services functions, including the Investigations Section, Administrative Support, and Records Support. This includes liaison with local, state, and federal investigative agencies and the County Major Crime and Drug Task Forces.

### 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Standardized equipment for all officers and vehicles, including newly acquired Brackenridge vehicles
- Add additional sections of Tarentum and Brackenridge Boroughs to the current camera system.
- Update web presence and forms for ease of use.
- Continue to align the Tarentum and Brackenridge ordinance for consistency in policing between the two communities.
- Updated building security systems

### Notes on Tarentum and Brackenridge Shared Policing

Borough officials from Brackenridge and Tarentum entered an intergovernmental agreement on 08/01/2023 for shared Police Services between the two communities. The contract encompasses various policing services, from patrols and investigations to training and community initiatives

aligned underneath Tarentum Borough. Brackenridge will reimburse Tarentum monthly for the cost of three officers for an initial contract length of five years. By leveraging the Brackenridge officer's knowledge and resources, Tarentum and Brackenridge will reap the benefits of increased efficiencies, streamlined services, and enhanced law enforcement capabilities.

**Cost Per Officer**

**2024:** \$144,965.96

Notes:

1. The collective bargaining agreement has a contractual 4 % increase in pay per year for each officer.
2. We estimate that workers' compensation and overtime will be lower than last year.

## Code Enforcement

### Subdivision & Land Development

**Program Mission:** *To assure compliance with subdivision, land development, and stormwater management ordinances.*

**Program Description:** This program administers the Borough of Tarentum's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and Stormwater Management Ordinance by reviewing plans for development and redevelopment. Borough Planning Commission recommendations, Allegheny County Planning Commission recommendations, and staff recommendations are presented to the Tarentum Borough Council for appropriate actions.

### Code Enforcement, Public Safety, & Permits

**Program Mission:** *To assure compliance with building and property maintenance codes.*

**Program Description:** This program provides for public health, safety, and welfare by administering Borough and State codes. This includes many ordinances, including building and property maintenance codes, zoning, stormwater, and other local ordinances. These codes regulate the use and maintenance of public and private properties and any structures thereon. Administration includes responding to and investigating complaints, plan review and issuance of permits, inspections of construction in progress, issuance of certificates of occupancy, issuance of violation notices and citations, and coordination of rental inspections.

### 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Continue with the Omnibus demolitions plan
  - As of 2024 approximately 65 blighted properties have been demolished.
- Review and update zoning ordinances
- Continued update the official Borough zoning map
- Update web presence and forms for ease of use
- Vacant property cleanup

## Engineering and Public Works

### MS4 Stormwater Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To comply with the Department of Environmental Protection Agency's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS) Program requirements by ensuring the stormwater system functions properly.*

**Program Description:** This program provides drainage systems to convey stormwater runoff from the streets of the Borough. Work activities include the replacement of storm sewer pipes and inlets and cleaning grates, collection boxes, and storm sewer pipes to ensure the proper performance of all stormwater facilities.

### Engineering Services

**Program Mission:** *Plan and implement all capital projects and develop strategies to improve operating efficiencies and infrastructure preservation.*

**Program Description:** This program provides capital improvement planning, engineering, surveying, project plan and bid document preparation, inspections, document management, and project management services to all areas of the Borough. This function is contracted out to Gibson-Thomas Engineering.

### Property Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To maintain Borough buildings in excellent condition.*

**Program Description:** This program provides maintenance, repair, and custodial services to Borough buildings. In addition, this program includes the surveillance and treatment of mosquito breeding areas in Borough parks and other properties.

### Street Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To improve the condition of Borough streets and alleys.*

**Program Description:** This program provides roadway maintenance for the streets and alleys in the Borough. Maintenance includes utility cut restorations, winter damage restorations, stabilization of sinkholes, crack sealing, and pothole repairs. All activities within the program support the Community Goals of improving the image of the Borough and providing a safe community environment.

### Street Signs and Markings

**Program Mission:** *To provide clear and appealing road signage to assist traffic flow and safety.*

**Program Description:** This program involves the fabrication, installation, and maintenance of traffic signs, street name signs, pavement, and temporary signs and barricades for regulatory, warning, and traffic guide purposes. This program focuses on standardizing signs in type, size, and lettering to improve the Borough's aesthetics while meeting PennDOT's requirements.

## Street Cleaning

**Program Mission:** *To maintain streets free of debris and litter and provide a clean Central Business District area.*

**Program Description:** This program focuses on community aesthetics and reducing debris load to creeks and streams by performing routine and preventative maintenance in the Central Business District and cleaning Borough streets and parking lots via a vacuum sweeper.

## Snow and Ice Control

**Program Mission:** *To treat and plow streets and alleys and clear public sidewalks following winter precipitation events.*

**Program Description:** This program provides salting, plowing, and snow removal of streets and alleys as needed during the winter to provide for safe and efficient traffic movement following winter precipitation. This program also includes the clearing and de-icing of sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots on Borough-owned property and emergency services stations.

## Fleet Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To have Borough vehicles available and functional when needed by employees.*

**Program Description:** This program provides maintenance and repairs to Borough vehicles, including state inspections, preventative maintenance, and emergency repairs to the fleet. In addition, it also provides maintenance and repairs to all of the Borough's small equipment, such as pumps, saws, and more.

## 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Observed and inspected MS4
- Tree trimming
- Pole replacement for 15 poles
- Curb and crosswalk painting

## Parks and Recreation

### Parks Operations & Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To provide safe and enjoyable recreational facilities and programs.*

**Program Description:** This program provides parks, open spaces, and recreation opportunities to enhance residents' quality of life. Maintenance services include maintaining park facilities and equipment, inspecting playgrounds for safety issues, maintaining athletic fields, maintaining trees, and snow removal.

### Spray Park

**Program Mission:** *To provide a safe, operation-efficient, and enjoyable outdoor spray park.*

**Program Description:** This program operates an outdoor spray park that provides opportunities for friends, neighbors, and families of the Tarentum Borough to interact with one another during an enjoyable aquatic experience.

### 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Paint and repairs to Snack Shack
- Clean debris on the riverfront
- Start long-term park plan
- Create a sitting space at 215 Corbet Avenue

## Administration Division

### General Management

**Program Mission:** *To oversee all aspects of the Borough's operations and policies and develop strategies to assure the future success of the Borough's organization.*

**Program Description:** The Office of the Borough Manager is the chief executive officer for all non-police programs. The Manager is responsible for transforming the guidelines established by the Borough Council into policies, procedures, and measurable action plans. The Manager also serves as the Borough secretary and communicates with the Borough Council, citizens, municipalities, customers, and employees.

### Financial Management

**Program Mission:** *Assure fiscal accountability for Borough operations and meet all adopted fiscal management policies.*

**Program Description:** This program provides budgeting and fiscal management services to the Borough and the Tarentum Recreation Board. It is charged with maintaining an appropriate accounting system, monitoring the cash management functions, budget preparation, and monitoring and providing all treasury services. This activity also performs financial reporting to management and external agencies.

### Customer Service

**Program Mission:** *To meet the needs of our customers by providing accurate information in a timely and courteous manner.*

**Program Description:** This program provides customer satisfaction through trained staff to offer knowledgeable, professional, and courteous service. Support is provided to Borough operating departments through clerical assistance, preparation of service requests, telephone inquiries, mail processing, accounts payable disbursements, central storage for office supplies, and office records retention and disposition. This program also provides online payment support for online users.

### Collection Service

**Program Mission:** *Generate and collect utility bills.*

**Program Description:** This program is responsible for meter reading, generating customer utility bills, and ensuring accuracy in preparing those bills. Approximately 3,000 bills are printed and mailed each month. Services billed include electricity, water, and refuse. This program is also responsible for disconnection service notices and utilizing a collection agency when needed.

## Employee Relations

**Program Mission:** *Build and institute human resources policies, practices, and programs that will lead to the success of our co-workers and enable the Borough to achieve its vision and mission.*

**Program Description:** This function aims to partner with uniformed and non-uniform employees and unions to deliver products and services, adding value to achieve the Borough's goals and objectives by maximizing its Human Resources. Human Resources leads and manages recruitment/selection, organization development, benefits, safety, policy administration, and labor relations, resulting in a high-performance work organization.

## IT Technical Support

**Program Mission:** *To assure the reliability of computer hardware and software, providing users with the necessary information, as well as cybersecurity and safeguarding of data.*

**Program Description:** This program provides all Borough employees with computer hardware, software, and support. (Allegheny County provides support for software used by the Police Department.) Support includes installing and troubleshooting hardware and software, training, and ensuring high system performance and security levels. Up and Running Computer provides most of the IT Technical Support and is supplemented by Tarentum Borough administrative staff.

## 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Secured a new energy contract to provide electric utility rate stability
- Updated Borough's GIS maps for both water and electric utilities
- Start Borough Wide Manual
- Website updates
- Received over 1.6 million worth of grant funding
- Updated several sections of the Borough's electric ordinance
- Continue implementation of the Borough's long-range multi-municipal plan

## Fire Departments

### Fire Department Overview and Support Statement

The Borough of Tarentum does not directly oversee the day-to-day operations of its fire departments, but we play an essential role in supporting their mission. We certify their operations, maintain ownership of certain buildings and fire engines, and contribute to their continued success by providing utilities and direct financial support. Our dedicated fire departments, staffed by committed volunteers, make it possible to keep fire protection costs significantly lower than if the Borough fully funded and operated the service. We deeply appreciate our fire department volunteers' invaluable service and dedication, whose work is vital to keeping our community safe and prepared.

### Fire Protection and Response

**Program Mission:** To provide rapid, efficient, and effective fire protection, rescue, and emergency response services for the safety of all residents and properties in the Borough of Tarentum.

**Program Description:** This program includes fire suppression, emergency medical assistance, rescue operations, hazardous material response, and disaster management. Their mission is supported through fire prevention education, training, and continuous equipment and technology upgrades. The department's staff is committed to maintaining the highest readiness and operational safety standards to protect life, property, and the environment in emergencies.

### Fire Safety and Prevention

**Program Mission:** To reduce fire risks and promote safety awareness within the Borough of Tarentum through proactive education and prevention efforts.

**Program Description:** This program involves regular community outreach, educational sessions for residents, schools, and businesses, and building inspections to ensure fire code compliance. The fire department also organizes drills and events to raise public awareness and understanding of fire hazards, evacuation procedures, and fire prevention techniques.

### Fire Equipment and Fleet Maintenance

**Program Mission:** To maintain all fire department vehicles and equipment in peak condition for safe and reliable operation during emergencies.

**Program Description:** This program includes routine maintenance, repairs, and replacement of fire trucks, rescue vehicles, and specialized equipment. Additionally, this program ensures compliance with state inspections and safety standards, reducing downtime and ensuring that our fleet is always ready for rapid deployment.

## Electric Fund

### Distribution System Operation & Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To provide safe, reliable electric service to Borough customers.*

**Program Description:** This program operates and maintains the Electric Distribution System, serving over 2,500 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. This program aims to proactively predict and prevent system failures while delivering customers safe, reliable electric energy. This program also provides for traffic signal maintenance.

### Management Support Services

**Program Mission:** *To provide management oversight and strategic planning services for electric operations to assure competitive rates.*

**Program Description:** This program's primary concern is procuring power and administering power supply contracts. In addition, it reimburses the General Fund for the administration's financial, accounting, billing, collections, and human resources support. Underfund transfers and debt service areas are budgeted into this program.

### 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Refined the use of the Sensus system to predict localized outages by monitoring single and group meter outage alerts from Sensus for increased reliability
- Increase staff training for all staff involved with the electrical system
- Pole replacement for 15 poles
- Meter replacements
- Upgraded traffic light at Freeport & Corbet

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## Water Fund

### Treatment System Operation & Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To provide safe, reliable water service to Borough customers.*

**Program Description:** This program operates and maintains the water treatment system, serving over 2,500 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. The goal of this program is to treat water for potability safely.

### Distribution System Operation & Maintenance

**Program Mission:** *To provide safe, reliable water service to Borough customers.*

**Program Description:** This program operates and maintains the Water Distribution System, serving over 2,500 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. This program aims to proactively predict and prevent system failures while delivering safe, reliable water to customers.

### Management Support Services

**Program Mission:** To provide management oversight and strategic planning services for water treatment operations.

**Program Description:** The procurement of chemicals and chemical testing are the primary concerns of this program.

### 2024 Program Accomplishments

- Replacement of machinery, equipment, and pumps to improve the reliability and safety of drinking water
- Continue to seek innovative ways to improve reliability and customer satisfaction
- Increase water line maintenance
- Explore dredging retrofit for cost savings
- Purchase vehicle for operations at the water plant and pumphouse
- Reduced shifts from twenty-four hours per day to sixteen
- Initial submission of lead and copper service line inventory

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