

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 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. Yazvac; Ms. Kvorjak; Ms. Schaffer

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

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from September 28, 2021 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

Melody Farrin, 2826 McKelvey Road – Ms. Farrin stated that she is responding to the proposed “No Left Turn” sign at end of McKelvey Road. She stated that the issue is speeding on Brinton Road. The road is not safe from motorists and there are bus stops along the road, which are dangerous. She stated that police need to reduce speeding and that the route of Circle to Kings Road is marginally better. She asked for PennDOT to look into it.

Sgt. Taylor responded that there is no place for police to sit to enforce speeding.

Mr. Evans stated that they will look into alternative ideas.

Chief Helinski stated that it’s difficult to enforce speed limit without radar (which is illegal for municipalities to use). The Borough is trying to secure the use of a radar sign from Edgewood. He explained that Brinton Road is a State-owned road, so Borough is limited on what they can do.

Albert Kvorjak, 2804 McKelvey Road – Mr. Kvorjak stated that he agrees with using electronic data to monitor safety on Brinton Road. He stated that since it’s a State Road then we should have State Police involved. Also, get State Representatives involved and put pressure on them to install stop signs on Brinton Road.

Sandra Ellifritz, 2838 McKelvey Road – Ms. Ellifritz stated that speeding is worse coming up the hill along Brinton Road and that turning right only would be more dangerous. Also, residents on Circle Drive do not want the extra vehicles driving on their street. She suggested to Chief Helinski that driving up and down Brinton Road would be enough. She asked how many accidents are at the McKelvey Road intersection.

Chief Helinski stated that there are no accidents.

Mr. Kvorjak responded that there have been several vehicles that have been on the front law of his son's house located at that intersection.

Sgt. Taylor stated that the only way to enforce speeding without using radar is an electronic device that costs \$5-6,000. However, it needs 2 to 3 police officers to operate the system, which means that we would have to add another officer to a shift and use all three just to enforce speed on Brinton Road.

Chief Helinski stated that he is following up with other Boroughs for suggestions.

Ms. Farrin asked if we should call PennDOT.

Ms. Kvorjak stated that PennDOT did a survey a couple years ago. She suggested calling State officials Summer Lee and Jay Costa.

Mr. Evans noted that many residents think Brinton Road is the Borough's since we provide winter maintenance. The Borough has an agreement with the State and get reimbursed for salting and plowing their road. However, we don't have the authority to install certain signs.

Greg Barry, 574 Lorraine Road – Mr. Barry asked if the speeding equipment would be owned by other boroughs and available to use.

Sgt. Taylor responded that if the equipment was available, the officers would have to be trained to use it properly.

Carlos Sosa, 2819 McKelvey Road – Mr. Sosa noted that the attendance at the meeting shows the importance of this matter. He stated that the Borough should apply more pressure on the State. He noted that everyone band together and call their representatives to apply pressure on them.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Sorrentino stated that all correspondence has been submitted prior to the meeting.

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

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

No report.

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

Motion to extend the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Borough of Swissvale for municipal police services on weekends through December 31, 2022 with a three percent increase

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**

No report.

**F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

Motion to adopt Concurring Resolution to request a grant from the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund Grant in the amount of \$89,000 for playground reconstruction and new electronic sign at Borough Building

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

Motion to approve Resolution 10 of 2021 prohibiting left turns from McKelvey Road onto Brinton Road on experimental basis pursuant to Chapter 15 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 105, Experimental Regulations, of the Borough of Braddock Hills Code

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote –

Ms. Bolton – Yes

Ms. Yazvac – Yes

Ms. Kvorjak – No

Ms. Schaffer - Yes

Mr. Ursiny – No

Mr. Evans – Yes

Vote Yes – 4, Vote No – 2, Motion Carried

**2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for September 2021 (see attached).

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that there are two motions under new business that need to be included on the amended agenda.

**C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON**

Report was read by Solicitor Garvin (see attached).

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

Mr. Evans stated that they discussed work to done on the COG's building.

Mayor Brown announced that Carla Barron will be retiring.

Mr. Evans noted that the COG helps the Borough to apply and get grants. Ms. Barron was the main contact to provide assistance.

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

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she attended the meeting for municipalities at Forest Hills regarding regionalization. She stated they mostly talked about the updates to their mapping and information on their website. She will be attending the upcoming meetings.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to authorize the amendment of the agenda to include the approval of Resolution 11 of 2021 entering into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Edgewood Borough for use of speed minder radar speed sign

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 11 of 2021 authorizing the entry into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Edgewood Borough for use of speed minder radar speed sign

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**14. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT AS POSTED**

**(all ayes vote)**

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

All ayes

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

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.