



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
Monday, January 5, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes



ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

ROLL CALL: Kevin Bertocki, Susan Clark, Scott Dadowski, Carrie Fox, Lou Ann Homa, Ray Kerr, Maggie Smith, and Mayor Bob Lang.

ALSO **Borough Solicitor:** Eric H. Dee;

Borough Manager: Dwight D. Boddorf;

PRESENT: **Code Enforcement Officer:** Anthony D. Bruni;

Police Department: Lieutenant Mark Glogowski

PRESENTATION: N/A

CITIZEN COMMENT SECTION 1: Open to any comment on the current agenda. (3-minute time limit)

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

1. N/A

MINUTES: 12-09-2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

12-29-2025 Special Meeting Minutes

RK/CF; 7-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. [Memo](#) from Borough Manager to Council providing a ten-year review of Borough finances and operations
2. [Email](#) to Council from Rams Youth Football requesting to utilize the borough building for meetings.

COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>For December of 2025: 241 incidents, 163 in Tarentum and 78 in Brackenridge. 13 arrests, 15 citations, 2 warrants.</i>
President Report	<i>5:30 PM was the reorganization meeting. Scott Dadowski thanked the Council for re-electing him as President for another two-year term. Lou Ann Homa was elected as Vice-President</i> <i>Attended the ACBA general meeting and was chosen as the Regional 1 representative and the Treasurer.</i>
Solicitor Report	<i>N/A</i>
Police Chief Report	2025 Annual Report <i>This is the first annual police report to present combined, side-by-side data for Tarentum and Brackenridge since the joint police department's formation. Together, the department now serves approximately 7,500</i>



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residents. While total activity numbers differ between the two boroughs, those differences reflect population size and call volume, not differences in enforcement or service quality.

When adjusted for population and service demand, police activity remains consistent across both communities. Arrests, citations, and warrants are tracked by incidents rather than by municipal boundaries, confirming that officers apply the same standards and practices regardless of location. In short, police activity follows need, not geography.

The merger itself has made this level of analysis and transparency possible. Operating as a single department allows for standardized data collection, consistent enforcement practices, and meaningful year-over-year comparisons that were not achievable under separate departmental structures. This report establishes a clear baseline for evaluating performance, staffing, and resource deployment in future years and reflects the operational maturity of the joint department.

The Boroughs of Tarentum and Brackenridge thank the officers and leadership of the police department for their professionalism and commitment to service, and both Boroughs' Mayors and Councils for their cooperation and support in advancing a regional approach to public safety that benefits both communities.

Code Officer Report

2025 [Annual Report](#)
[Proposed 2026 demolition list](#)

Borough Manager Boddorf discussed the 2026 demolition funding. Code Officer Bruni discussed the most recent fire and that it is still under investigation.



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2025.12- Engineer Report

Engineer Report

Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet wastes get washed down the storm drain or into the street.

Manager Report

Finance Update:

- [**2024 Audit is now available.**](#)
The 2024 Audit is available and reflects continued stabilization of Borough finances following prior structural changes and long-term planning initiatives.
- [**2025 and 10-year review now available.**](#)
*Three memoranda have been sent to Council for review. Most notably, a **Ten-Year Review (2016-2026)** provides a decade-long assessment of the Borough's finances, audits, operations, governance, and communications, documenting conditions prior to 2023 and the structural improvements implemented since, along with measurable outcomes. The companion memoranda outline the Borough's current institutional operating state and formally document operational redundancy and continuity assignments, including existing backup coverage and known single-point risks. Together, these documents provide a clear snapshot of where the Borough has been over the past ten years, where it stands today, and the key considerations moving forward*
- Change in actuary for police pension due to the retirement of the current actuary.

Upcoming Events:

- [**2026 Recreation Board event schedule.**](#)
- 1-13-2026 Demolition Hearing
- 1-14-2026 EMS Authority Incorporation Hearing (at High School)
Council is expected to consider action to incorporate the Authority and appoint initial Authority board members following the public hearing.

Other Updates:

- N/A

Reports and Updates:

2025.12 - [League Link: November 2025](#) (last updated)

2025.12 - [PELRAS Update](#)

2025.12 - [Allegheny County Council](#)

2025.12 - [PMEAe-Newsletter](#)

Sheriff Sale Listings (2025):

2025.12 [Bid List](#)

2025.12 [Sale Results](#)

Business

Postponed Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- Motion to adopt *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th edition)*, as the parliamentary authority governing the conduct of Borough Council meetings for the 2026-2027 organizational term, except where such rules are inconsistent with the Pennsylvania Borough Code, applicable state law, or duly adopted Borough ordinances or resolutions.

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- Council will consider options (motions) related to the Borough Manager position, including appointment, interim appointment, or declining action, and may approve an employment agreement accordingly.

***Note:** Any action taken may include appointment, reappointment, interim appointment, or deferral, at Council's discretion.

President Scott Dadowski motioned to authorize the Borough of Tarentum to enter into a two-year employment agreement with the Borough Manager, effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027. The agreement shall provide that the Borough Manager's salary and benefits remain the same as those in effect for 2025 for the duration of the agreement. In addition to the calendar year of 2026, only the Borough Manager shall be granted an additional 3 weeks' time off to be used specifically in participation in a professional fellowship. This additional leave shall be separate from and in addition to the existing leave benefits and shall not carry over. All other terms and conditions of employment shall remain unchanged unless otherwise approved by Council.

Seconded by Carrie Fox

Role call vote:

*Kevin Bertocki, Yes
Susan Clark, Yes
Scott Dadowski, Yes
Carrie Fox, Yes
Lou Ann Homa, Yes
Ray Kerr, Yes
Maggie Smith, Yes
7-0*

- Motion to appoint Eric Dee and Avolio Law Group as the Solicitor of Tarentum Borough for 2026.
MS/SC; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Gibson Thomas as the Engineering Firm for Tarentum Borough for 2026.
RK/LH; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Schultheis and Utility Engineers as the electric engineering firms of Tarentum Borough for 2026.
RK/LH; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Mark C. Turnley, CPA, as Auditor for Tarentum Borough for 2026.
CF/MS; 7-0
- Motion to appoint First National Bank as the Depository of Tarentum Borough for 2026.
RK/KB; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Altany Insurance as the Insurance Brokerage of Tarentum for 2026.
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- Motion to designate the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as the Borough's official newspaper for the publication of legal advertisements and public notices.
*Note: Valley News is no longer a daily publication, which is required under State law for official advertisements and notices.
LH/RK; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Tim Kuhns as the Vacancy Chair for 2026.
MS/CF; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Phoenix Benefits Group and Acrisure as the actuary for the Police Pension Plan.
*Note: Phoenix Benefits Group is retiring and closing its business in January 2026. Acrisure will be the successor. *The change in actuary is administrative in nature and does not affect pension benefits or contribution requirements at this time.*
CF/SC; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Dwight Boddorf as the Borough Right-To-Know Officer.
MS/SC; 7-0
- Council president to appoint Mr. Bertocki as chairperson of the Administration and Finance Committee.
- Council president to appoint Mr. Kerr as chairperson of the Utilities Committee.
- Council president to appoint Mrs. Homa as chairperson of the Public Works Committee.
- Council president to appoint Mr. Kerr as chairperson of the Business Advisory Committee.
- Council president to appoint Ms. Clark as chairperson of the Public Safety Committee.
- Council president to appoint Mrs. Smith as chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- Council president to appoint Mrs. Fox as Chairperson of the Property, Zoning, and Health Committee
- Council president to appoint Mr. Bertocki as Chairperson of the AVNCOG Committee
- Council president to appoint Mrs. Fox as the Alternate for the AVNCOG Committee



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- Council president to appoint Ms. Clark as Chairperson of the Redevelopment and Revitalization Committee.
- Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of December 2025.
RK/CF; 7-0
- Motion to approve the [2026 Recreation Board calendar of events](#), including associated temporary road closures, as presented.
MS/SC; 7-0
- Motion to approve the request of the Rams Youth Football Organization to use a Borough-owned building on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
RK/KB; 7-0
- Motion to authorize the Borough to allocate the remaining \$22,960.00 in unassigned 2025 fire funding, to be split evenly among the three Borough fire departments, for eligible fire-related purchases.
***Note: To maintain purchasing controls and ensure proper audit documentation, all purchases shall be made directly by the Borough. Each fire department must submit purchase requests or invoices from authorized vendors to the Borough within forty-five (45) days of this authorization. State procurement laws may apply.**
RK/MS; 5-0 (2 abstentions SC, CF)
- Motion to approve [Resolution 26-01: Highway Occupancy Permit](#)
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING GIBSON-THOMAS ENGINEERING TO ACT AS THE BOROUGH'S AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED SUPPLEMENTS WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
CF/LH; 7-0
- Discussion on possible appointees to the EMS Authority
***Note:** only if the Authority is voted into creation by the municipalities.
Discussion on possibly appointing Susan Clark as one of the Tarentum representatives.

AVNCOG	N/A	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Alternate: Mrs. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	N/A	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Bertocki
Finance & Admin.	2025.12 Budget Report 2025.12 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Ms. Smith



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Parks/ Recreation	<p>Approved the tentative Recreation Schedule. Concerts are tentatively scheduled and will be updated when the contracts are signed and returned.</p> <p>Borough Manager Boddorf asked about the 250th anniversary of the United States. A parade was discussed.</p> <p>There was also some discussion on Market Nights about who will run it in 2026.</p>	Chair: Ms. Smith Member: Mr. Bertocki
Property/Health /Zoning	<p>Councilwoman Fox discussed meeting with Anthony and Dwight regarding properties. The Bridge on West 7th was also discussed. There will be a bridge inspection in March 2026. Borough Manager Boddorf discussed the Borough's conversation with PennDOT engineers regarding the Bridge and the work required.</p>	Chair: Mrs. Fox Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	<p>Fire Department Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Eureka (Fire & EMS): December 2025▪ Highlands:▪ Summit:	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mrs. Homa
Public Works	<p>2025.12 2025 Annual Report</p>	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Ms. Smith
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	<p>N/A</p>	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mr. Bertock
Utilities	<p>Water – 2025.12 (reports being redone & leadership transition) Electric – 2025.12 (reports being redone)</p>	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mrs. Fox

CITIZENS' COMMENT SECTION 2: This is Open to residents and taxpayers of Tarentum Borough for any comments.
(3-minute time limit)

Resident Wendy Conn, 300 Main Street, asked several questions or had some comments, including a discussion about dogs in the park, including service dogs. Information on the Post-Gazette, and signs in the park as well.

ADJOURN: 7:31
SC/MS; 7-0



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