

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from June 8, 2021 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Ross Cioppa – Mr. Cioppa stated that he wanted to address two issues. The first issue was a post on Braddock Hills Facebook page made by Heather Groomes. He read the post and stated that it was in violation of rule number 3 of the Facebook page. He explained how it would influence individuals in the community and they would rush to judgement. He asked for a retraction and apology.

Mayor Brown stated that the Facebook page was not an official Borough site. Mr. Cioppa responded that he knew that.

The second issue was that he contacted Allegheny County Elections Division and had his name removed from the ballot. He thanked the voters that wrote in his name during the primary election. He stated that he was urged by family members to withdraw due to medical conditions and to stop rumors. He listed his health issues that were the reason for his withdraw.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to contribute \$1,000 to the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for 2021
Motion – Ms. Bolton
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to appoint Campbell Durant, PC, David Mitchell, Esquire as special counsel for police labor matters in accordance with the terms of their proposal of July 2, 2021
Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

No report.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to adopt Resolution 8 of 2021 authorizing the entry into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Boroughs of Forest Hills, East Pittsburgh, Chalfant, North Braddock, Churchill and Wilkinsburg regarding ALCOSAN Regionalization for trunk sewer takeover repairs for POC T-04

Mr. Garvin stated that according to the Borough engineer Jon Barron, the Borough's contribution will be \$4,

Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Seconded – Mr. Gambino
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 2021 (see attached).

He attended the Western Pennsylvania Mayor Council Association meeting on June 28 held in Oakmont

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin reviewed upcoming changes to the Sunshine Act. This includes that meeting agendas be posted on the website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and posted on the front door of the Borough building. Also, he reviewed amendments made to meeting agendas and what is allowable.

C. ENGINEER – DONALD BLACK

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

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

She attended the June and July meetings where they discussed the Consent Order and Agreement, and the effects of rainfall on the sewer systems.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No report.

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 IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$90,762.23 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$68,598.11
- Sewer fund expense of \$1,932.92
- Refuse fund expense of \$20,231.20

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Garvin stated that an executive session was held prior to the Regular meeting regarding personnel and collective bargaining matters.

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.