

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Linda Yazvac 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; David Wolf, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary

Council Absent:

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from February 17, 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)

Mr. Arthrell read a statement regarding the millage increase prior to hearing comments from citizens (see attached).

Dahrin Cook, 1155 Jones Avenue – Mr. Cook stated that he missed the meeting regarding the increase in taxes. However, he understood the need for an increase.

Eugene Zilko, 589 Lorraine Road – Mr. Zilko stated that he submitted a Right-to-Know request to the Borough Secretary and received an easement agreement. He asked if there was any information regarding the drain system installed near his property.

Mr. Arthrell stated that he searched records for drawings or correspondence regarding the installation and could not find anything. He knows that this is in regards to the collapse of the retaining wall on his neighbor's property. He stated that this is not the fault of the contractor and the property owner is responsible.

Mr. Zilko stated that if the drain was installed improperly, then the borough would be at fault.

Mr. Arthrell responded that he would look further into the matter.

Sue Keough, 3000 Locust Street – Ms. Yazvac spoke on behalf of Ms. Keough with her permission. Ms. Yazvac stated that residents in Brinton Tower and Brinton Manor are having health issues from mold in the apartment buildings. She asked what could be done about this matter. Mr. Arthrell stated that he would contact Allegheny County Health Department or the residents could report it directly to them.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to approve Resolution #4 of 2016 authorizing the entry into agreement with Steel Rivers Council of Governments to designate them to act as an agent to administer projects on behalf of the borough

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to approve payment to Braddock Hills Fire and Welfare Association in the amount of \$3,800.00 to defray costs of newly purchased bunker gear sets.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

No report.

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to approve Resolution #5 of 2016 to authorizing the entry into agreement with Steel Rivers Council of Governments to provide street sweeping services to the borough at an hourly rate of \$80.00 for the period of April 1 through October 31, 2016

Mr. Henkel asked if the amount should be capped at a certain amount.

Mr. Arthrell stated that the average time is five hours, so the amount will not exceed \$2,800 for these services in 2016.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to award bid from KCA Demolition through CDBG Year 41 grant for the demolitions of 402 Park Avenue and 152 Montana Avenue in the amount of \$11,000.00

Ms. Bolton asked if it was the same company that was used last year. Mr. Arthrell replied that it was a different company.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Henkel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to approve the repairs and painting of third floor rooms and basement of borough administration building by Martin Construction for a cost not to exceed \$6,300.00

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

Mayor Brown read the police and fire reports for the month of February 2016 (see attached).

SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

ENGINEER - EADS GROUP

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

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mayor Brown attended the meeting with Mr. Evans regarding land banking. He gave updates regarding the meeting.

Mr. Arthrell explained to the citizens about land banking and the benefits to the communities.

Mr. Henkel stated that he attended the Allegheny League of Municipalities meeting and 75 percent of the boroughs were represented and the main topic of discussion was land banking.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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 \$121,604.43 TO INCLUDE:**

General fund expenses of \$49,319.83

Refuse fund expenses of \$9,002.80

Sewer fund expenses of \$63,281.80

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 8:19 p.m.