



**BOROUGH OF TARENTUM**  
**COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**CHAMBERS**



Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

**ORDER:** 6:02\_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:** Susan Clark, Scott Dadowski, Carrie Fox, Lou Ann Homa, Ray Kerr, Maggie Smith, Kevin Bertock, 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:**

1. Proclamation for the Tarentum Book Club
2. Proclamation for Eagle Scout: A.Godinez
3. Proclamation for Eagle Scout: A.Karmazin
4. Proclamation for Eagle Scout: K.Babinsack

**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:** [01-05-2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes](#)

[01-05-2026 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

[01-13-2026 Emergency Demolition Hearing Minutes](#)

RK/CF;7-0

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. [Letter to Council about Orr Blockhouse Project.](#)
2. [Memo from Borough Manager on Spray Park hours](#)
3. Letter (email) of interest regarding the reappointment of Judith Pearson to Planning Committee
4. Letter (email) of interest from Wendy Conn on joining Planning Committee
5. Application from Gavyn Kilgore

**COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

<b>Mayor Report</b>	<i>133 incidents for both Boroughs. 18 arrests, 20 citations, 2 warrants.</i>
<b>President Report</b>	<i>I wanted to thank our Borough Manager and Admin Staff for ensuring there was enough salt for the winter storm. I attended the ALOM banquet last week as a board member. The spring conference is in April. I am trying to get the June board of directors meeting in our park.</i>



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<b>Solicitor Report</b>	<i>Mr. Boddorf asked me to research what we needed to do to publish legal notices. My research shows that publishing once a week meets the legal threshold.</i>
<b>Police Chief Report</b>	<a href="#">2026.01 Report</a>
<b>Code Officer Report</b>	<a href="#">2026.01 Report</a>
<b>Engineer Report</b>	2026.01- <a href="#">Engineer Report</a>  Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet waste be washed into the storm drain or onto the street.
<b>Manager Report</b>	<p><b>Finance Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water System Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-TripPak Boulevard line replacement <i>Ad going out this week</i></li> <li>-Davidson Street line replacement <i>Waiting on contract paperwork</i></li> <li>-Permanent flusher installation</li> <li>-Pressure meter installation planning</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Grant Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSA</li> <li>Federal appropriations</li> <li>Drone Grant</li> <li><i>Waiting on contract paperwork for all three</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3-25-2026 EMS Authority Incorporation Hearing (at American Legion)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Snow Response:</li> </ul> <p><i>From Saturday through Monday, the Borough conducted continuous snow operations on 12-hour shifts, with two rotating teams. We had one crew working during the day and one overnight, each comprising three to four Public Works employees. This schedule ran essentially nonstop, with more than a week's worth of work crammed into a few days. In total, this operation resulted in over 100 hours of overtime. That overtime reflects the duration of the storm, the need to maintain emergency access at all hours, and the reality that snow events do not align with normal work schedules.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks to prudent advance planning, we had adequate salt on hand and did not experience shortages during the event. We were also fully prepared to escalate operations if conditions worsened, including activating additional emergency measures, such as deploying police and firefighters trained to operate plow trucks. Fortunately, conditions did not require that step, but the contingency planning was in place.</i></p> <p><i>What's important for Council to understand is that this overtime was not the result of inefficiency. It was the result of sustained operations, fatigue management, and safe work practices. Roads remained passable, priority routes stayed open, and emergency services had access throughout the event. I want to specifically thank our Public Works staff. They worked long days, overnight</i></p>



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*shifts, and weekends in difficult conditions without complaint. This is the kind of work that only gets noticed when it fails, and in this case, it did not.*

*The takeaway is that the storm plan worked as intended, the shift structure was effective, and the overtime incurred was appropriate and necessary given the scope and duration of the event.*

- New CRM. We are making progress, but it is slow with everything else going on.

**Reports and Updates:**

- 2026.01 - [League Link: January 2026](#)
- 2026.01 - [PELRAS Update](#) (Dec. 2025 last update)
- 2026.01 - [Allegheny County Council](#)
- 2026.01 - [PMEA: e-Newsletter](#)

**Sheriff Sale Listings (2025):**

- 2026.01 [Bid List](#)
- 2026.01 [Sale Results](#)

**Business**

**Postponed Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

- Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of January 2026.  
RK/MS; 7-0
- Motion to designate the *Tribune Review* as the Borough’s official newspaper for the publication of legal advertisements and public notices.  
\*Note: Verified with solicitor.  
CF/LH; 7-0
- Motion to ratify advertisement of the Special Council Meeting for March 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Brackenridge American Legion.  
\*Note: Incorporation hearing and voting meeting.  
MS/CF; 7-0
- Motion to reappoint Judith Pearson to the Planning Committee  
LH/RK; 7-0
- Motion to appoint Wendy Conn to the Planning Committee  
CF/MS; 7-0
- Motion to approve Gavyn Kilgore as Junior Council Person  
RK/SC; 7-0



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- **Motion to approve Shane Brown as Municipal Management Fellow**  
\*Note: unpaid fellowship  
*Borough Manager Boddorf noted that we previously hosted Coro Fellows and that this would be similar to the program. We have partnered with the Local Government Academy to start a municipal management fellowship.*  
MS/CF; 7-0
- **Motion to approve Orr Blockhouse Eagle Scout project request**  
SC/LH; 7-0
- **Discussion on 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade**  
SC/MS; 7-0
- **Motion to allocate \$2,000 from the general funds unassigned for the parade.**  
CF/LH; 7-0
- **Motion to award [Pump House chemical feed and tank mixers to Tuggle for Enterprises for \\$225,000.00](#)**  
\*Note: Paid from Capital Fund. The project will help lower TTHMs.  
CF/SC; 7-0
- **Discussion on Spray Park Hours**  
*Discussion on the spray park and related memo.*
- **Motion to authorize Borough Manager to adjust Spray Park Hours from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM with the Manager's discretion as needed.**  
SC/MS; 7-0
- **Motion to approve [Resolution #26-02:](#)**  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE RENUNBERING OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON ORMOND STREET AT THE REQUEST OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY 911 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PURPOSES.  
SC/KB; 7-0

*Before Council considers advertising Ordinances 26-01 and 26-02, I want to provide a brief, consolidated overview of where we've been since joining American Municipal Power, where the electric system stands today, and how these ordinances fit into our long-term strategy.*

*Since transitioning our power supply to AMP, the Borough's electric system has remained stable and predictable. Our wholesale power costs have come in at or slightly below forecast, service reliability has remained strong, and our electric rates continue to be competitive with surrounding utilities. AMP has given the Borough access to scale, market expertise, and long-term planning tools that a system our size would not otherwise have on its own — while decisions and strategy remain fully under local control.*

*The primary driver of electric cost pressure today is not local usage. Energy consumption in Tarentum is flat to slightly declining. The pressure is coming from regional capacity and transmission costs set by PJM, which are outside the Borough's control and are impacting every electric utility in western Pennsylvania.*

*For 2026, our actual capacity costs are increasing by approximately 20 percent. Because the Council approved a multi-year planning and rate-smoothing strategy in advance, the impact on residents is limited to about 5 percent. Planned reserves are being used exactly as intended to avoid*



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rate shock and emergency adjustments.  
 Ordinances 26-01 and 26-02 continue that long-term approach. These ordinances authorize the execution of two power supply schedules with AMP — one for the Bright Mountain Solar project and one for the Potomac Energy Center. Together, they are designed to reduce long-term exposure to volatile capacity markets by adding a balanced mix of predictable energy and firm, dispatchable capacity.

*In essence, it helps reduce capacity volatility by locking in a portion of our future power needs outside the PJM auction market. Right now, capacity prices are set years in advance by PJM and have become highly unpredictable due to plant retirements and grid reliability pressures. By securing long-term power supply through AMP, including firm, dispatchable generation and a smaller amount of solar capacity, the Borough reduces how much capacity it has to buy at volatile auction prices each year. Every megawatt we secure this way is one less megawatt exposed to sudden market spikes. This doesn't eliminate capacity costs, but it smooths them over time and gives us the predictability needed to set electric rates once per year instead of reacting with multiple increases. The broader goal is straightforward: to provide stable, predictable electric rates adjusted once per year, rather than reacting to market volatility with multiple increases in a single year, as many investor-owned utilities now do.*

*In short, the system is stable, the strategy is working, and these ordinances represent disciplined, proactive planning to protect residents from volatility while maintaining reliability over the long term.*

- Motion to advertise [Ordinance #26-01](#):  
 TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF BRIGHT MOUNTAIN SOLAR SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH  
 CF/RK; 7-0
  
- Motion to advertise [Ordinance #26-02](#):  
 TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE POTOMAC ENERGY CENTER SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH  
 RK/SC; 7-0

<b>AVNCOG</b>	<i>Tim Connelly is now the COG President, Tony Talani is the Vice President, and I will be the Secretary for 2026.</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki <b>Alternate:</b> Mrs. Fox
<b>Business Advisory Committee</b>	N/A	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Kerr <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertocki
<b>Finance &amp; Admin.</b>	2026.01 <a href="#">Budget Report</a> 2026.01 <a href="#">Check Register</a>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Bertocki <b>Member:</b> Ms. Smith



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<b>Parks/ Recreation</b>	<i>The Recreation Board is gearing up for the 2026 season, planning and coordinating activities. The tentative schedule is out, and the first event is on March 26th. They are planning the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Grey Signs is designing the new park signs.</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Smith <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertocki
<b>Property/Health / Zoning</b>	<p><i>Over the past several months, we have been working with Allegheny County to establish a more consistent process for sharing information related to County code and Health Department violations. Historically, the municipality and the County Health Department did not routinely inform one another of enforcement actions, which made coordinated follow-up difficult.</i></p> <p><i>This week (today), we received our first formal notification of a County Health Department action under this new approach. We are now working with County staff to refine the process, with the goal of making it workable not only for Tarentum but potentially as a countywide model.</i></p> <p><i>Improved data sharing and coordination will allow both the Borough and the County to better align enforcement efforts, close gaps, and address persistent issues more effectively. Ultimately, this should lead to stronger compliance and a healthier, safer community overall.</i></p>	<b>Chair:</b> Mrs. Fox <b>Member:</b> Mr. Kerr
<b>Public Safety</b>	<p><b>Fire Department Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eureka (Fire &amp; EMS): 39 fire calls, 175 EMS calls</li> <li>▪ Highlands:</li> <li>▪ Summit:</li> </ul> <p><i>Council President Dadowski recognized all three fire chiefs in the audience and thanked for everything they do.</i></p>	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Clark <b>Member:</b> Mrs. Homa
<b>Public Works</b>	<p><a href="#">2026.01</a></p> <p><i>Public works and the office did a great job, during the snowstorm, operating 24/7. Additionally, there is a form online to submit concerns or questions.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Lang discussed the pothole issues on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and noted that is a PennDOT road. Borough Manager Boddorf noted that PennDOT is doing milling and paving this spring/summer.</i></p>	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Homa <b>Member:</b> Ms. Smith
<b>Redevelopment/ Revitalization</b>	N/A	<b>Chair:</b> Ms. Clark <b>Member:</b> Mr. Bertock
<b>Utilities</b>	<p>Water – <a href="#">2026.01</a>          Electric – <a href="#">2026.01</a></p>	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Kerr <b>Member:</b> Mrs. Fox



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**CITIZENS' COMMENT SECTION 2: This is Open to residents and taxpayers of Tarentum Borough for any comments.**

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- *Christina, from the Unity Recovery non-profit, introduced herself and her colleague and shared their program, and that they are looking for real estate in the area.*
- *Eureka Chief James asked folks to consider adopting a fire hydrant and help keep them clear from snow.*
- *Resident Cindy Homberg asked how much the magazine ads cost.*
- *Resident Jim Bonner welcomed the new Planning Committee members. The EAC is planning on doing an Earth Day pickup this year. Tarentum residents are eligible for Audubon's habitat program.*

**ADJOURN:** 7:15 PM



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