

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Arthrell, President of Council; Mr. Evans, Vice President of Council; Mr. Henkel; Mr. Gambino; Ms. Yazvac; Mr. Ursiny
Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary
Council Absent: Ms. Bolton

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from November 16, 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)

None.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to adopt 2017 budgets as follows:

General fund with receipts and expenditures of \$1,510,421

Sewage fund with receipts and expenditures of \$391,010

Refuse fund with receipts and expenditures of \$114,300

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Ordinance 4 of 2016 establishing the real estate tax rate at 8.205 mills for the year 2017

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 13 of 2016 setting the 2017 Police Pension Plan contribution rate for full-time police at 5 percent

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to pay TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000 plus interest at 1.55 percent

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to notify Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to pass on any rate changes by Alcosan onto customers in Braddock Hills Borough

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise an Ordinance adopting interest and penalties and a schedule of attorney's fees in the connection with the collection of taxes, tax claims, tax liens and municipal claims and liens pursuant to Act 1 of 1996 and Act 20 of 2003 and adopting a schedule of charges, expenses and fees as permitted by applicable law

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to hire Anthony Ricchiuto as part-time officer with Braddock Hills Borough police department as per terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 12 of 2016 that is the Emergency Operations Plan to satisfy the requirements of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to submit application with First National Bank for a five-year lease for police vehicle with an annual lease amount of \$8,066.81 and a \$1.00 buyout at end of term

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

Motion to approve the third request for the extension of a conditional use approval for Lamar Advertising to erect 2 billboards at 1301 Brinton Road

Correction to address (1001 Brinton Road)

Ms. Yazvac asked where this property is located. Solicitor Garvin replied that it was the United HealthCare building.

Motion – Mr. Henkel

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2016 which amends Chapter 5, Part 2 to adopt the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and 2015 Gas Code and to provide for the automatic adoption of any updated Codes

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to deny request to settle unpaid garbage bill in the amount of \$636.50 based on removal of penalty and/or interest for property located at 2843 McKelvey Road

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 14 of 2016 amending the fee schedule to \$180 annually with discount of \$170.00 for payments made prior to March 31, 2017 for refuse collection with Waste Management

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to adopt Resolution 15 of 2016 to approve the entry into a lease with Love & Learn Children's Center for a portion of the borough's municipal building

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

The Public Works department did a good job of keeping the roads clear, despite the fact that all three vehicles broke down and needed emergency repairs.

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

Mayor Brown read the police and fire reports for November 2016 (see attached).

He attended the Commitment to Community hosted by Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and spoke with other elected officials. He was informed that several houses were being demolished in Wilkinsburg.

He attended the Steel Rivers COG Annual Meeting, the ground-breaking ceremony for Forest Hills new borough building, Braddock Hills Annual Light-Up Night, and Allegheny County Boroughs Association dinner.

SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Solicitor Garvin stated that Brinton Tower and Brinton Manor applied for tax exemption and was denied. The owner has filed an appeal and they are awaiting the court date.

Mr. Arthrell stated that they have not paid their 2016 borough real estate taxes.

Mr. Ursiny asked what would happen if they do not pay their taxes.

Solicitor Garvin responded that they are delaying their payment because they applied for exemption for 2016 tax year. If they are denied at the next court hearing, then they will be responsible for the taxes and any penalty and interest fees.

ENGINEER - EADS GROUP

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

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that they are working on grant applications for the Land Banking project and hopeful that they will have over \$1 million when the project starts.

Mr. Ursiny asked if Braddock Hills has any properties ready.

Mr. Arthrell replied that he has two properties in mind and would like to have five when the project starts.

Mr. Ursiny asked if any of the properties have dwellings on them.

Mr. Arthrell stated that they prefer dwellings because they have a higher value, which means they will bring in more tax money.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell attended a meeting with ALCOSAN and is currently fighting with them regarding the locations of a flow meter. He stated that the location would include flow from Swissvale, which would cost the Borough.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to advertise the 2017 schedule for the agenda and regular meetings with the pre-council meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the regular council meetings being held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint The EADS Group as the Borough Engineer at their current retainer and hourly rate

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED

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

All ayes

CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 63,333.60 TO INCLUDE:

General fund expenses of \$53,178.68

Refuse fund expenses of \$9,002.80

Sewer fund expenses of \$1,152.12

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned meeting at 8:02 p.m.