

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 13, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Ursiny, Vice-President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Vogel; Ms. Kvorjak

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

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from July 9, 2019 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)**

Mark Skufca, 12 Newton Road – Mr. Skufca asked when he can expect the roads to be repaired by his home. He presented a picture of a deteriorating road to council and manager.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she will let the Public Works department know and make it a priority when the next shipment of hot patch is picked up.

Mr. Skufca asked if there was anything that the Borough could do about height of hedges. Also, there are tires lying on the property of the house that burned down (1307 4<sup>th</sup> Street).

Ms. Sorrentino replied that there are no ordinances against hedges or trees.

Mr. Evans stated that the Borough will look into the issue of tires.

Mr. Skufca lastly stated that a resident on Adams Street is throwing trash off of their property and into the woods.

Mr. Vogel stated that the house is rented, and he knows the owner and will let them know.

**1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

No report.

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

1. Motion to hire Charles Lincoln as part-time patrol officer with Braddock Hills Police Department as per current contract rates

Mr. Vogel asked if Mr. Lincoln was employed by our Borough and what were his circumstances for leaving.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that it was another job and there were no personnel issues.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON VOGEL**

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Ms. Bolton asked about the house at 283 Park Avenue and when Tri-COG Land Banking will begin construction.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the drawings are complete, and they are working on the plan review and obtaining permits. They should be ready to build in the near future. Also, she will be obtaining bids for next month's meeting for demolition of the house located across the street (1072 Park Avenue). She will be presenting it as an emergency demolition as nobody will be able to enter the home to test for asbestos.

Finally, Ms. Sorrentino updated on the property at 842 Delaware Avenue that was demolished. They have not graded or seeded the property because Rebuilding Pittsburgh and Hosanna House may be interested in building a new house on that lot. They are interested and currently discussing the project, but nothing has been finalized.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

- 1) Motion to enter into agreement with Allegheny County for municipal snow and ice removal for County roads including Wilkins Avenue and Yost Boulevard for winter seasons 2019 through 2022 for compensation totaling \$16,430.07

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Vogel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to accept the bid for rock salt from Cargill, Inc. through South Hills Area Council of Governments in the amount of \$84.24 per ton for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract may be extended annually for up to two additional option years through June 30, 2022

Ms. Bolton asked how many years we were locked in with this vendor. Ms. Sorrentino stated that we will only be obligated until June 30, 2020 and would have options to extend each year after.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 3) Motion to advertise bids for road repairs and paving designated sections of Illinois Avenue, McKinley Road and Indiana Avenue

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

## **8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

### **A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police, EMS and fire reports for July 2019 (see attached). He stated the following events as items of interest:

- Attended fundraiser for police patrol officer Shawn Schreckengost on July 14, 2019 at Dad's Pub & Grub
- Plan on attending meeting for Woodland Hills School District communities and the superintendent

### **B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

There is a scheduled argument on August 26, 2019 in respect to the motion filed on Brinton Towers and Brinton Manor regarding tax exemption. He will report on the matter. He noted that judgement is not immediate but will let everyone know once he receives it.

### **C. ENGINEER**

Report was read by Robert Garvin (see attached).

## **9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

No report as there is no meeting until September 2019.

## **10. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**

Attended meeting and discussed the Consent Order currently being processed by PA DEP and EPA.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

**(all ayes vote)**

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

All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL  
AMOUNT OF \$155,521.83 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$62,843.14
  - Sewer fund expense of \$84,200.44
  - Refuse fund expense of \$8,478.25
- 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 7:53 p.m.