

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 10, 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; Ms. Yazvac

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; David Wolf, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Manager

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from November 12, 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)**

Richard Riberich, 2335 Meadow Drive, Pittsburgh – Mr. Riberich stated that he owned a business in the Borough and received a delinquent tax notice from Jordan Tax Service. The notices were for school and county unpaid taxes and were delivered to the wrong address. Also, the current resident of that address signed the certified mail, but never forwarded it to Mr. Riberich.

Solicitor Wolf recommended that he contact the solicitors for the school and county and explain the situation.

Ms. Bolton stated that the mail carrier was in the wrong by having the certified letter receipt signed by the current owner and not Mr. Riberich.

Mr. Riberich stated that he spoke with a school board member, Mike Belmont, and the tax collector, Betty Ann Horvath and they were not helpful in removing the penalty fees. Mr. Wolf stated again that he should contact the solicitors.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the Borough and Ms. Horvath do not have the authority to remove penalty fees for school and county taxes.

## **1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

### **A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

Motion to adopt the 2019 budgets as follows:

General budget with receipts and expenditures of \$1,334,710

Sewer budget with receipts and expenditures of \$433,900

Refuse budget with receipts and expenditures of \$128,300

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to pay TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000 plus interest at a rate of 2.5 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 8 of 2019 setting the 2020 Police Pension Plan contribution rate for full-time police at 5 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to contribute \$1,000 to C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for 2019

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

### **B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to accept resignation of Anthony Taylor as full-time Police Lieutenant, effective December 8, 2019

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Anthony Taylor as part-time Sergeant as per current contract rates

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

### **C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON VOGEL**

Motion to advertise the 2020 council meeting schedule for regular and agenda setting meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month. The agenda setting meeting will be at 6:30 and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise the reorganization meeting for January 6, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 9 of 2019 adopting the real estate tax millage rate of 8.205 for the year 2020. The rate is unchanged from the 2019 rate.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

No report.

**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 November 2019 (see attached). He stated the following events as items of interest:

- Attended meeting with PennDOT along with Ms. Kvorjak regarding Commercial Street Bridge Project
- Attended Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce event at Western PA School for the Deaf
- Met with Woodland Hills School District municipalities along with school principal, administration and new superintendent
- Attended Civilian Police Review Board in Braddock and they will be active after January 1
- Attended event at Grandview Golf Course for Chris Roland who is running for State Representative
- Attended Steel Rivers COG meeting and holiday event with Mr. Evans, Ms. Bolton and Ms. Sorrentino. He congratulated Mr. Evans on being nominated for Secretary.

- Attended Light-up Braddock Hills event
- Attended Allegheny County Emergency Management Coordinator meeting

**B. SOLICITOR – DAVID WOLF**

No report.

**C. ENGINEER**

Report was read by Solicitor Wolf (see attached).

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

Mr. Evans attended meeting and annual holiday party and was asked to be Secretary on the COG Board. He stated that it would not involve clerical duties, but to help make decisions.

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

Attended the conference along with the Engineer. Made several contacts with vendors and will be discussing sewer and storm drain issues with them in the spring.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**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 \$67,095.48 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$56,737.36
- Sewer fund expense of \$1,560.00
- Refuse fund expense of \$8,798.12

Motion – Ms. Bolton

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 7:58 p.m.