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\$463,000 State Award Advances Tarentum Borough's Multi-Year Infrastructure and Community Investment Program

Tarentum, PA — With today's announcement that Tarentum Borough has been awarded \$463,000 for the Davidson Street water line replacement project, the Borough is now managing approximately \$4.7 million in active and recently completed infrastructure, public safety, and community improvement projects, supported by more than \$3.31 million in grant and appropriations funding. Councilman Ray Kerr, Chair of Council's Utility Committee, emphasized the broader strategy behind the investment, stating:

"This project is one piece of a much larger plan to modernize Tarentum's water system. Replacing aging lines and addressing dead-end conditions helps resolve recurring issues residents have experienced and lays the groundwork for future, borough-wide improvements."

The Borough also extends its thanks to Representative Mandy Steele and Senator Lindsey Williams for their support and advocacy in securing state funding for the Davidson Street project and other critical infrastructure investments.

Many of these initiatives have been years in the planning, involving engineering studies, grant applications, regulatory approvals, and coordination with state, federal, and regional partners. Together, they represent a long-term investment in Tarentum's reliability, safety, and future growth.

Funding Breakdown

- Total active and recently completed project value: approximately \$4.71 million
- Grant and appropriations funding secured: approximately \$3.31 million
- Borough investment and required matching funds: approximately \$1.40 million

By aggressively pursuing outside funding, the Borough has leveraged grant dollars to cover **roughly 70% of total project costs**, significantly reducing the burden on local taxpayers while still advancing critical infrastructure and community improvements.

Major Areas of Investment Include:

Water System Improvements

- Construction of a new million-gallon water storage tank
- Mechanical and treatment system upgrades
- Relocation of chemical feed systems and installation of tank mixers
- Pressure monitoring and coordinated leak detection initiatives
- Targeted water line replacement projects, including Davidson Street and Tripak Boulevard

Stormwater, Streets, and Accessibility

- Major storm sewer improvements at 7th Avenue and Ormond Street
- ADA curb ramp installations to improve accessibility and pedestrian safety

- Collins Way runoff improvement project, recently completed

Public Safety and Emergency Services

- Regional EMS merger planning and implementation
- Police drone program to support emergency response and public safety operations
- Recently completed door security upgrades and police vehicle improvements through state EDCI funding

Neighborhood Revitalization and Community Assets

- Demolition of blighted and unsafe structures, including Porter Street
- Park improvement projects
- 10th Avenue and Corbett Street traffic safety upgrades, recently completed

Technology and Operational Modernization

- Implementation of a new Borough software system
- GIS upgrades with mobile field reporting
- Acquisition of critical utility equipment, including a new bucket truck

Community Impact

“These projects are not about short-term fixes,” Borough Manager Dwight Boddorf added. “They are about making sure Tarentum’s core systems work reliably, safely, and affordably, not just this year, but for the next generation.”

Council President Scott Dadowski emphasized the long-term vision behind the work, stating:

“This shows what prudent planning, collaboration, and responsible use of grant funding can accomplish for a community. By thinking long-term and investing wisely, Tarentum is strengthening essential services, improving safety, and positioning itself well for the future.”

While residents may see construction activity in certain areas, the long-term benefits include more reliable water service, improved infrastructure performance, enhanced public safety, greater accessibility, and stronger neighborhoods.

The Borough will continue to keep residents informed as projects move through final construction, closeout, and implementation phases.

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