

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 17, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vincent Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Arthrell, President of Council; Mr. Evans, Vice-President of Council; Ms. Bolton;  
Mr. Gambino; Mr. Henkel; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Yazvac

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary

Council Absent:

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from January 20, 2016 meeting made by Mr. Evans.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

**COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

Daniel Matoney, 1420 Nurnath Street – Mr. Matoney reviewed a handout regarding the publishing of legal ads. He stated that the borough should use Pittsburgh Post-Gazette instead of Valley Mirror for legal advertisements as per Pennsylvania Borough Code.

Mr. Arthrell replied that there was a discussion at the Steel Rivers COG meeting about the use of Valley Mirror and they will continue to use it. He stated that it is much cheaper than the other newspapers.

Mr. Matoney stated that the website did not have December's minutes posted. Also, he said the website is not providing pertinent information that the residents want to know. He complained that the budget hearing was held during the holidays in December, which is why no residents attended.

Cheryl Sorrentino replied that there was an issue with posting the December minutes to the website, but will be corrected.

Mr. Arthrell replied that the budget hearing was advertised and they are working on the website to get information to citizens.

Mayor Brown replied that they are making good faith efforts with the website and it is fairly new.

Mr. Matoney also asked who was on the committees and why there are no citizens on the committees.

Mr. Arthrell stated that council members are appointed to borough committees and not citizens.

Mr. Matoney said he was on a committee in the past as a citizen.

Mr. Arthrell asked if it was the zoning hearing board. The hearing board is made up of citizens and not council members. He replied that they have three members still serving their term: Edwin Mohan, Thomas McQuade and Anthony Buba.

David Ginsburg, 9 Orchard Street – Mr. Ginsburg commended the Public Works Department for their work to clear the roads this winter season.

## **REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

Motion to exonerate the Tax Collector, Betty Ann Horvath, from any further collection of 2015 borough real estate taxes effective January 1, 2016.

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

Motion to hire Christopher Thompson as part-time officer with Braddock Hills Borough police department as per current contract rate

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

### **ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL**

Mr. Henkel stated that a zoning hearing has been scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This is in regards to the addition being constructed at 2782 Columbia Avenue.

### **ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

No reports.

### **HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC**

Motion to approve Resolution #2 of 2016 to appoint Code Enforcement Associates as the residential and commercial plan reviewer for the borough

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to approve Resolution #3 of 2016 to adopt the Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Ms. Bolton asked what is the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Solicitor Garvin replied it was a plan by Allegheny County for emergencies in the borough. He stated that if a serious emergency would happen, the borough would contact Allegheny County for assistance.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Gambino – yes

Mr. Henkel – abstain

Ms. Bolton – yes

Ms. Yazvac – yes

Mr. Ursiny – yes

Mr. Evans – yes

Mr. Arthrell - yes

5 yes, 1 abstain

Motion: Carried

**BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

Motion to approve the repairs and painting of third floor hallway of borough administration building by Martin Construction for a cost not to exceed \$5,300.00

Motion – Mr. Evan

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

Department is working a lot during snow and would like to look into hiring someone part-time to clear the walkways and steps of the borough buildings.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.**

Mayor Brown stated that he attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association dinner and the new honoree was Robert Henkel. Mr. Henkel was installed as the organization's new president.

Mayor Brown read the police and fire reports for the month of January 2016 (see attached).

**SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

**ENGINEER - EADS GROUP**

Solicitor Garvin read the engineer's report (see attached).

**REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

Mr. Evans stated that the Allegheny County Health Department was at the last COG meeting to discuss the County's updated regulations regarding open burning. He read some regulations and gave the website address for those interested in learning more.

<http://www.achd.net/air/burning>

**THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

No meetings in March, but has attended Alcosan meetings.

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED**

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Mr. Evans.

All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$121,604.43 TO INCLUDE:**

General fund expenses of \$49,319.83

Refuse fund expenses of \$9,002.80

Sewer fund expenses of \$63,281.80

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Arthrell adjourned meeting at 8:01 p.m.