

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 21, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Henkell 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. Henkel; Mr. Gambino; 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 August 17, 2016 meeting made by Mr. Evans.  
All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

Two bids were submitted for removal and replacement of cement pads at the side of the borough building. Brad Srdich Masonry and Home Improvements in the amount of \$5,460.00 and Gaydos General Contracting in the amount of \$5,150.00

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

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

None.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

Motion to approve the 2017 minimum municipal obligation for the police pension plan in the amount of \$47,563.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

No report.

**ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL**

Mr. Henkel stated that Allegheny County Boroughs Association is pushing to defeat Act 89 and the Borough has written a letter to State representatives, along with other boroughs.

Mr. Arthrell explained that Act 89 of 2013 is intending on eliminating registration stickers from vehicles. However, municipalities will be forced to purchase equipment to monitor vehicles, which will be very costly and there are no grants available.

**ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to advertise Ordinance #2 of 2016 which amends Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Braddock Hills Borough Code to provide for regulations of off-street parking of portable home storage units and construction trailers

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC**

No report.

**BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

Motion to accept bid of \$5,150.00 from Gaydos General Contracting for the removal and replacement of concrete pads located on side of Borough Administration building.

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to hire Dean Helinski as an independent contractor, to paint borough buildings and properties, during non-work hours at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, total for project not to exceed \$10,000.00

Mr. Henkel asked who would be providing insurance. Mr. Arthrell replied that Dean Helinski has his own insurance coverage.

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

Mr. Arthrell stated that the department has been down one worker for the past 3-4 weeks. Also, he announced that Public Works Foreman, David Checchio, is retiring at the end of September.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.**

Mayor Brown read the police report for August 2016 (see attached). He noted that he met with the fire department, along with Mr. Arthrell, to express some concerns. The department is working on their issues, and the borough will need to monitor them and help with recruitment.

He attended meetings regarding Land Banking/Blight Busters, and Allegheny County Emergency Operations services.

Mayor Brown recognized Reverend Cora Suiter and Mr. Anthony Buba for their achievements and community support.

**SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that he is happy to see the municipal obligation for police pension is only \$47,563.00, and it has improved in the past few years. He commended council members on the improvement.

He attended tax exemption hearing for property of Brinton Towers and Brinton Manor. He felt competent it went well. Also, whomever is not satisfied with the decision can appeal it.

**ENGINEER - EADS GROUP**

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

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

No report.

**THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

Mr. Arthrell stated he and the Borough Secretary attended the meeting on September 8, 2016. He announced that he spoke with the engineer at Alcosan about the costs to be charged to the borough. The flow meters will be conducted again, so this will allow a more accurate reading that can reduce the costs greatly.

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**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 \$197,795.50 TO INCLUDE:**

General fund expenses of \$188,312.73

Refuse fund expenses of \$9,002.80

Sewer fund expenses of \$479.97

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 7:56 p.m.