

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:01 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. Schaffer; Ms. Lang; Mr. Mohan

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

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

Motion to approve minutes from August 13, 2024 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

No comments

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

1) Motion to authorize settlement of tax appeal for 1060 Brinton Road for a 2023 assessment of \$540,000.00 and 2024 assessment of \$463,250.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Second – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

Mr. Garvin explained that the current assessment is \$396,600.00 so the value increased. He stated that the property sold for \$850,000.00 and the property owner did not contest the assessment.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

1) Motion to make a contribution to Woodland Hills EMS in the amount of \$2,437.00, which equals \$1.50 per capita, for calendar year 2024

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Second – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

No report, but announced the start of holiday party planning. If anyone is interested in joining the committee can contact her.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

1) Motion to adopt Resolution 6 of 2024 to submit a grant application to Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the demolition of 995 Garfield Avenue and 518 Park Avenue

Motion – Ms. Lang

Second – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to adopt Resolution 7 of 2024 declaring the properties located at 995 Garfield Avenue and 518 Park Avenue meet the definition and criteria of blighted property as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law

Motion – Ms. Lang

Second – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

No report, but commended the public works department on their work in the Borough to maintain vegetation to prevent blind spots.

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He read the police and EMS reports for August 2024 (see attached).

He attended the following events:

- Allegheny County Emergency Services quarterly training. He stated that they are going through personnel changes and working on Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Public presentation of the police regionalization with Swissvale Borough.
- Woodland Hills EMS board meeting.
- Steel Rivers COG meeting and presentation by Allegheny County representatives regarding trees and blight properties. He stated that other boroughs have more blight properties.

Ms. Bolton added that Braddock and North Braddock boroughs held secret meetings that she attended. They discussed the reason for blight properties in their municipalities.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin discussed 995 Garfield Avenue and that a court order was issued to demolish the property.

C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON

Mr. Barron read his report (see attached).

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that they discussed trees and blight properties.

Ms. Bolton added that she was included in secret meetings with representatives from Braddock

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. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.