

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 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. Kvorjak;
Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Nance

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 January 10, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Angela Hood, 2844 McKelvey Road – Ms. Hood stated that vehicles are having issues with the turn around at the end of McKelvey Road, and have issues with trash, lighting and signage. Mayor Brown replied that there is a plan return to mill and pave the rest of the road. They will look into a redesign or repairs to the turn around.

Erin Pierce, Director at C.C. Mellor Library – Ms. Pierce provided locations and events at the libraries. Also, they started an outreach project with Woodland Hills School District and community events for all ages. Ms. Bolton asked about information for genealogy and Ms. Pierce responded that the library could help with it.

Weldianne Scales, Swissvale Council – Ms. Scales spoke as a candidate for magisterial district judge.

Greg Barry, 574 Lorraine Road – Mr. Barry stated that he owns property at 1519 Brinton Road and that there are potholes by the property. Ms. Sorrentino replied that she will let the public works department know and they would be repaired.

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 adopt Resolution 1 of 2023 authorizing the joining of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust as a settlor for the purpose of purchasing shares in the trust

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to acknowledge the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 and accept responsibility for the remaining amount of the project of \$81,440.00 for a new playground and borough sign

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3. Motion to advertise in the playbill for the Woodland Hills School District Department of Performing Arts in the amount of \$130.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2023 appointing John McQuade and Edwin Mohan as members of the Braddock Hills Borough Zoning Hearing Board

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer reminded everyone about the Greater Pittsburgh Foodbank Drive and collection barrels will be at the borough buildings until the end of the week, so please donate.

She stated that there will be an activity night at the Sr. Center on February 25 if anyone is interested. Ms. Kvorjak asked if kids and adults will be in separate sections. Ms. Schaffer stated that if kids attend, they would look into it.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

1. Motion to ratify the phone vote of February 6, 2023 to accept the estimate from W.J. McNabb Plumbing to excavate and repair the gas line from the Borough Building to the curb valve in the amount of \$15,800.00

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to ratify the phone vote of February 6, 2023 to advertise the bids for ALCOSAN Regionalization Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project along Brinton Road

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for January 2023 (see attached).

He stated that Steel Rivers Council of Governments started an associate membership for EMS and Fire Departments serving their communities. They can join of \$500 per year and have access to some of their services including grant writing.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin provided information on appeal assessments opened with Allegheny County as a result from a lawsuit with the Real Estate Department. He discussed this matter with the manager and its impact on the Borough.

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 attended the meetings in January and they reviewed 2022 projects.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gambino announced that Braddock Hills has been recognized as a 2023 Banner Community by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and the Allegheny League of Municipalities. Honored municipalities distinguish themselves as model communities through their commitment to sustainable practices including professional development, intergovernmental cooperation, sound fiscal management and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders.

Mr. Garvin commended Council and Borough Manager on this recognition.

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. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Gambino adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.