

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

1. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED (all ayes vote)

Motion to approve minutes from February 13, 2024 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Diane Bradford, 420 Jackston Street – Ms. Bradford requested that her son’s name be included on the Memorial. Mr. Evans stated that they will include his name.

Ms. Bradford stated that the trees on the vacant lot next to her house are a danger to her property. Mr. Evans responded that they will look into it. Ms. Bolton asked if we could look into all properties owned by Ms. Milko and take action.

Donald Tougher, 979 Illinois Avenue – Mr. Tougher stated that the intersection of Brinton Road and Columbia Avenue is dangerous due to speeding traffic and trees. He asked if the Borough could remove the trees.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that if the trees are on Borough property, the public works will work on trimming or removing as much as possible. However, they can only remove on the Right-of-Way if on private property. Mr. Barron added that Brinton Road is a State-owned road and they will be responsible for removing vegetation in the Right-of-Way.

Melody Farrin, 2826 McKelvey Road – Ms. Farrin asked that future events such as Community Yard Sale and Clean-up Day continue if there is rain in the forecast. She stated that events get canceled and never rescheduled and would like for it to be held unless the weather is extreme. Ms. Schaffer agreed and stated they would keep events scheduled rain or shine.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

1) 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 – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to refund ARSR Brinton Rd LLC the amount of \$55,610.86 for tax years 2022 and 2023 due to the reduction of the assessment for the property located at 1001 Brinton Road from \$5,156,600 to \$1,698,600.

Solicitor Garvin explained that the Borough has no control over this assessment decision. Woodland Hills School District did file an appeal, however, we must still issue a refund. Ms. Lang stated that she did not like it. Mr. Evans added that he does not agree with the decision.

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Ms. Bolton – No

Ms. Kvorjak – Yes

Ms. Schaffer – Yes

Mr. Mohan – Yes

Ms. Lang – Yes

Mr. Ursiny – Yes

Mr. Evans – Yes

Motion Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

1) Motion to ratify phone vote of February 16, 2024 to purchase three data cards with AT&T FirstNet for a total of \$299.97 and a maintenance data plan of \$36.99 monthly for each card to be used for wi-fi connection in each police vehicle

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer announced the sad news of no Easter egg hunt this year. However, she is working the details for Clean-up Day and will be announcing it soon.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that the Borough is working on the brick issue at the Public Works building.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

1) Motion to include Braddock Hills and their support of the proportionate share towards the M47 Sewershed Sanitary Sewer Overflow reduction to include the anticipated portion

Motion – Mr. Mohan

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to accept quote from Jeffrey Associates, a Costars vendor, in the amount of \$114,739.00 for the equipment and installation of the playground

Motion – Mr. Mohan

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3) Motion to advertise bids for the material and labor to install a new lighted sign at the Borough Administration Building

Solicitor Garvin asked if this project is part of a grant. Ms. Sorrentino stated that the Borough has received two grants for this project.

Mr. Mohan asked if we could look into a vendor that would include the ability to make repairs if needed.

Motion – Mr. Mohan

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He read the police, fire and EMS reports for February 2024 (see attached).

He attended several meetings and events to include:

- Allegheny County Mayors Association meeting
- Steel River Council of Governments meeting
- Woodland Hills EMS Board meeting
- Allegheny County Emergency Services quarterly training

He noted that the Borough must submit an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan this year.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that representatives from the Humane Society provided a presentation to ban the declawing of cats. He asked Council if they would like to move forward with introducing a Resolution at the next regular meeting. A majority of Council members agreed to take action.

C. ENGINEER – TAYLOR MINCIN

Mr. Barron read the engineer's report for February 2024 (see attached).

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans said they discussed the sale of U.S. Steel to a Japanese buyer. He stated that the affected Boroughs are meeting with the unions to bring their concerns to their State elected officials.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

12. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE LIST OF BILLS

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.