

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
via phone
December 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:34 p.m. via phone conference

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. Yazvac; 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 10, 2020 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.
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 sent to council and mayor prior to the meeting.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to adopt the 2021 budgets as follows:

General budget with receipts and expenditures of \$1,378,500

Sewer budget with receipts and expenditures of \$463,900

Refuse budget with receipts and expenditures of \$134,681

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 10 of 2020 adopting the real estate tax millage rate of 8.205 for the year 2021. The rate is unchanged from the 2020 rate.

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to pay TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000 plus interest at a rate of 2.79 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to lease copiers from Ford Business Machines through CoStars contract for borough office and police station for 60 months at a rate of \$342.00 per month

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to adopt Resolution 11 of 2020 setting the 2021 Police Pension Plan contribution rate for full-time police at 5 percent

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Motion to advertise the 2021 council meeting schedule for regular and agenda setting meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month

Ms. Schaffer stated that she is concerned about the agenda setting meeting as it does not give council enough time to review prior to meeting. She would prefer to have the agenda setting meeting the week before the regular meeting. Mr. Garvin responded that there were a couple ways to handle the matter. Mr. Barron stated that there may be an issue of last-minute bids and bid openings at the meeting, especially in regards to grants.

Ms. Sorrentino replied that she could submit a tentative agenda via email one week prior to meeting for them to review. Then the final agenda and meeting packets would be delivered to them the day before the meeting.

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to accept the Waste Management bid for unlimited weekly service at the curb for the collection, removal and disposal of rubbish and garbage, along with HHW service, to be billed to and paid by the Borough, in accordance with the bid submitted by Waste Management and subject to execution of a Contract with the Borough. Residents will be billed by the Borough on a quarterly basis for this service

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Ms. Bolton asked if there was an ordinance requiring trash to be put in containers. She knows of a resident that does not practice this and animals have gotten into their trash bag and it makes a mess.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that there is an ordinance that requires trash be placed in a secure container. She asked Ms. Bolton for the address of the resident not complying with the ordinance and she will ask the Code Enforcement Officer to look into the matter.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to reappoint The EADS Group as the Borough's engineer at the hourly rate of \$100 for engineer and \$120 for project manager and other rates as per written proposal

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police and fire reports for November 2020 (see attached).

He attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association annual meeting with former council president, Mr. Robert Henkel. He noted that there was not many in attendance. During the meeting, they elected the new officers for the year 2021.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin commended Cheryl Sorrentino on her work on the budget.

He stated that there may be a troublesome tax appeal involving the shopping center. The property is assessed at \$5 million, but sold for \$2.5 million. This sale may affect the property value. The new owner is concerned about a bleak future with the property.

The assessment appeal with Brinton Towers and Brinton Manor is still unresolved.

C. ENGINEER

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached). He added that Allegheny County Conservation District did a final walk-through of Vermont Avenue. Everything was satisfactory and they will be submitting the remaining grant money to the borough. They also walked along Montana Avenue, as it may be a potential grant project. The Borough will submit a grant application for that project in 2021.

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans attended that meeting and nothing to report.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

No report.

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 Ms. Yazvac

All ayes

CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$135,054.65 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$31,257.53
 - Sewer fund expense of \$95,215.13
 - Refuse fund expense of \$8,581.99
- Motion – Mr. Evans
Seconded – Ms. Bolton
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.