

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:32 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; Ms. Bolton; Ms. Yazvac; Mrs. Ganster

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from May 8, 2018 meeting made by Ms. Bolton.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

Bids were distributed prior to meeting. Mr. Arthrell stated that the bids will be addressed with the corresponding committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Christina Rizak (sp?), 953 Illinois Avenue – Ms. Rizak stated that she just moved into the Borough and wanted to help get recycling. She would like to make inquiries and survey the residents to see if they would be interested. Also, she asked council when was the last time they looked into recycling and how did they survey the residents.

Mr. Arthrell stated that the residents have issues with paying additional costs with recycling. The Borough has looked into it this past Spring with County Hauling and that he just asked residents personally. He stated that Ms. Rizak is more than welcome to gather information on costs involved with recycling and survey residents for interest. Mayor Brown commented that Steel Rivers COG provided recycling services for boroughs but cancelled that service.

Cassie Schaffer, 322 Virginia Avenue – Ms. Schaffer stated that there is an issue with the individuals involved with the fire at 321 Virginia Avenue. Individuals are still actively trying to trap the missing cats. They are using food as bait and has resulted in a noticeable increase of other animals in the area.

Solicitor Garvin asked if the property was posted after the fire.

Mr. Arthrell stated that the Code Enforcement Officer did post the property as it is considered a dangerous structure after the fire.
Solicitor Garvin asked if the neighbors are calling police when the individuals are placing the traps or on the property.
Ms. Schaffer said they were not calling police, but will in the future.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

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

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mrs. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON GANSTER

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to advertise Ordinance to limit number of pets per household to four

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to demolish property located at 1102 Wilkins Avenue at a cost of \$14,000.00.

Solicitor Garvin asked for a description of property, so that it was noted that this was an emergency situation.

Mr. Arthrell replied that part of the building had collapsed onto the road and is in danger of collapsing more and it would be onto the road.

Motion - Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mrs. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to award bid from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$198,385.00 for sanitary sewer improvement project. \$100,000 of project will be paid for by grant money.

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to award bid to J.B. for repairs to tar cracks located on Cross Street, Newton Street and Fourth Street in the amount of \$750.00

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mrs. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Arthrell stated that repairs will allow the road to last another two years.

Motion to award Gaydos for cement work to be done to parking lot at Borough Building in the amount of \$2,850.00

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Arthrell stated this project will include the installation of a cement pad where the dumpster is located and crack repairs.

Motion to approve renovations to 2nd floor of Borough Administration Building to include installation of fireproof doors and wall not to exceed the cost of \$10,000.00

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to purchase twelve (12) street lights through the Duquesne Light LED street lighting program to be installed along Ridge Street, Jones Avenue, and Center Street for a total of \$1,308.00

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Arthrell noted that this project has been on-going for several years. They have been purchasing street lights for sections of the Borough at a time due to costs.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Motion to purchase back hoe from Murphy Tractor & Equipment through CoStars in the amount of \$85,500 and price includes a trade-in of \$12,000.00 contingent on confirmation of CoStars vendor identification number.

Motion - Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Mrs. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to finance back hoe through First National Bank in the amount of \$85,500.00 at an interest rate of 4.25% for five years.

Motion - Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote on June 5, 2018 to hire Joshua Maybury in the position of full-time, temporary laborer with public works department at the rate of \$10.00 per hour

Motion - Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police report for May 2018 and fire report for May 8 thru June 12, 2018 (see attached).

He stated that he has gone to several meetings and events since the last council meeting.

He attended the Woodland Hills School Municipal Advisory meeting on the search for a superintendent with Ms. Bolton and meeting with elected officials. He attended that the Memorial Day ceremonies held by North Braddock AMVETS, graduation ceremony of Pitt Law School, Commitment to the Community held by Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and speaker was Jay Costa, the 28th Annual Gene Kelly Awards ceremony, dance recital at Woodland Hills High School, interviewed Emma Brown for position of police officer in the Borough, and quarterly training for EMC.

Lastly, he has been monitoring Facebook and documenting comments about the matter with the signs posted about one of the police officers. He provided examples of positive comments made by residents on the posting.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

C. ENGINEER

Read by Solicitor Garvin (see attached).

9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Evans stated that they hired a new person in the office and will hopefully the work will get done quicker and more efficiently. Also, the last meeting was held in Duquesne and he met the new mayor. He stated that she was positive, and he wishes her well.

10. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that they are working on the Consent Orders and there have been many meetings.

11. OTHER COMMITTEES

Mr. Arthrell stated that LandBanking purchased three houses located on Park Avenue, Wilkins Avenue and Delaware Avenue. Unfortunately, the house on Delaware Avenue may not be able to rebuild. However, the other homes are being cleaned up and will be fixed up by Rebuilding Pittsburgh.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Arthrell stated that Wilkins Avenue will be closed from his residence to Steel Town Inn, and Park Avenue and Garfield Avenue will also be closed next week. The work being done will be until at least September 2018.

14. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$71,377.98 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$67,478.68
 - Sewer fund expense of \$3,095.38
 - Refuse fund expense of \$803.92
- Motion – Mr. Arthrell
Seconded – Ms. Bolton
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.