

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from June 9, 2020 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to ratify phone vote on June 17, 2020 to appoint Anthony Ricchiuto as lieutenant of the police department with compensation at the current contracted rate and contracted terms

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

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

Motion to submit properties located at 318 Virginia Avenue, 1072 Park Avenue and 973 Wilkins Avenue to Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Blight Remediation grant

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to submit letter of support for the Tri-COG Land Bank’s application to Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Blight Remediation grant to include demolition of 283 Park Avenue

Ms. Bolton asked about this motion. Ms. Sorrentino explained that the original Tri-COG Land Bank’s engineer deemed the house repairable. However, when that engineer left and another one used by Land Bank reviewed the house’s structure, he noticed extensive termite and water damage beyond repair.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt a COVID-19 Plan in a form and content satisfactory to the Borough Manager and Solicitor, that provides guidelines for the Borough’s operations and employees during pandemic

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for June 2020 (see attached). He stated the following events as items of interest:

- On June 11, he interviewed candidates for the position of lieutenant with Mr. Evans, Ms. Sorrentino and Chief Bob Payne of Edgewood Police Department. He stated that he was happy with their selection.

- On June 23, he met with representatives of Pittsburgh Regional Alliance and CBRE along with Ms. Sorrentino. They toured the property at 1001 Brinton Road and were impressed. He has not heard anything since the tour, but is hopeful to get someone to move into the property.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that when the COVID plan is finalized, he will submit it for review and comments.

Mr. Garvin asked if the properties to be submitted for demolition will go through Tri-COG Land Bank. Ms. Sorrentino stated that the Borough will submit the properties on the Blight Remediation Grant on their own. She is working with the Engineer to apply for this grant.

C. ENGINEER

Report was read by Engineer Jonathan Barron (see attached). He stated that he anticipates that the Vermont Avenue project should be completed by end of August. The Borough will be able to submit the grant application for Montana Avenue.

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that An Lewis', COG Director, father passed away.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

No report as the meeting was canceled again. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she submitted paperwork for the Municipal CARES Act. This will allow the Borough to submit expenditures from March 1 through October 31, 2020 due to COVID-19 for reimbursement.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

Ms. Schaffer stated that she does not have an update on the communications issues due to the pandemic. It has not been removed, but just delayed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Kvorjak stated that she researched the costs of recycling in the Borough. She received costs for \$140,000/year for our own service, \$175,000/year for a special vehicle and Swissvale Borough pays \$193,000/year. However, Swissvale has to recycle where our Borough does not.

If the Borough is able to piggy-back with another borough, the cost would go down but residents would have to pay \$7.00 per house/per pick-up. Weekly pick-ups would cost residents an additional \$364 to their garbage bill. Lastly, if there are any mistakes when recycling, the Borough could be cited.

She did find centers that recycled that the residents could use on their own. Ms. Sorrentino asked her to submit a list via e-mail and she would include them on the borough's website.

Ms. Kvorjak also stated that she submitted a safety program to Pittsburgh City Council and waiting for a response.

There were further discussions to include recycling on the next trash service contract and to include a referendum for the next election for citizens to decide. Mr. Garvin added that if the Borough was interested in Swissvale Borough for our trash collector, a bid is not necessary.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$75,507.86 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$63,182.22
 - Sewer fund expense of \$3,394.24
 - Refuse fund expense of \$8,931.40
- Motion – Mr. Evans
Seconded – Ms. Yazvac
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.