

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
via phone  
February 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 p.m. via phone conference

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Ursiny, Vice President; Mr. Gambino; Ms. Bolton; Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Kvorjak

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Jonathan Barron, Engineer; Cheryl Sorrentino, Manager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Sorrentino stated that all correspondence has been submitted prior to the meeting.

**1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

Motion to approve the Guardian Storage Forest Hills Tax Assessment Appeal as follows:

2019 Assessment: \$2,012,500

2020 Assessment: \$2,155,000

2021 Assessment: \$2,187,500

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2021 to participate in Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Shaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

No report.

**E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC**

Motion to accept Tri-COG Land Bank’s Disposition Plan to market Lot/Block # 235-H-243, a vacant lot formerly listed as 842 Delaware Avenue prior to demolition. The Land Bank would like to market the property to a nonprofit or private entity as a side lot or vacant lot.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept Lead Service Line Replacement proposal from Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to replace private and public side of lead water services with no direct costs to any residents that agree to replacement.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

No report.

**2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for January 2021 (see attached).

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

**C. ENGINEER**

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached).

Mr. Garvin inquired about agreements with Allegheny County regarding sewer repairs and the need for a camera along those lines. Mr. Barron stated that the grant awarded was \$200,000 to repair those lines along Braddock Hills, Swissvale and Edgewood. However, televising the location didn't go well and they will have it redone and submitted to ALCOSAN. Also, he noted that the target dates for the project is Summer to Fall 2021.

**3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

Mayor Brown attended presentation attended by Councilperson Bob Macey, and given by Jack Exler, Jim Johnston and Joe Scullion of Allegheny County Economic Development regarding demolitions and asbestos abatement.

Allegheny County has grant money. Each borough can apply separately or collectively through the Council of Governments.

**4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**

No report.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion regarding Wilkins Avenue (Bravar Properties) and Watershed Restoration Protection Program Grant.

Mr. Garvin asked Mr. Barron to provide details regarding the project and the properties affect on it.

Mr. Barron stated that it's a watershed restoration project along Wilkins Avenue and qualifies for grant money. There are three vacant lots with the same owner that are located in the project area. To qualify for the grant, we need agreements with the property owners to go onto their properties. However, they are not responding to letters or phone calls and we need to look at the next step.

Mr. Garvin provided two suggestions regarding the matter; Condemn the easement or tax sale. He spoke with Jordan Tax Service and recommended the tax sale for this incident.

Council agreed to Mr. Garvin authority to work with Jordan Tax Service to start the tax sale on the properties.

Ms. Shaffer announced the Share the Love food drive for the Greater Pittsburgh Foodbank. Collection barrels will be at the Senior Center's Columbia Avenue entrance from February 12 to 16.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that all the information will be posted on the Borough's website.

**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 \$161,106.43 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$60,818.98
- Sewer fund expense of \$89,996.14
- Refuse fund expense of \$10,291.31

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.