

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; David Wolf, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary

Council Absent: Mr. Henkel; Mr. Gambino

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from December 21, 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)

Katherine Schwartz, 2843 McKelvey Road – Ms. Schwartz commented that the minutes from the November 2016 meeting stated the “Ms. Schwartz inquired about a letter submitted to our solicitor regarding her garbage account” and she said, “I did not. I never asked about that. That’s a false statement.”

Also, she said to Mr. Arthrell that the minutes stated “Your solicitor is in communications with her attorney regarding this matter”. She told Mr. Arthrell that his exact statement was “We are in negotiations with the lawyer”.

Further discussions regarding her delinquent garbage account ensued.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to apply for TAN loan with PNC Bank in the amount of \$125,000 with interest at 1.91 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to approve a note resolution for 2017 TAN loan with PNC Bank

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 1 of 2017 entering into agreement with Jordan Tax Service for collection of delinquent and lien taxes, tax claims and municipal claims

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2017 entering into agreement with Jordan Tax Service for collection of current and delinquent borough business privilege and mercantile taxes

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to terminate the services of Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company as the collector of current and delinquent garbage fees, current and delinquent business privilege and mercantile taxes, and delinquent and lien claims and real estate taxes.

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

None.

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

None.

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to advertise Ordinance 2 of 2017 to prohibit the storage of indoor upholstered furniture on the exterior of property

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2017 entering into agreement with Jordan Tax Service for collection of current and delinquent garbage fees

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to submit a letter to Duquesne Light permitting Woodland Hills School District to hang banners from the light poles

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell hoped it didn't snow anymore and they have been fortunate this year regarding the weather. He stated that the high lift broke and thanked Dave Checchio for his help with the issue.

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

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

He announced that Mr. Arthrell was elected to a 3-year term to the Tri-COG Land Bank Board of Directors as a municipal representative. He read the list of other individuals elected and their representation on the Land Banking board.

Mr. Arthrell stated that he got involved to keep Braddock Hills on the map and make the borough a better place. Also, the project would be good because federal money for demolitions is gone and we have properties that are in need of money for improvements.

Ms. Yazvac asked what happens to vacant properties and the owner has moved.

Mr. Arthrell replied that the owner would have to give the property up, so that it can be part of the Land Bank project and for the taxes to be forgiven.

SOLICITOR – DAVID WOLF

None.

ENGINEER - EADS GROUP

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

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

None.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that he attended the last meeting and there is another scheduled in February. The federal government is now running the show and they (3RWW) is not that involved with it.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

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 \$ 217,418.53 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$208,415.73 which includes payment of TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000
- Refuse fund expenses of \$9,002.80
 - Motion – Mr. Ursiny
 - Seconded – Mr. Evans
 - Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned meeting at 8:07 p.m.