

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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. Kvorjak; Ms. Lang; Mr. Mohan

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

1. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED (all ayes vote)

Motion to approve minutes from December 10, 2024 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Sandra Ellifritz, 2838 McKelvey Road – Ms. Ellifritz inquired about snow removal scheduling. Ms. Sorrentino stated that the police notify the public works department of road conditions if there is inclement weather outside their regular work schedule. Mr. Evans directed her to call the police non-emergency number if there is an issue.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

- 1) Motion to approve the Carrol Plan of Lots as recommended by the Borough engineer as per his review letter dated January 7, 2025
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Second – Mr. Ursiny
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Lang noted that Ms. Schaffer was unable to attend the meeting. She stated that the holiday party went very well and everything was wonderful. She thanked the volunteers for the great work they did on the event.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

- 1) 1) Motion to disapprove a refund request \$228.00 for a 2024 refuse bill for property located at 63 Ridge Road and owned by Volha Taranka
Motion – Ms. Lang
Second – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

No report.

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He attended the following events:

- Rally held by U.S. Steelworkers
- Allegheny County Boroughs Association holiday dinner
- Funeral viewing for Ms. Sorrentino’s father
- Judged holiday decorations in Borough
- Mayors’ Charitable Fund meeting
- Mon Valley Mayors meeting
- Steel Rivers COG meeting
- Woodland Hills EMS board meeting
- Memorial service at Harrisburg
- Allegheny League of Municipalities reception
- Interview with KDKA

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

C. ENGINEER – TYLER MINCIN

Mr. Mincin read engineer's report for month of December.

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans was unable to attend due to illness. Mayor Brown stated that Allegheny County Councilman Bob Macey attended. Mr. Macey spoke about his decision not to run for reelection. Councilman Sam DeMarco resigned as County Councilman to work for the newly elected Senator McCormick. Also, Amy Cline, Commissioner of Elizabeth Forward, was appointed to Allegheny County Conservation District board.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No report.

11. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

12. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE LIST OF BILLS

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

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

Engineer's Report

Braddock Hills Borough Regular Monthly Meeting
January 14th, 2025

2023 GEDTF/CDBG GRANT

- A) GEDTF project for demolition of playground, installation of new enclosed playground near walking track, removal, and replacement of Borough sign. Project cost for resolution is estimated at \$156,480.00
- a. Remaining park improvements (sign, ADA parking, removal of existing equipment, etc.) did not receive any bids. Working on a solution to gain interest for remaining scope of work
 - b. Collecting information for the procurement packet for the county

MS4/STORMWATER

- A) Finalizing design for stream bank restoration project to comply with MS4 permit. Project will require a joint permit.
- a. Pre-application meeting to be scheduled
- B) ARPA Stormwater Project
- a. Low bidder was Verardi Landscapes LLC in the amount of \$81,077
 - b. Moving forward with awarding and documentation based on favorable references
 - c. Signed agreements were returned by the contractor

3RWW/ALCOSAN/DEP

- A) Attending 3RWW meeting in January
- a. All engineer's meeting for M-47 has been put on hold for the time being
- B) Consent Order Agreements
- a. No new items

PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT

- A) PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – The Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the ALCOSAN Regionalization Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project.
- a. Final paperwork was submitted to DCED and the grant has been closed out

BLIGHT REMEDIATION GRANT

- A) Received Act 152 grant in the amount of \$54,000.00 for the Demolition of 118 Center Street, and 1127 Wilkins Avenue
- a. Received bids on August 1st, 2024
 - b. Low bidder was Minniefield Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$21,000. EADS sent letter of recommendation to Borough Council
 - c. Project was awarded by SRCOG and they are working through the agreements with the contractor
 - d. Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2025
- B) Applied for another blight remediation grant for 995 Garfield Avenue and 518 Park Avenue

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) WPJWA appears to not be taking responsibility for any issues on Indiana Avenue due to their water main break
- a. Letter was sent from Bob Garvin to WPJWA noting that legal action may occur regarding the damages
 - b. Packet with cost estimate, project location, and photos were sent to the Borough for review and discussion regarding road issues

- B) County ARPA Grant
 - a. Received grant in the amount of \$70,000. Received funds regarding the new public works roof and renovations to the senior center
- C) Submitted LSA grant for Park Avenue and Newton Road

Respectfully submitted,
The EADS Group, Inc. (NORTH HUNTINGDON)

Tyler J. Mincin

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Engineering Designer

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