

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cheryl Sorrentino 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 April 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)

No comments.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to purchase 3 computers and setup from Aquilis Computers for a total cost not to exceed \$2,364

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to purchase a Maintenance Agreement with Aquilis Computers at the monthly cost of \$188.00 for the Borough's computers

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept State Workers' Insurance Fund quote for the Borough's workman's compensation insurance with a total annual premium of \$41,806.00 for 2016-2017

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify the phone vote of April 25, 2016 to rescind payment approval to Senate Engineering in the amount of \$9,369.50 at April 20, 2016 council meeting due to debatable charges regarding the MS4 report upon further review

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Henkel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify the phone vote of April 25, 2016 to pay Senate Engineering the remaining balance of their invoices in the total of \$8,019.50, which includes the deduction of \$1,350.00 paid to The EADS Group for final preparations and completion of MS4 report

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to issue a real estate tax refund to Yvonne Burns in the amount of \$382.75 for property at 267 Adams Street as the 2016 Borough taxes were double paid by the property owner

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to issue a real estate tax refund to Richard Tkach in the amount of \$30.00 for property at 2756 Columbia Avenue as the check issued for 2016 Borough taxes was in the wrong amount

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to appoint Camo Kennels as the Borough's animal control officer at a monthly cost of \$175.00

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to provide two police officers to Good Shepherd Church for their festival during the dates of June 22 through June 25, 2016. Good Shepherd Church will pay the Borough the sum of \$393.60 for the officers which is one half of the normal rate for special detail services. The rate is reduced as it is a community celebration event.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

No report.

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to ratify phone vote on April 26, 2016 to award the proposal of Code Publishing Company to update the Code of Ordinances book with a cost of \$15.00 per page for Ordinances and Resolutions from 2011 to present, 10 cents per image for printing and shipping cost, and \$250.00 annually for internet hosting fee, for an approximate total cost of \$3,850.00

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to pay \$1.25 per capita as a contribution to Woodland Hills EMS for a total of \$2,350.00 for 2016

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Henkel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to approve the request by Good Shepherd Catholic Parish to hang a banner on borough property from May 26 through June 25, 2016 to advertise their annual festival

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to pay Nunzio Martin \$4,187 for Borough Administration Building repairs and improvements

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to pay Nunzio Martin \$3,495 for labor of floor replacement at Senior Center

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Borough received a letter from our salt provider, Cargill, continuing their price at \$69.29 per ton for the next year.

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

Mayor Brown read the police report for April 2016 (see attached).

Mayor Brown stated that he accepted an invitation from Amvets Post 60 to attend the Memorial Day event.

He has been attending a lot of meetings regarding land banking and blighted properties.

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. Arthrell stated that he attended the annual dinner meeting in early May with Mayor Brown and council members Marguerite Bolton and Thomas Evans. Stephen Zappala was the guest speaker and he presented issues across the State during his speech.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will be conducting the MS4 investigation next Thursday, May 26, 2016. Mr. Arthrell stated that he feels confident because the Borough is ready and looks good compared to other municipalities.

Ms. Bolton stated that representatives from Alcosan visited them two weeks ago. They are planning to start an assistance program for low-income customers.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Arthrell stated that he would like to make Lorraine Road a one-way for 120 days to test it. Mr. Garvin asked council to make a motion to pass a resolution.

Motion to approve a Resolution amending traffic regulations to establish Lorraine Road as a one-way street for traffic traveling south from Circle Drive to McKelvey Road for 120 days.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Arthrell presented a proposal to council for a wage increase to public works laborers to \$13.00 per hour. He asked council to think about it prior to next month's meeting.

Mayor Brown reminded everyone that Braddock Hills Neighbors would be providing a cookout after the Memorial Day ceremony.

Ms. Yazvac inquired about the stop sign located at Wilkins Avenue and Brinton Road. She stated that she was told it could be changed if there is a new owner located at the property on the corner of the intersection. Mr. Arthrell stated that the business rents the property, so there is no new owner.

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 \$131,560.02 TO INCLUDE:**

General fund expenses of \$37,964.90

Refuse fund expenses of \$9,002.80

Sewer fund expenses of \$84,862.32

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned meeting at 7:59 p.m.