

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gambino, Vice President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Gambino, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Ursiny; 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 December 13, 2022 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.  
All ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

Melody Farrin, 2826 McKelvey Road – Ms. Farrin asked about recycling in the Borough. Ms. Sorrentino stated that it is costly and other have inquired about it, but agree it's too costly. Mayor Brown added that the population count exempts the borough from recycling requirements.

Ms. Farrin asked if the borough could join with other boroughs for recycling service. Further discussions took place and the borough will look into the matter.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Sorrentino stated that all correspondence has been distributed prior to the meeting.

**1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

1. Motion to exonerate the Borough's Real Estate Tax Collector from further collection of the 2022 real estate taxes. The delinquent 2022 Real Estate Taxes will be turned over to Jordan Tax for collection as the delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

1. Motion to accept the letter of resignation for Brian Armstrong as parole officer for the Police Department effective December 21, 2022

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

Ms. Schaffer stated that the holiday decoration contest went very well and she received positive feedback. She thanked the judges (Sean Skelly, Mayor Jack Brown and Wilkinsburg’s Mayor Dontae Comans).

She created a tentative calendar for borough events for the year and will send to council members. She would like to add programs at the Senior Center every month for the residents.

**E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE**

No report.

**F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

1. Motion to ratify phone vote to notify William Diaz that the Borough has considered his absence of four consecutive days without notifying his supervisors as his resignation as laborer from the Public Works department effective December 15, 2022

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to ratify phone vote to advertise the position of labor for Public Works department

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3. Motion to authorize negotiations with Teamsters Local 205 for wage amendments for the Public Works Contract to allow full rate after 6-month probation period

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

4. Motion to authorize negotiations with Teamsters Local 205 for amendments for the Public Works Contract to continue 0% employee contribution for year 2023

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for December 2022 (see attached).

He introduced Jerome Sepesy as the new fire chief of North Braddock Fire Department.

He attended Woodland Hills EMS meeting and will be attending the Allegheny County Emergency Management Services and Allegheny League of Municipalities' legislative reception.

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

**C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON**

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached).

**3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

No report.

**4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**

Ms. Sorrentino will be attending two meetings later this week and will have a report next month.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to appoint Marguerite Bolton as signer for 2023 TAN loan application in place of Thomas Evans

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**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

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

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Gambino adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.