

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
via phone  
April 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ursiny, Vice President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 p.m. via phone conference

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Ursiny, Vice President; Mr. Gambino; Ms. Bolton; Ms. Yazvac;  
Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Kvorjak

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from March 9, 2021 meeting made by Mr. Gambino.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

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

Fran Kvorjak, 2804 McKelvey Road – Ms. Kvorjak wanted to know about street sweeping as the signs posted say it should start and did it start.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that street sweeping begins tomorrow (Wednesday, April 14), and will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

No report.

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2021 adopting the Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official hazard mitigation plan of Braddock Hills Borough

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote of March 12, 2021 to hire Eli Shomo as part-time police officer with Braddock Hills Borough Police department as per terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote of March 10, 2021 to enter into agreement with Fidelis Productions, LLC for Special Duty Police Services

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Shaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote of March 10, 2021 to close sections of Wilkins Avenue and connecting streets on March 12, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for use by Fidelis Productinos, LLC

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Shaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote of April 7, 2021 to close sections of Wilkins Avenue and connecting streets on April 8, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for use by Fidelis Productinos, LLC

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

Motion to purchase street lights through the Duquesne Light LED street lighting program to be installed along Harrison, Vermont and Delaware Avenues in the amount of \$981.00

Ms. Kvorjak asked if \$981.00 was per light. Ms. Sorrentino responded that was the total amount and lights are \$109.00 each.

Ms. Bolton asked how many more lights do we have to have installed. Ms. Sorrentino stated that there are several more streets.

Ms. Shaffer asked what the timeline was for all streets to be updated. Mayor Brown responded that there is a limit on the number of lights for each request.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the streets must also run together, so there is a limited number of streets per each request. She is working with police to prioritize the streets that need it the most.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to exercise second year option with Cargill for one-year term ending June 30, 2022 for winter salt supply at the stated adjusted bid price of \$79.92 per ton

Ms. Kvorjak asked if that was the best price. Ms. Sorrentino stated that it is through South Hills Council of Governments that bid out every year. She added that Cargill has had the best price for several years.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police and EMS reports for March 2021 (see attached).

He received information from Teresa Hawthorne, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Harris, of Woodland Hills School District. He will be forwarding it to the Borough Manager to be passed out as needed.

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that he was notified that the police will be part of Teamster Local 205 and they will be their bargaining unit for the contract that ends this year.

**C. ENGINEER**

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

Mr. Barron asked Ms. Sorrentino if she received signatures from property owners on Montana Avenue. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she the list completed, but did not realize he wanted the signatures so soon. Mr. Barron asked that she received signatures to do work in the next few months.

Mr. Barron asked Solicitor Garvin if there will be any time issues with the sheriff sale of the property along Wilkins Avenue.

Ms. Bolton asked what is streambank restoration. Mr. Barron stated that the stream located along Wilkins Avenue has filtration and sediment issues.

Restoration includes rehabilitating the bank, planting native vegetation and regrade around the stream banks. This is part of the pollution reduction plan for the Borough.

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

Mayor Brown noted there was nothing to report on the COG meeting.

He commended Ms. Shaffer and Ms. Annette Nance for their Grow Pittsburgh event held at the Sr. Center.

He contacted State and County representatives to receive replacement flags.

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

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she attended the April 9 meeting regarding. She will be attending the April 15 and April 29 meetings.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ursiny stated that the Borough should look into projects with the money given to municipalities as per Congressman Doyle.

Ms. Bolton stated that the Borough should remove the dead trees. Ms. Sorrentino replied that most trees are on private property. Further discussions followed regarding the removal of dead/hazardous trees in the Borough. The Ordinance will be included in the next newsletter, so residents are aware and can report hazardous trees.

**14. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED**

**(all ayes vote)**

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Mr. Gambino

All ayes

**15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$74,818.85 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$68,221.53
- Sewer fund expense of \$6,597.32
- Refuse fund expense of \$0.00

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Ursiny adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.