

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 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. Schaffer

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from August 10, 2021 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Dan Turner, 2813 McKelvey Road – Mr. Turner stated that the Public Works department is scrapping during work time and that it is costing the taxpayers money. He asked Council how they are going to address the matter.

Colleen Antantis, 2783 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Antantis agreed with Mr. Turner and stated that she has complained to the Manager and was told they are wrong.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she will not discipline or address the matter until she has proof that they are scrapping such as a video or picture.

Ms. Antantis showed a picture of the Public Works truck with a ball of metal in the back parked at their garage located on Columbia Avenue. She suggested a GPS system in the trucks or keep a mileage log that shows their locations.

Council members stated that they would look into the matter.

Solicitor Garvin asked that the picture be sent to Ms. Sorrentino.

Dianne Bradford, 420 Jackson Street – Ms. Jackson asked about the status of the paving project on their road.

Ms. Sorrentino replied that they received one bid and it was higher than projected by the engineer and what was budgeted. She stated that they plan on carrying over the money for this year's paving projects to 2022. They will include additional projects next year and re-bid their road with the others and hopefully they will receive more bids and they will be within the budget.

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 entry into an agreement with Integra Realty for appraisal services for the Braddock Hills Shopping Center Tax Appeal. The Borough's share of the cost for the appraisal is \$880.00

Ms. Bolton stated that she didn't understand the motion.

Solicitor Garvin stated the shopping center is appealing their assessment, so the property is being appraised. The Borough is paying 20% and Woodland Hills School District is paying 80% of the appraisal cost.

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

No report.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to approve Resolution 9 of 2021 to enter into a consent order and agreement with Allegheny County Health Department relative to the Borough's sanitary sewer system

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to extend current agreement with Waste Management for one year through December 31, 2022 as per current terms and conditions.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to ratify phone vote to hire Steven Rickard as full-time laborer with Braddock Hills Borough Public Works department as per terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police and EMS reports for August 2021 (see attached).

Mr. Ursiny asked where the majority of the police calls were located. Mayor Brown responded that they were from Brinton Towers and Brinton Manor.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that there are two tax appeals filed from Braddock Hills Shopping Center and Guardian Storage. Hopefully, they will be completed before next year's budget is adopted.

C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON

Report was read by Solicitor Garvin (see attached).

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that the County is interested in purchasing the shooting range owned by the COG located in Elizabeth Township.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

Ms. Sorrentino stated that there was a meeting on October 5 that she will be attending.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Evans announced the appointment of new Events Committee:

Cassandra Schaffer, Chairperson

Frances Kvorjak

Thomas Evans

Also, he announced the combination of Zoning and Ordinance committees and appointment of the new committee:

Frances Kvorjak, Chairperson

Cassandra Schaffer

Michael Ursiny

Motion to hold trick-or-treating for Halloween on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

All ayes

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

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

Motion – Mr. Evans

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 7:58 p.m.