

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Henkel, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Henkel, President of Council, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Henkel, President of Council; Mr. Arthrell, Vice-President of Council; Mr. Evans; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Evonich; Ms. Kostelec

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

Council Absent: Mr. Gambino

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2014 meeting made by Mr. Arthrell.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

None

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 apply for TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000.00 with an interest rate of 1.55 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Evonich

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to approve sale of 2005 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle to Braddock in the amount of \$2,700.00

Motion – Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Ms. Kostelec

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ZONING & ORDINANCE –CHAIRPERSON EVONICH

No report.

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON KOSTELEK

Motion to approve Resolution #1 of 2015 to increase refuse collection amount to \$42.00 quarterly

Motion – Ms. Kostelec

Seconded – Mr. Evonich

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans commented on the community building improvement project and that the work is continuing and on schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Motion to approve concurring resolution for demolition through Steel Valley Council of Governments to request a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 with Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County

Motion – Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

Mayor Brown read the police department report for the month of December 2014 (see attached).

SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that he received legal clearances for the demolitions of 102 Center Street and 838 Delaware Avenue.

The approved Ordinance 3 of 2013 regarding the conditional use for Lamar Advertising to install a sign on the property located at United Healthcare was only good for one year. He stated that council would have to approve a six month extension or schedule another hearing.

Motion to extend conditional use, as per Ordinance 3 of 2013, an additional six months for Lamar Advertising

Motion – Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ENGINEER - SENATE ENGINEERING

Mr. Garvin read the Engineer's report (see attached).

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: CHAIRPERSON KOSTELEK

No report.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

No report.

REPORT OF TREE & VEGETATION COMMITTEE

No report.

REPORT OF EMC – ROBERT HENKEL, II

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to re-appoint the following individuals to their positions as per the current conditions of their employment and salaries as posted in the 2015 budget:

Dean Helinski, Chief of Police

David Checchio, Foreman of Public Works

Christopher Bowser and Terence Ryan, Laborer of Public Works

Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary and Treasurer

Motion – Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Ms. Kostelec

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Ron’s Auto Repair and Culgan Towing as the official towing companies for the borough. Culgan’s will provide towing service to large trucks and Ron’s service will be used for all other vehicles.’

Motion – Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Mr. Evans – Yes

Mr. Evonich – Yes

Ms. Bolton – Yes

Ms. Kostelec – Yes

Mr. Arthrell – Yes

Mr. Henkel – Abstained

5 Yes, 1 Abstain – Motion Carried

Mr. Evonich requested that the borough request bids for plumbing services to be provided for their buildings and properties.

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED

Motion made by Mr. Arthrell.

All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$175,080.95 TO INCLUDE:**

General fund expenses of \$165,731.92 that includes repayment of TAN loan in
the amount of \$127,032.40

Refuse fund expenses of \$8,578.02

Sewer fund expenses of \$771.01

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Arthrell

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Henkel announced that Allegheny County has made revisions to their open burning
regulation.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Henkel adjourned meeting at 8:01 p.m.