

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2018**

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. Arthrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Arthrell, President; Mr. Evans, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Yazvac, Ms. Ganster

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from April 10, 2018 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Mr. Arthrell commented that he ordered a sign for Montana Rear.

Kenneth Williams, 958 Illinois Avenue – Mr. Williams spoke immediately prior to adjournment with permission of Council.

Mr. Williams stated that he has a letter from the Borough dated July 12, 2017 regarding the paving in front of his house. He asked if the paving contractor had a bond.

Mr. Arthrell stated that nobody is contacting him to submit a bid for the project. The weather was too cold for several months and now they are busy. Also, the company, R&B Contracting, has claimed bankruptcy.

Mr. Williams asked if Mr. Arthrell looked at the sumac trees.

Mr. Arthrell replied that the trees are not located on Borough property.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to appoint Anthony Rydzak as Emergency Management Coordinator with compensation of \$20.00 per hour

Ms. Yazvac asked who he is to the Borough.

Mayor Brown stated that he is the fire chief of North Braddock Fire Department and he is taking the place of Chief Helinski as EMC.

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to approve Resolution 3 of 2018 for entry into a Special Duty Police Services Agreement with CBRE Pittsburgh, the management company for Sonora Crossroads Property LLC’s property located at 212-274 Yost Boulevard
Ms. Yazvac asked what is located at this address.

Mr. Arthrell replied that it is the Braddock Hills Shopping Center.

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to enter into agreement with CBRE, the management company for Sonora Crossroads Property LLC, for police details to be reimbursed at a rate of \$35.00 per hour

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON GANSTER

No report.

B. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

No report.

D. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion ratify the phone vote to accept Duncan Financial Group proposal for Borough insurance and workers compensation insurance per their quotation with an annual premium no more than \$57,750

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to purchase Savvy Citizen App that will provide updates to citizens on a regular basis as needed at an annual fee of \$490.00 and one-time set-up fee of \$150.00

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to enter into a First Amendment to the Love & Learn Children’s Center Lease to provide for additional leased space on the second floor of the municipal building with additional monthly rental of \$1,800.00. The leased space is taken in as is condition

Mr. Arthrell stated that it would take effect on September 1, 2018

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

E. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that the department is still working short-handed. He asked for a motion to hire two part-time employees for the summer at \$10.00 per hour. He will advertise for these positions.

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police report for April 2018 and fire report for March 11 thru May 7, 2018 (see attached).

He will be attending with Ms. Bolton the Woodland Hills School Municipal Advisory meeting on the search for a superintendent. Also, he stated that the Memorial Day events held by North Braddock AMVETS will be held in two locations within the Borough: Braddock Catholic Cemetery and Memorial

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Solicitor Garvin explained that there is a tax appeal for property located at United Healthcare (1001 Brinton Road) for years 2017 and 2018 with a tentative assessment of \$5.9 million moving forward, unless there is a change in the building. Also, that would be adjusted by common level ratio which would take it down another ten percent.

He asked for a motion for authorization to resolve the tax appeal on the basis of \$5.9 million is adjusted by common level ratio.

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ENGINEER

Read by Jonathan Barron (see attached).

Mr. Arthrell asked for a motion to advertise bids for sewer work as they need repairs as per Consent Order and Agreement.

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that is not much going on and having issues with COG as there is a lack of communication with the Director.

10. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

11. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bolton stated that the State wants to take over the Earned Income Tax at eight percent. There will be a meeting in December regarding this matter.

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

(all ayes vote)

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Mr. Yazvac.

All ayes

15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$121,477.59 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$38,416.67
- Sewer fund expense of \$74,037.43
- Refuse fund expense of \$9,023.49

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Ganster

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Arthrell adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m