

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 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. Henkel 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; Mr. Henkel; Mr. Gambino

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from January 18, 2017 meeting made by Mr. Evans.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

To be discussed later in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was distributed prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Al Kvorjak, 2804 McKelvey Road – Mr. Kvorjak asked Council why they plan to disband the fire department and farm it out to North Braddock.

Mr. Arthrell stated that he is not liberty to say it at this time.

Mr. Kvorjak gave reasons that he was against the decisions and ideas to assist the fire department.

Mr. Arthrell stated that the Borough is required to provide adequate police, fire and EMS to their citizens and right now we do not have adequate fire service.

Mayor Brown replied that this issue was addressed more than three years ago. He discussed the issues since then, including membership, trucks and fire calls.

Mr. Henkel stated that many years ago the Borough had many firefighters, but all are gone since then. He asked how one person can fight a fire.

Greta Erick, 302 Pennsylvania Avenue – Ms. Erick commended Council on doing an outstanding job. She stated that Council is all getting along and she is happy with what they have been doing. Also, she appreciated the Mayor and loves that he cares and does so many things.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2017 adopting interest, penalties and attorney's fees for collection of taxes, tax claims, tax liens, municipal claims and municipal liens in according to Pennsylvania laws

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise in the playbill for the Woodland Hills School District Department of Performing Arts in the amount of \$130.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to contribute \$1,000.00 to C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for 2017

Mr. Henkel asked if that would allow access for Braddock Hills residents to their library.

Mr. Arthrell replied, “yes”.

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to reappoint Culkan Towing as Borough’s Official Towing Company pursuant to Pa C.S.A. 1202 (34)(i)(ii)(iii) and (iv) with fees per their written proposal dated January 11, 2017

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to enter into agreement with Gaydos-Behanna Kennel for animal control services for the Borough for the term of 24 months in accordance with their proposal dated February 14, 2017

Mr. Arthrell stated that the animal control service has changed and they do not keep in contact with the Borough and the monthly retainer fee is cheaper

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

None.

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2017 prohibiting the storage of indoor upholstered furniture on the exterior of property

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

None.

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to enter into contract with Comcast for telephone service for the borough offices at a rate of \$165 per month for the term of 24 months

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to award bid for paving project to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. to pave Garfield Avenue in the total amount of \$71,244.40

Mr. Arthrell stated that the Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$27,334 that would offset the total cost of this project.

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that he hopes it doesn't snow the rest of the year. The staff has been catching up on other projects.

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR – JOHN BROWN, JR.

Mayor Brown read the police and fire reports for January 2017 (see attached).

He read a letter sent to Chief Helinski from Swissvale Borough (see attached).

SOLICITOR – DAVID WOLF

None.

ENGINEER - EADS GROUP

Jonathan Barron 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 there is a lot going on now and waiting to hear more.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bolton asked if the engineer could check traffic patterns between Indiana Avenue and Virginia Avenue. She is recommending a one-way street and the position of the stop sign is dangerous.

Mr. Arthrell stated that the stop sign has been moved.

Ms. Bolton asked him to check the section of street.

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 \$ 119,322.92 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$44,787.76
 - Sewer fund expense of \$65,082.22
 - Refuse fund expenses of \$9,452.94
- Motion – Mr. Evans
Seconded – Ms. Yazvac
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned meeting at 8:02 p.m.