



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM
COUNCIL MEETING IN BOROUGH COUNCIL
CHAMBERS



Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

ORDER: 6:00 _____ p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

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

ALSO

Junior Council Person: Gavyn Kilgore;
Borough Solicitor: Eric H. Dee;

PRESENT:

Borough Manager: Dwight D. Boddorf;
Municipal Management Fellow: Shane Brown;
Code Enforcement Officer: Anthony D. Bruni;
Police Department: Lieutenant Mark Glogowski

Council President Dadowski introduced our junior council person, Gavyn Kilgore

Borough Manager Boddorf introduced our municipal management fellow, Shane Brown. "Before we move on, I'd like to introduce Shane Brown, who is joining us as our Municipal Management Fellow. This fellowship is part of an effort to help develop the next generation of local government leaders. Like many communities across the country, local governments are facing a wave of retirements, so programs like this help give people hands-on experience in how municipalities actually operate. During his time here, Shane will spend time with Borough staff and observe Council meetings to learn about the day-to-day work that goes into running a borough, from budgeting and utilities to public works and administration. We're glad to have him with us and appreciate his interest in public service."

Mayor Lang introduced our newest Police Officer Eric Callen.

PRESENTATION:

1. 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

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COMMUNICATIONS:

1. [Request from the Tarentum Eagles](#) for park reservation
2. Request from AIU for park reservation
3. Request from Dynamite Daycare for park reservation
4. Request for 5K race from Salvation Army



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COMMITTEE and DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Report	<i>229 responses, 22 arrests, 40 citations, and 3 warrants issued. No use of force incidents in the reporting period.</i>
President Report	<i>Attend the ALOM Winter Gala in February. I have been appointed the Treasurer.</i>
Solicitor Report	N/A
Police Chief Report	N/A
Code Officer Report	2026.02 Report <i>Awaiting asbestos results for demo projects.</i>
Engineer Report	2026.02- Engineer Report Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet waste be washed into the storm drain or onto the street.
Manager Report	<p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-25-2026 EMS Authority Incorporation Hearing (at Brackenridge American Legion) <p>Other Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New ERP software update ▪ GIS Project <p><i>Our Municipal Management Fellow, Shane Brown, has been assisting the Borough with a GIS project to digitally map demolitions and vacant property program approvals. This work allows us to better track where properties have been demolished, identify redevelopment opportunities, and maintain a clear record of program activity across the Borough.</i></p> <p><i>Digitally mapping this information also improves transparency and planning by giving staff and Council a visual tool to see how these efforts are impacting neighborhoods and where future code enforcement or redevelopment efforts may be needed.</i></p> <p><i>As part of this effort, the Borough has been systematically working toward what is often referred to as a “digital twin” of the community. We have already digitally mapped much of our water and electric systems, and we continue to expand that system to include additional information such as demolished or vacant properties. This allows us to better manage infrastructure, track community changes over time, and make more informed planning decisions.</i></p> <p>Reports and Updates:</p> <p>2026.02 – League Link: February 2026</p> <p>2026.02 – PELRAS Update (Dec. 2025 last update)</p> <p>2026.02 – Allegheny County Council</p> <p>2026.02 – PMEA: e-Newsletter</p>



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	<p>Sheriff Sale Listings (2025): 2026.02 Bid List 2026.02 Sale Results</p>
Business	<p>Postponed Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to pay the Borough bills for the month of February 2026. RK/KB; 6-0 ▪ Motion to hire E. Callen as a police officer, effective 3-11-2026, in accordance with the Borough Code and civil service process. MS/SC; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve the employment contract for T.Wesolowski as Water Plant Director, effective April 1, 2026. SC/LH; 6-0 ▪ Motion to advertise Water Plant Operator position immediately. RK/SC; 6-0 ▪ Motion to advertise Water Plant Coordinator Position (internal promotion), effective April 1, 2026. LH/RK; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve park event request from Tarentum Eagles on Sunday, March 29th at 1:30 PM MS/SC; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve park event request from Highlands AIU on Monday, March 30th, from 5:00 -6:00 PM SC/LH; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve the EAC’s request to utilize the pavilion for the spring litter pickup on April 18, 2026, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. MS/RK; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve the Salvation Army’s road closure request on May 16, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM for a 5k race. SC/MS; 6-0 ▪ Motion to approve park event request for Dynamite Daycare’s graduation on May 29, 2026.



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- Motion to authorize distribution pump repair by [Total Equipment Company for \\$35,600.00](#)
 *Note: paid from capital fund
 SC/RK; 6-0

- Motion to authorize backwash pump repair by [Total Equipment Company for \\$29,100.00](#)
 *Note: paid from capital fund
 RK/SC; 6-0

- Motion to purchase an emergency generator for the borough building from [Generac for \\$17,097.00](#)
 *Note: paid from fund balance carried forward
 SC/LH; 6-0

- Motion to reject all bids for the Tri-pack Water Line Replacement Project.
 *Note: Bids came in significantly higher than engineering estimates
 SC/MS; 6-0

- Motion to approve [Resolution #26-03: CDBG Opt-In](#)
 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, NOTICE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS THREE PROGRAM YEARS – 2027, 2028, AND 2029
 RK/SC; 6-0

- Motion to approve [Resolution #26-04: 2026 Local Government Week](#)
 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 13-17, 2026”

Borough Manager Boddorf stated:

Local Government Week provides an opportunity to recognize the many people who contribute to the day-to-day functioning of our community. From elected officials and Borough employees to volunteers, first responders, and engaged residents, local government works because of the individuals who dedicate their time and effort to serving Tarentum and helping keep our community strong and vibrant.

LH/RK; 6-0

- Motion to adopt [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
 RK/MS; 6-0

Borough Manager Boddorf stated that before Council considers adopting Ordinances 26-01 and 26-02 tonight, I want to briefly summarize where the Borough’s electric system stands.



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	<p><i>Since transitioning to American Municipal Power (AMP), our electric system has remained stable and predictable. Wholesale costs have generally come in at or below forecast, reliability remains strong, and our rates continue to be competitive with surrounding utilities.</i></p> <p><i>The primary cost pressure today is coming from regional capacity costs set by PJM, which are impacting utilities across western Pennsylvania. For 2026, those costs are increasing by about 20 percent, but due to Council's multi-year planning and reserve strategy, the impact to residents is limited to roughly 5 percent.</i></p> <p><i>These ordinances authorize participation in the Bright Mountain Solar project and the Potomac Energy Center through AMP. Together, they help reduce long-term exposure to volatile capacity markets by securing a portion of our future power supply through stable, long-term resources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to adopt 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; 6-0 	
AVNCOG	<i>COG Meeting has been moved to March 26, 2026. They are moving to electronic bidding. The 7th and Ormond is to start on March 23rd.</i>	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Alternate: Mrs. Fox
Business Advisory Committee	N/A	Chair: Mr. Kerr Member: Mr. Bertocki
Finance & Admin.	2026.02 Budget Report 2026.02 Check Register	Chair: Mr. Bertocki Member: Ms. Smith
Parks/ Recreation	<i>The approved Rec. Board schedule is up.</i>	Chair: Ms. Smith Member: Mr. Bertocki
Property/Health / Zoning	N/A	Chair: Mrs. Fox Member: Mr. Kerr
Public Safety	Fire Department Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eureka (Fire & EMS): 2026.02 ▪ Highlands: ▪ Summit: 	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mrs. Homa



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Public Works	2026.02	Chair: Ms. Homa Member: Ms. Smith
Redevelopment/ Revitalization	N/A	Chair: Ms. Clark Member: Mr. Bertock
Utilities	Water – 2026.02 Electric – 2026.02	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 Jim Bonner discussed Cleanup Keep PA beautiful. He also discussed Tarentum becoming a silver level bird town.

Resident Judith Pearson asked about an update on the demolitions. Code Officer Bruni discussed that we are waiting on the asbestos abatement surveys yet.

Resident Crystal Kilgore asked about the VRRP program. Code Officer Bruni gave some insight and information on the program.

ADJOURN: 6:49 PM

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