

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**via phone**  
**March 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 February 9, 2021 meeting made by Ms. Schaffer.

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 adopt Resolution 4 of 2021 authorizing execution of cable franchise agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to ratify phone vote on February 10, 2021 to hire Benjamin Stone as part-time officer with Braddock Hills Borough police department as per terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to enter into agreement with Fidelis Productions, LLC for Special Duty Police Services

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Shaffer

Mr. Evans asked Ms. Bolton why she abstained from voting. Ms. Bolton responded that the production company never contacted the church for permission to use their property. She stated that the church has had issues with other agencies/companies using their property without proper consent and damage to their lots. The church does not want anyone on their property without a contract. Mr. Garvin suggested posting signs along their property. Mr. Evans agreed that Fidelis Productions should have contacted the church to make arrangements and consent.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Gambino – Yes  
Ms. Bolton – Abstain  
Ms. Kvorjak – Yes  
Ms. Shaffer – Yes  
Mr. Ursiny - Yes  
Mr. Evans – Abstain  
4 Yes, 2 Abstain  
Motion: Carried

Mr. Ursiny requested to table this motion until all issues have been addressed and rectified.

All “ayes” by voice vote

**C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

No report.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2021 for application for grant in the amount of \$68,780 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the design and construction of the stream bank restoration project along Wilkins Avenue. This is the second grant application since prior request was denied because Borough did not receive release forms from property owners.

Motion – Ms. Shaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Garvin asked if we been contacted by the property owners. Ms. Sorrentino replied that they still have not been contacted.

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

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

Motion to ratify phone vote on February 23, 2021 to enter into agreement with Mele Landscape Contractors for snow removal of Brinton Road, Wilkins Avenue, Yost Boulevard and Ardmore Manor Drive on a as-needed basis.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police and fire reports for February 2021 (see attached).

He received a letter from the Braddock Hills Police Association regarding collective bargaining for the upcoming contract.

He stated that Officer Shawn Schreckengost was injured while working at his other job as police officer. His injury will prevent him from working for a while. Chief Helinski is currently interviewing potential candidates to fill a vacant position that is immediately needed.

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that the contracts will end this year for Police and Public Works departments. He asked Mayor Brown and borough manager to reach out to these departments and request an initial list of demands.

Mr. Garvin noted that the Borough utilized Cohen Law Group to execute the Franchise Agreement with Comcast. He commended their efforts as they have included other items in the agreement as revenue for Comcast, which would increase the revenue for the Borough.

**C. ENGINEER**

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached). Mr. Garvin asked about the status of transition for the upcoming sewer project. Mr. Barron replied that it cannot be transferred to ALCOSAN until the project is completed. The anticipated deadline for this project is late summer/early fall of this year.

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

Mr. Evans stated that they discussed monies for various projects with Congressman Doyle.

Mayor Brown stated that there is a relief program for businesses that fall under the hospitality category.

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

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she attended the February meeting regarding transitions. She will be attending the March meeting with Mr. Barron.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ms. Shaffer reported that the food bank collection generated 40 pounds of donations along with monetary contributions. Ms. Shaffer said she was impressed since bad weather had been an issue that weekend.

Mr. Evans and Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Shaffer on her work on this project.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

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

*(all ayes vote)*

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Ms. Kvorjak.

All ayes

**15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$73,905.00 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$63,469.29
- Sewer fund expense of \$240.00
- Refuse fund expense of \$10,195.71

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.