

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Ursiny 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

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

Council Absent: Ms. Yazvac

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from December 16, 2015 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)

Daniel Matoney, 1420 Nurnath Street – Mr. Matoney asked council the reason for a 2 mill increase.

Mr. Arthrell replied that the borough lost revenue from assessments of Propel School, Holiday Inn, and potential loss of Brinton Towers and Brinton Manor.

Mr. Matoney asked who fights the appeals for the borough. Mr. Arthrell stated that due to costs, the school board's solicitor usually attends the hearings. Mr. Arthrell recommended that he contact his county representative in regards to the assessment process.

Mr. Matoney questioned the reason for commercial property assessments decreasing and residential increasing. Solicitor Wolf explained the assessment process for residential and commercial properties.

Mr. Matoney asked why it wasn't posted on the website or residents were told about the increase. Cheryl Sorrentino stated that a legal ad was placed in the Valley Mirror and the budget was posted in the borough building prior to the budget hearing.

Mr. Matoney provided budget items from 2012 fiscal year and asked the reason for 2 mill increase. Mr. Arthrell stated that many items have increased, such as salaries, fuel, utilities, etc.

Tony Buba, 68 Ridge Road – Mr. Buba stated he was thankful for the 2 mill increase as he anticipated it being a higher amount. He stated that he would like to see property taxes eliminated as an income resource for boroughs and schools. He provided other ideas for revenue in lieu of property taxes.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to approve a note resolution for 2016 TAN loan with PNC Bank in the amount of \$125,000 with interest at 1.55 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

Motion to submit a letter of intent to Tri-COG Collaborative regarding an analysis of business district properties at no cost to the borough

Ms. Bolton asked what this is. Mr. Arthrell stated that an analysis would be done of how to bring businesses into the borough. He stated that the borough has commercial property and this would provide information on how to bring in businesses.

Motion – Mr. Henkel

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to update Borough Code of Ordinance Book with a cost of no more than \$1,950 plus shipping with Keystate Publishers, Inc.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

HEALTH & SANITATION SERVICES – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to approve Resolution #1 of 2016 to increase refuse collection amount to \$42.75 quarterly

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to extend conditional use, as per Ordinance 3 of 2013, an additional one year to end January 13, 2017 for Lamar Advertising

Motion – Mr. Evan

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

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 December 2015 (see attached).

SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

ENGINEER - SENATE ENGINEERING

No report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Evans stated that they held their first meeting after the combination of the two COG's to form Steel Rivers COG. He explained what the council of governments does and the benefits to municipalities.

THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to advertise the updated 2016 schedule for the agenda meetings with the pre-council meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the regular council meetings remaining on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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 \$192,049.90 TO INCLUDE:**

General fund expenses of \$179,251.92

Refuse fund expenses of \$8,578.02

Sewer fund expenses of \$4,219.96

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. Arthrell adjourned meeting at 8:00 p.m.