

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 11, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

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

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from August 14, 2018 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

**COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

No comments

**1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

No report.

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

C. Motion to purchase two refurbished HP notebook computers including software installation from John Drabisin for a total cost of \$1,079.96

Motion - Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to hire Ralph Marsico, Jr. as part-time officer with Braddock Hills Borough police department as per current contract rate

Motion - Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**D. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON GANSTER**

Motion to approve final land development plan for proposed mausoleum to be located in the All Saints Catholic Cemetery

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise Ordinance for Truth in Advertising

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**E. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

No report.

**F. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC**

No report.

**G. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

No report.

**H. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

Motion to ratify phone vote on August 20, 2018 to purchase a Ford F-350 for sale price of \$61,078.00 from Suppes Ford through Co-Stars with a five-year lease financed through First National Bank with a \$1.00 buyout at end of lease term. This Motion supersedes the Motion adopted at the August meeting concerning the purchase of this vehicle.

Motion - Mr. Arthrell

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote:        Mr. Evans – yes  
                                 Mr. Gambino – no  
                                 Ms. Bolton – yes  
                                 Ms. Yazvac – yes  
                                 Mr. Arthrell – yes  
                                 4 yes, 1 no

Motion: Carried

**8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police report for August 2018 (see attached).

He received a visit from Theresa Zak regarding the Rebuilding Pittsburgh Together program. He complimented Mr. Arthrell on the initiative.

He attended a meeting at Woodland Hills School District regarding the hiring of a new superintendent.

He attended a meeting held by Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala regarding police procedures and a new warrant facility to be located in McKeesport.

He attended meetings held by City Council and another held at Liberty Baptist Church regarding a civilian review board and other issues in light of the shooting in East Pittsburgh.

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

He attended a meeting regarding Brinton Towers and Brinton Manor and has entered a pre-trial order. Also, the school district has obtained someone to review the finances of the apartment complex and will provide the information to Mr. Garvin.

**C. ENGINEER**

Read by Solicitor Garvin. (see attached).

**9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

He attended meeting with Mr. Evans. The meeting was mainly appointing officers and committees and prepare for 2019 year.

Mr. Evans stated that an individual was there to propose bike trails throughout the county.

Mr. Arthrell explained LandBanking to the audience. He reviewed the houses within the Borough that would be purchased and refurbished.

Also, he explained the Rebuilding Pittsburgh Together program and encouraged anyone that would qualify to submit an application to have repairs done to their home. The applications will be available October 1.

Mr. Arthrell explained Savvy Citizen App. He stated that it provides updates via smart phones and e-mail to citizens. He encouraged everyone to download the app to receive notifications regarding the Borough and even other boroughs.

**10. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL**

The meeting was canceled, so no report.

**11. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Bolton asked how long until a vehicle is towed after the inspection is expired.  
Mr. Arthrell answered that they have thirty days after being cited.

**14. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED**

**(all ayes vote)**

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Ms. Yazvac.  
All ayes

**15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$79,546.53 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$38,118.33
  - Sewer fund expense of \$33,417.05
  - Refuse fund expense of \$8,011.15
- Motion – Mr. Arthrell  
Seconded – Mr. Evans  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Arthrell stated that the house located on Fourth Street was demolished. Also, he contacted Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to repair fire hydrants located on Ardmore Manor Drive.

Mr. Arthrell stated that he was fed up with People's Gas as they are not repairing the streets after they dig. He would like to raise the street opening fee from \$100.00 as it is not enough for the damage they cause when they work in the borough.

Mayor Brown presented a certificate of recognition to Joe Cindric for his service to the Borough as postal carrier for U.S. Post Office for 16 years.

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

Mr. Arthrell adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.