

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Gambino, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Ms. Schaffer

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 October 11, 2022 meeting made by Mr. Gambino.
All ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

No comments.

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 advertise the availability of the 2023 budgets

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to apply for TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000.00 at an interest rate of 5.62 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3. Motion to advertise Ordinance 4 of 2022 adopting the requirements of Act 57 of 2022 to permit the Tax Collector's waiver of additional charges that may be imposed by the Tax Collector upon a property owner that establishes that they failed to receive a real estate tax bill within twelve months of a qualifying event under the Act

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

1. Motion to approve the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension plan in the amount of \$35,858.00

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to ratify email vote of November 2, 2022 to purchase 8 Body Worn Cameras for the police to be paid for by a grant through Allegheny County from funds received by America Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$23,520.00

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer announced that the Borough is hosting two holiday events. Light Up Braddock Hills will be held on Saturday, December 10 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Also, there is a holiday decorating contest. No registration is needed, all decorated homes will be judged. The contest starts December 10 and judging will be done on December 20, so make sure your house is ready. First place will win a \$100 gift card from Giant Eagle and second place will win a \$50 gift card from Veltre's Pizza.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE

1. Motion to notify the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to pass on the 7% rate increase by Alcosan onto customers in Braddock Hills Borough

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to extend the current agreement with Waste Management for one year through December 31, 2023, as per current terms and conditions with no fee increase to residents

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

3. Motion to advertise Ordinance 3 of 2022 regulating the use of fireworks within the Borough of Braddock Hills and providing for permits in certain cases.

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

1. Motion to submit a request to McCandless Ford, a CoStars vendor, for a Ford F-Series Truck. If the request is accepted, a motion will be made at a public meeting regarding the details of the purchase.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 13 of 2022 authorizing the execution of a PennDot Form M-950AA by the President of Council, Thomas Evans, to permit The EADS Group, Inc. to apply for a highway occupancy permit

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Garvin stated that this Resolution is needed for a sewer project. Mr. Barron added that it is required by PennDOT.

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for October 2022 (see attached).

He stated that he will be sending a letter of thanks to Sam DeMarco of Allegheny County Council for the grant for the body cameras for the police.

He announced a Town Hall Meeting to be held at the Community College of Allegheny County. It will be held on November 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Braddock Hills campus. They are looking for suggestions for classes to be offered at this campus.

He stated the Action Housing received a grant from Pennsylvania Economic Development to provide home repairs for eligible homeowners in Allegheny County. This will be offered through a partnership between Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, Women for a Healthy Environment and Action Housing. More information is available on the Action Housing website or homeowners can call 412-281-2102.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin explained Act 57 Ordinance. State legislature adopted Act 57 and requires all municipalities to adopt an Ordinance that helps home buyers with tax billing. If a tax bill is sent prior to the purchase of a home, the new owners will receive any current unpaid bill, but exonerates them for the first year from penalty fees.

C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached).

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that the annual meeting dinner will be held on December 1. They will be electing new officers during the meeting.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

Ms. Sorrentino attended the annual conference.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

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. Gambino

All ayes

9. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED ON THE CHECK DETAIL LISTS

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.