

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:31 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. 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 September 8, 2020 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Sorrentino stated that all correspondence will be sent to council and mayor upon her return to the office.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to terminate the employment of Christopher Burns as a Braddock Hills Police Officer for failure to maintain the State required certifications.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Motion to advertise a public hearing for the demolition of 318 Virginia Avenue as a dangerous structure under Ordinance #4 of 1991. The hearing will be held on November 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Colleen Antantis, 2783 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Antantis noted that the year was incorrect during the motion. Another motion was made by Ms. Schaffer with the correct year.

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to advertise a Request for Proposals for the collection and disposal of solid waste, e-waste and household hazardous waste for calendar year 2021, with options for calendar years 2022 and 2023.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to approve the Sciarretti Paving change order for Vermont Avenue paving in the amount of \$5,948.00 to add an additional section of corrugated pipe to widen the shoulder of an upstream culvert. The new total contract will be in the amount of \$67,883.26

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a CDBG Year 47 Application for road reconstruction on Newton Road and alley between Cross Street/Newton Road.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for September 2020 (see attached).

Ms. Antantis asked Mayor Brown about traffic signs. He replied that he has spoken with Chief Helinski and they are working on it.

She also stated that a blinking light on the stop sign was out. Ms. Sorrentino stated that they are having a hard time finding replacement batteries. Ms. Antantis replied that they sell them at Battery Plus in Wilkins. Ms. Sorrentino said that she would provide this information to the Public Works Department.

Carol Wilson, 2786 Columbia Avenue – Ms. Wilson asked why the borough does not have Waste Management for trash service. Mayor Brown stated that County Hauling had the lowest bid at the last contract renewal period. Ms. Sorrentino stated that the references and credentials were checked prior to awarding County Hauling the contract. Also, this decision meant that trash collection fees were not raised for the past three years.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that he submitted the draft Ordinance regarding trees to council and asked if they had any questions.

Also, he asked if council would be interested in conducting a council meeting via Zoom. Ms. Bolton stated that she does not want to use Zoom as she is concerned about computer viruses. Mr. Evans said that he would leave it up to everyone if they can participate. Ms. Schaffer stated that she was in favor of using Zoom, but understands if people cannot participated due to technical barriers.

C. ENGINEER

Report was read by Engineer Jonathan Barron (see attached).

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that Steel Rivers COG is still trying to rent space in their building.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

No report.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Evans announced that trick-or-treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and we ask that everyone that decides to participate please follow social distancing, no large groups outside of family, and to wear masks.

8. 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 \$0.00 TO INCLUDE**

No approval was made at this meeting. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she will enter all bills upon her return to the office and submit to council for approval prior to payment. She stated that approval would be via a phone vote after they receive the list of bills.

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.