



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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## 2025 Annual Report

### 1. Summary

In 2025, the Borough of Tarentum Department of Public Works (DPW) provided continuous, essential services across streets, stormwater, water system support, parks, and facilities. Seasonal weather demands, emergency water repairs, aging infrastructure, and coordination with utility departments shaped operations.

Despite equipment limitations and staffing constraints, DPW maintained service reliability through proactive maintenance, emergency response, and cross-department coordination.

### 2. Emergency Response & Call-Outs

Throughout 2025, DPW responded to:

- Hazardous road conditions (potholes, sinkholes, storm damage)
- Emergency water main and service line breaks
- Utility-related support call-outs involving poles, hydrants, valves, and transformers
- Snow and ice control events requiring rapid deployment

Winter months generated the highest call volume due to freeze-related water failures and snow operations.

### 3. Streets & Right-of-Way Maintenance

Major activities included:

- Borough-wide pothole patching and temporary road repairs
- Road restoration following water and sewer work
- Concrete work around new utility poles and curb boxes
- Street sweeping in business districts, ramps, and residential areas
- Support for paving preparation and post-paving restoration

### 4. Stormwater & Sewer Infrastructure

DPW performed routine and emergency stormwater work, including:

- Catch basin cleaning and installation
- Sewer jetting and camera inspections
- Storm inlet and manhole repairs
- Coordination with contractors on sewer projects

These efforts reduced flooding risk and improved drainage system performance.

## **5. Water System Support**

DPW provided substantial field support to water operations, including:

- Emergency water break response and roadway restoration
- Hydrant repairs and flushing assistance
- Valve box cleaning and access restoration
- Curb box installation and repairs
- High-intensity winter response tied to freeze events

## **6. Parks, Facilities & Public Spaces**

Maintenance and improvements included:

- Grass cutting, weed control, and trash removal
- Seasonal planting, mulching, and landscaping
- Spray park opening, shutdown, winterization, and pressure washing
- Playground and park bollard installation
- Fence installation and inspections
- Tree removal and storm debris cleanup
- Park restroom improvements

Special attention was given to prominent community areas, including the park, business district, marina, and train station.

## **7. Fleet & Equipment Maintenance**

DPW emphasized in-house maintenance to extend equipment life:

- Oil changes and lubrication across the fleet
- Generator repairs
- Snow plow and salt spreader maintenance
- Lawn and grounds equipment upkeep

**Equipment challenges** included:

- Bucket truck downtime and inspections
- Sweeper hydraulic/line failures
- Aging heavy equipment requiring increased maintenance

## **8. Seasonal Operations**

Winter

- Snow plowing and sidewalk clearing
- Road salting and salt box maintenance
- Emergency response to snow and freeze-related water breaks

**Spring–Fall**

- Lot cutting and weed management
- Catch basin cleaning
- Tree trimming and removals

- Street sweeping and debris cleanup
- Park preparation and seasonal transitions

## **9. Staffing & Overtime**

Overtime Summary – 2025

- **Estimated full-year total: ~535–550 hours**

Overtime was heavily concentrated in winter months and driven primarily by snow and ice control and emergency water repairs, consistent with Western Pennsylvania municipal operating conditions.

## **10. Interdepartmental Coordination**

DPW worked closely with:

- Water and Electric Departments on emergency and planned infrastructure work
- Code Enforcement on safety and property maintenance issues
- Contractors on paving, sewer, utility, and park projects

## **11. Conclusion**

The Department of Public Works remains a cornerstone of Borough operations. In 2025, DPW ensured public safety, infrastructure reliability, and community appearance through consistent service delivery, emergency response, and hands-on maintenance, often under challenging conditions.