

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans, Vice President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Ursiny; Mr. Gambino; Ms. Yazvac
Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Jonathan Barron, Engineer; Cheryl Sorrentino, Secretary

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from October 9, 2018 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.
All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

MaryAnn Brown, 2784 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Brown stated that it was an important time in the borough and information needs to be reviewed and develop new plans. She discussed the police proposal and suggested to move their station to the Senior Center. She expressed her concerns regarding the costs involved in the updates to the Borough Building and asked how much of the borough's own money was spent in addition to the grants. She noted that we need to look more closely at grants and if they are worth it. Also, she provided her opinions on the matter of the budget and have a comparison, and borough manager appointment. In addition, she stated to council that they cannot do things the old way going forward and re-energize the community.

Ken Williams, 958 Illinois Avenue – Mr. Williams asked if there was a date to fix the water problem in front of his house.

Engineer Jonathan Barron replied that there is a problem with reaching out to contractors as winter approaches. He stated that the earliest it could get fixed is spring of next year. Mr. Evans asked if Mr. Barron could look at the road again. Mr. Barron said he would check it again and offer any solutions.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to notify Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to pass on increased rate of 7 percent by Alcosan onto customers in Braddock Hills Borough

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to lease 6 phones through Comcast to include an upgrade of internet speed, service for 4 phone lines and 2 fax lines for \$323.55 per month

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON GANSTER

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2018 to adopt revised Stormwater Management ordinance

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police report for October 2018 (see attached). He read the fire calls for October 2018. There were four calls for the month and they were all non-fire calls.

He attended the following meetings and events:

A meeting of individuals to arrange civilian review group of police. He has attended several county council meetings regarding this matter.

HUGS Trunk-or-Treat event at Woodland Hills High School.

A meeting of twelve different communities in Woodland Hills School District to continue monitoring the efforts of leadership and will have more meetings.

He noted that fights in the school has decreased this school year.

He announced that Braddock Hills Light Up Night will be held this year on Saturday, December 1, 2018 with Santa arriving at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center located on Columbia and Brinton Avenues. There will refreshments, pictures and gifts for the kids.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

C. ENGINEER

Read by Jonathan Barron. (see attached). He stated that the Three Rivers Wet Weather meeting was canceled.

9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

Mr. Evans stated that the director, An Lewis, received a new contract and will continue her role as executive director.

10. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHAIRPERSON ARTHRELL

No report.

11. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Charles Arthrell effective November 9, 2018

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Frances Kvorjak as councilperson to fill the unexpired term of councilwoman Nancy Ganster

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Mark Vogel as councilperson to fill the unexpired term of councilman Charles Arthrell

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to reorganize officers for borough council

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

VICE PRESIDENT REQUESTS NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

1st Nomination made and seconded

If there is a second Nomination, it needs to be made and seconded.

Motion to close all nominations

Vote on 1st Nomination - *only vote on second if 1st fails*

Motion to appoint Thomas Evans as council president

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

PRESIDENT REQUESTS NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

1st Nomination made and seconded

If there is a second Nomination, it needs to be made and seconded.

Motion to close all nominations

Vote on 1st Nomination - *only vote on second if 1st fails*

Motion to appoint Michael Ursiny as council vice president

Motion - Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to approve Resolution 6 of 2018 to appoint Cheryl Sorrentino as Borough Manager

Motion - Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

14. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$442,211.36 TO INCLUDE:

Cheryl Sorrentino stated that there were four expensive expenses were the cause of the unusually high expense report: A check was made to move money received from 2017 taxes for Brinton Tower and Brinton Manor from the PNC account to the PLGIT account in the amount of \$124,000, a payment for sewer project in the amount of \$200,000 was made but \$100,000 grant will be refunded after the check has cleared, and a check in the amount of \$37,000 that was funneled through our account for the fire at the property on Fourth Street.

- General fund expenses of \$220,381.96
 - Sewer fund expense of \$213,648.81
 - Refuse fund expense of \$8,180.59
- Motion – Mr. Evans
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise 2019 budget
Motion – Mr. Gambino
Seconded – Ms. Bolton
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise budget hearing for December 11, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.
Motion – Mr. Gambino
Seconded – Ms. Bolton
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise ordinance for 2019 millage rate of 8.2050
Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Evans appoints Vincent Gambino as chairperson of Public Works committee and Michael Ursiny as chairperson of Public Safety committee

Mayor Brown states that the assessment valuation dropped by \$3 million for the next year due to new assessments, for the matter of context and perspective for the audience in attendance. We are trying to pass the budget without raising taxes is quite a feat.

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.