

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from November 15, 2022 meeting made by Ms. Kvorjak.
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 distributed prior to the meeting.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

1. Motion to adopt the 2023 budgets as follows:

General budget with receipts and expenditures of \$1,625,014

Sewer budget with receipts and expenditures of \$708,125

Refuse budget with receipts and expenditures of \$138,700

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 14 of 2022 adopting the real estate tax millage rate of 8.205 for the year 2023. The rate is unchanged from the 2022 rate.

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3. Motion to pay TAN Loan in the amount of \$125,000.00
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

4. Motion to adopt Ordinance 4 of 2022 adopting the requirements of Act 57 of 2022 to permit the Tax Collector’s waiver of additional charges that may be imposed by the Tax Collector upon a property owner that establishes that they failed to receive a real estate tax bill within twelve months of a qualifying event under the Act
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

5. Motion to adopt Resolution 16 of 2022 to approve the entry into a lease with Love & Learn Children’s Center for a portion of the borough’s municipal building
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 15 of 2022 setting the 2023 Police Pension Plan contribution rate for full-time police at 5 percent
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

- 1, Motion to advertise the 2023 council meeting schedule for regular and agenda setting meetings
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2022 regulating the use of fireworks within the Borough of Braddock Hills and providing for permits in certain cases.
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer thanked Chief Dean Helinski, Terry Ryan and Cheryl Sorrentino for their efforts for the annual light up event.
Mr. Evans stated that his wife enjoyed the event and said it was very nice.
Ms. Kvorjak asked if anything was planned for Valentine’s Day. Ms. Schaffer stated the food drive.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE

1. Motion to notify the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to pass on the 7% rate increase by Alcosan onto customers in Braddock Hills Borough
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

1. Motion to enter into agreement with Mele Landscape Contractors, Inc. for emergency snow removal services as needed for 2022-2023 winter season
Motion – Mr. Gambino
Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to reappoint The EADS Group as the Borough’s engineer at the hourly rate of \$105 for engineer and \$120 for project manager and other rates as per written proposal
Motion – Mr. Gambino
Seconded – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for November 2022 (see attached).

He attended the monthly board meeting for Woodland Hills EMS. They discussed staffing issues.

He attended Town Hall meeting at Community College of Allegheny County Braddock Hills Center.

He attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association holiday banquet. He attended Allegheny County Emergency Management Services quarterly training. They discussed fires, new EMS coordinator for Allegheny County, presentation on weather impacts, and PEMA and FEMA presented a private sector readiness.

He announced that Anthony Rydzak has stepped down as fire chief of North Braddock Volunteer Fire Department, but will stay on as Braddock Hills Emergency Management Coordinator. The new fire chief starting in January 2023 will be Jerome Sepesy.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON

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

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

He attended their annual holiday dinner meeting with Ms. Sorrentino.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

Ms. Sorrentino attended meeting regarding potential funding and working on scheduling a multi-municipal meeting with Swissvale and Rankin.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No report.

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

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

9. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED ON THE CHECK DETAIL LISTS

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.