

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from October 8, 2019 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

No comments.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

- 1) Motion to notify Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to pass on increased rate of 7 percent by Alcosan onto customers in Braddock Hills Borough

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms, Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans – yes
Mr. Gambino – yes
Ms. Bolton – yes
Mr. Ursiny – yes
Ms. Yazvac – abstain
Ms. Kvorjak – yes
5 yes, 1 abstain

- 2) Motion to advertise 2020 budget
Motion – Ms. Bolton
Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
- 3) Motion to advertise budget hearing for December 10, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.
Motion – Ms. Bolton
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
- 4) Motion to approve the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension plan in the amount of \$41,961
Motion – Ms. Bolton
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

- 1) Motion to hire Dakota Wagner as part-time patrol officer with Braddock Hills Police Department as per current contract rates
Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Seconded – Ms. Yazvac
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

- 1) Motion to allow Tri-COG Land Bank the disposal of the property located at 1114 Wilkins Avenue as per the Land Bank Act
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON VOGEL

No report.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

- 1) Motion to adopt Resolution 7 of 2019 to apply for a Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer grant jointly with the Boroughs of Swissvale and Edgewood as part of ALCOSAN’s regionalization project
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 October 2019 (see attached). He stated the following events as items of interest:

- Met with Annette Nance who is writing a report on the Borough, so he drove around borough and recounted his family history
- Attended Lights On Afterschool at Propel Braddock Hills
- Attended 150th anniversary of Western PA School for the Deaf and spoke with Congressman Doyle and Senator Costa
- Rode with police during Trick or Treat and thanked North Braddock VFD and Woodland Hills EMS for also patrolling the area
- Interviewed potential police candidate, Dakota Wagner
- Greeted voters at polling place on Columbia Avenue
- Attended briefing by Congressman Doyle and Senator Costa. It was stated that absentee ballots will have 50 days to submit starting next year
- Attended University of Pittsburgh military brunch
- Attended Steel Rivers COG meeting with Mr. Evans
- Announced Christmas Parade in Homestead at 12:00 noon on December 7, 2019
- Will be attending PennDOT meeting with Ms. Kvorjak regarding Commercial Street Bridge project

Mayor stated that Congressman Doyle stated that he was not part of the impeachment hearings, but provided information. Also, he is part of effort to lower cost of drugs.

B. **SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that the Borough has proceeded with the lawsuit against Keystone Collections and it was filed last week.

C. **ENGINEER**

Report was read by Solicitor Garvin (see attached).

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

Mr. Evans stated that it was good to belong to the COG and they have been helpful with acquiring grants.

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

No updates, but she will be attending 3 Rivers Wet Weather Conference this week with the engineer.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Light-up Braddock Hills will be held on Saturday, December 7 at the Senior Citizen Center. Santa will arrive at 7:00 p.m. and there will be cookies, drinks and gifts for the kids.

7. 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 \$137,982.76 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$44,836.45
- Sewer fund expense of \$84,646.09
- Refuse fund expense of \$8,500.22

8. Motion – Ms. Bolton
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.