

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Arthrell, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:29 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 of Council; Mr. Henkel; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Gambino; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Yazvac

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from November 29, 2017 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)

None.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to adopt 2018 budgets as follows:

General fund with receipts and expenditures of \$1,277,969

Sewage fund with receipts and expenditures of \$419,860

Refuse fund with receipts and expenditures of \$118,400

Motion - Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Ordinance 7 of 2017 establishing the real estate tax rate at 8.205 mills for the year 2018

Mr. Henkel asked if there is an increase in millage. Mr. Arthrell replied there is no increase.

Motion - Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 13 of 2017 setting the 2018 Police Pension Plan contribution rate for full-time police at 5 percent

Motion - Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to pay TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000 plus interest at 1.91 percent

Motion - Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to purchase a Maintenance Agreement with John Drabisin at the annual cost of \$2,100 for the Borough's computers for secretary and police. Mr. Henkel asked what the cost covers for the computers. Mr. Arthrell replied that it covers everything from set-up to any problems that may occur.

Motion - Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON HENKEL

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to adopt Resolution 14 of 2016 amending the fee schedule to \$180 annually with discount of \$170.00 for payments made prior to March 31, 2018 for refuse collection with Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill, LLC

Motion - Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to advertise the 2018 council meeting schedule for the regular meetings with the regular meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans – yes
 Mr. Gambino – yes
 Ms. Bolton – yes
 Mr. Ursiny – yes
 Ms. Yazvac – yes
 Mr. Henkel – no
 6 yes, 1 no

Motion: Carried

Motion to ratify vote to authorize Nunzio Martin to perform storm sewer inlet installation at 25 Ridge Road for a cost of \$8,000

Motion - Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans – yes
 Mr. Gambino – yes
 Ms. Bolton – yes
 Mr. Ursiny – yes
 Ms. Yazvac – abstain
 Mr. Henkel – no
 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

Motion: Carried

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Borough has been salted, order 180 ton of salt this year and used 120 ton. They are ready for snow if necessary.

8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police report for November 2017 (see attached).

He attended Commitment to Community meeting at Western School for the Deaf, Allegheny County Borough Association banquet, and Braddock Hills Light-up Night.

He attended Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services management session with Chief Helinski and received certificates.

The mayor presented Mr. Robert Henkel with a certificate of recognition for his services to the Borough.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

C. ENGINEER

Read by Solicitor Garvin (see attached).

9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Evans stated that several council members attended the annual COG banquet.

Mr. Arthrell announced that the COG lost the recycling bid with White Oak and had to lay off COG employees as a result.

10. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Arthrell stated that he attended meetings along with Cheryl Sorrentino. He noted that there is a lot going on, but nothing that affects our borough at this time. All correspondence regarding MS4 has been submitted and up to date.

Also, the Borough received a \$100,000 grant.

11. OTHER COMMITTEES

Ms. Bolton stated that she has been attending Allegheny County Southeast Tax Collection Committee. They have been quarterly meetings, but may change to twice a year in 2018. She will report on future meetings.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

(all ayes vote)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Mr. Gambino.

All ayes

**15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$47,594.07 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$31,675.56
 - Sewer fund expense of \$6,465.57
 - Refuse fund expenses of \$9,452.94
- Motion – Mr. Arthrell
Seconded – Ms. Bolton
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Arthrell adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m