

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:01 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; Ms. Lang; 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 February 11, 2025 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.
All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Karen Lyons – Ms. Lyons stated that there are issues on her road due to utility work. Mr. Evans responded that the Borough would look into it and that they may address the issues soon since the weather is getting warmer.

Ms. Lyons also stated that she is a part of an organization, Environmental Justice, and they are proposing a project with drones to search for wells in municipalities. They would like to search for wells in the Borough with permission. Solicitor Garvin replied that it would be fine, but asked for them to notify the Borough Manager prior to their search. Ms. Schaffer included that when they respond, if they could include some information on their project. Ms. Lyons informed everyone that she is running for Woodland Hills School Board.

Bruce Lavrinc – Mr. Lavrinc asked questions regarding grants. Ms. Sorrentino responded. Mr. Lavrinc stated that there was a tree branch issue on his road. Ms. Sorrentino replied that she would have Public Works Department look into the matter. Mr. Lavrinc asked about the Borough's budgets and police regionalization. Ms. Sorrentino responded.

Angela Hood – Ms. Hood asked if police are addressing speeding issues. Ms. Sorrentino responded that they purchased radar speed signs and portable speed bumps which will be installed in spring. Ms. Bolton asked for additional littering signs. Ms. Hood asked if there was a date for Community Clean-up Day. Ms. Schaffer responded that it is scheduled for May 3 this year. She asked about grants and Ms. Sorrentino responded.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

1) Motion to amend minutes from August 13, 2024 meeting.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Second – Mr. Mohan

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer announced that Community Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. The Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 14 and they are not registering locations this year. She will notify everyone if there is a date change.

She stated that they are looking for volunteers to help plan the Borough's 80th anniversary event for next year.

Mr. Lavrine stated that there is an issue with coyotes in the Borough. Mr. Evans added that there is also an issue with deer population.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

1) Motion to enter into agreement with Steel Rivers Council of Governments for street sweeping services every second and fourth Wednesday of each month from April to October 2025 at \$110.00 per hour.

Motion – Mr. Mohn

Second – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Lavrinc asked if it used to be free. Ms. Sorrentino stated that we always paid for this service.

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He attended the following events:

- Interview with KDKA regarding U.S. Steel and Nippon matter
- Mayors' Charitable Fund Night at the Races fundraising event
- Steel Rivers COG meeting. They voted on new members and Mr. Evans was elected Treasurer
- Woodland Hills EMS event

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

He stated that he will be working with Ms. Sorrentino on the agreement for police regionalization for next few weeks.

C. ENGINEER – TYLER MINCIN

Mr. Mincin read engineer's report for month of February (see attached).

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No additional report to Mayor Brown's update.

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 Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

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

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Engineer's Report
Braddock Hills Borough Regular Monthly Meeting
March 11th, 2025

2023 GEDTF/CDBG GRANT

- A) GEDTF project for demolition of playground, installation of new enclosed playground near walking track, removal, and replacement of Borough sign. Project cost for resolution is estimated at \$156,480.00.
- a. Remaining park improvements (sign, ADA parking, removal of existing equipment, etc.) did not receive any bids. Received approval from the SRCOG to proceed with completing remaining work through different contractors.
 - b. Collecting information for the procurement packet for the county.

MS4/STORMWATER

- A) Finalizing design for stream bank restoration project to comply with MS4 permit. Project will require a joint permit.
- a. Pre-application meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2025.
- B) ARPA Stormwater Project
- a. Low bidder was Verardi Landscapes LLC in the amount of \$81,077.
 - b. Moved forward with awarding and documentation based on favorable references.
 - c. Signed agreements were returned by the contractor.
 - d. Contractor to receive material in approximately eight weeks before receiving notice to proceed.

3RWW/ALCOSAN/DEP

- A) Attending 3RWW meeting March 13th, 2025.
- a. All engineer's meeting for M-47 has been put on hold for the time being.
- B) Consent Order Agreements
- a. No new items.
- C) EADS submitted the Chapter 94 Annual Municipal Wasteload Management Report to ALCOSAN.

BLIGHT REMEDIATION GRANT

- A) Received Act 152 grant in the amount of \$54,000.00 for the Demolition of 118 Center Street, and 1127 Wilkins Avenue.
- a. Demolition of both properties was completed by Minniefield Demolition Services, LLC.
 - b. EADS conducted a post-demo walkthrough with the SRCOG on February 3rd, 2025.
 - c. EADS sent the contractor a punch list of items to be addressed.
 - d. SRCOG working with contractor to acquire maintenance bond and payrolls.
- B) Applied for another blight remediation grant for 995 Garfield Avenue and 518 Park Avenue.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) WPJWA appears to not be taking responsibility for any issues on Indiana Avenue due to their water main break.
- a. Letter was sent from Bob Garvin to WPJWA noting that legal action may occur regarding the damages.
 - b. Packet with cost estimate, project location, and photos were sent to the Borough for review and discussion regarding road issues.
- B) County ARPA Grant
- a. Received grant in the amount of \$70,000. Received funds regarding the new public works roof and renovations to the senior center.
- C) Submitted LSA grant for Park Avenue and Newton Road.

Respectfully submitted,
The EADS Group, Inc. (NORTH HUNTINGDON)

Tyler J. Mincin

By: **Tyler J. Mincin**
Engineering Designer

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