

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mohan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

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

Motion to approve minutes from September 10, 2024 meeting made by Ms. Schaffer.
All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Mary Ann Brown, 2784 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Brown requested an update on the Senior Center facility repairs and updates. Ms. Sorrentino stated that the grant was awarded for some updates and repairs. However, the money has not been received yet, so the project will not start until later this year or early next year. Ms. Brown asked if there will be a refrigerator. Ms. Sorrentino stated that it was not part of the grant, but would look into it.

Ms. Brown asked if inquiries were made regarding name plates for veterans. Ms. Sorrentino stated that they found a vendor that can do it. Further discussions followed.

Ms. Brown asked if she can receive a picture of election equipment immediately after it's delivered. Ms. Sorrentino asked her to submit a cell phone number or email address and pictures will be sent to her.

DeWitt Walton, Allegheny County Executive Council – Mr. Walton stated that he spoke with State Senator Costa and they both submitted a letter of support for the grant to pave Park Avenue. Also, he is working with Ms. Schaffer on an expungement event on October 26 at Wilkinsburg Borough Building.

Mr. Walton stated that they are currently addressing the budget and predicting a 2.2 millage increase. He announced that anyone can contact his office with her concerns and comments. He is interested in listening to his constituents prior to their meeting.

Sean Skelley, 2820 McKelvey Road – Mr. Skelley thanked Ms. Schaffer for her quick response to the changes to Pittsburgh Regional Transit’s bus route that would eliminate stops in Braddock Hills. He noted that she attended the pop-up meeting to share the concerns of the residents.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

1) Motion to accept proposed contract settlement extension between Braddock Hills and Teamsters Local Union Number 205 which covers certain police officers

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Second – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

1) Motion to advertise Ordinance 2 of 2024 for the addition of Part 7, Entitled “Noise” to provide regulations of noise in the Borough and provide penalties for violations

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Second – Mr. Mohan

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer announced that trick-or-treating will be held on October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Also, the holiday party will be held on December 14.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

1) Motion to advertise for bids for Storm Water Project to be funded by ARPA Grant in the amount of \$180,000

Motion – Mr. Mohan

Second – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He read the police and EMS reports for September 2024 (see attached).

He attended the following events:

- Pittsburgh Regional Transit pop-up meeting. He discussed the concerns in regards to their bus route changes.
- Steel Rivers COG meeting. He announced that they voted to submit the grant for the paving of Park Avenue. Also, Braddock Hills submitted a letter of support for the home repairs program.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that he is working with Ms. Sorrentino on the demolition of 518 Park Avenue.

C. ENGINEER – TYLER MINCIN

Mr. Mincin read his report (see attached).

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that he has no updates to Mayor Brown's report.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No report.

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

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

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

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Brown announced that he received an invitation to Woodland Hills School District and Pitt School of Business' International Festival to be held on October 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Also, he stated that he is working with other mayors to relaunch an organization for local mayors. There will be a charitable event being held November 9 at Grandview Golf Club for their organization. Tickets are \$50 per person if anyone is interested.

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.