

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2017**

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. Arthrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; David DelGreco, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from August 16, 2017 meeting made by Ms. Yazvac
All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

Mr. Arthrell stated that he has received two bids for the demolition of 402 Park Avenue. He is waiting for a third bid to be submitted, but would like council to vote to accept the lowest bid for the project.

Motion to accept bid of \$8,500 or the lower bid, if submitted, for the demolition of 402 Park Avenue.

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Ken Williams, 958 Illinois Avenue – Mr. Williams asked what the timetable is for the road in front of his property to be fixed.

Mr. Arthrell replied that it will be addressed before winter.

Mr. Williams asked if the sumac trees near his property can be removed as they are making his wife sick.

Mr. Arthrell stated that he would look into it.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension plan in the amount of \$44,759.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

Motion to approve Resolution #12 of 2017 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Block and Lot number 300-J-112 in accordance with the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program to be used in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of the Borough of Braddock Hills.

Motion – Mr. Henkel

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to advertise Ordinance 5 of 2017 to prohibit parking on west side of Virginia Avenue

Motion - Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to advertise requests for proposals for refuse collection in the Borough for a new contract period starting January 1, 2018

Motion - Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to advertise Ordinance 6 of 2017 to prohibit smoking and tobacco use in Borough owned property and recreational areas subject to certain exceptions permitting the designation of smoking areas at Borough owned property

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Getting ready for the winter. Department had an employee injured and off work for two weeks, so they only had two employees to take care of everything during this time.

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

Mayor Brown read the police report for August 2017 (see attached).

He attended a meeting with Mr. Arthrell regarding Woodland Hills EMS, along with representatives from other municipalities. Also, he attended the meeting at Pennsylvania School for the Deaf regarding suicide prevention and Allegheny County Emergency Services with Chief Helinski. He will be attending the emergency preparedness and hazmat meeting with Sergeant Legin and Chief Helinski.

He attended a press conference held by Auditor General DePasquale with Ms. Bolton. They discussed the issue with Woodland Hills School District.

Mr. Arthrell stated that members of the school board of Woodland Hills would like to attend the next caucus meeting.

SOLICITOR – DAVID DELGRECO

No report.

ENGINEER - EADS GROUP

Solicitor DelGreco read the Engineer's report (see attached).

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that Cheryl Sorrentino applied for a grant for an updated playground.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell will be attending the Sewer Conference in October with Cheryl Sorrentino.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Arthrell stated that he is meeting with a boy scout who is earning his Eagle rank. He is a resident and is looking for a project to help him earn this rank. He asked council members to submit any ideas for a project.

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Ms. Yazvac.

All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$69,135.87 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$52,721.26
 - Sewer fund expense of \$6,961.67
 - Refuse fund expenses of \$9,452.94
- Motion – Ms. Bolton
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Arthrell stated that he received two bids to make repairs to Illinois Avenue, but can't afford to fix it at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.