

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 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. Schaffer; Ms. Kvorjak; Ms. Lang

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

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

Motion to approve minutes from May 14, 2024 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

Bids for paving of Columbia Avenue have been passed out prior to meeting and recommendation is part of agenda.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Nsai Temko, Swissvale Borough – Ms. Temko resides in Swissvale near McKelvey Road Extension. She stated that the road is hazardous for pedestrians and asked if the Borough could designate a walking area on the road.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that they will look into it.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to contribute \$1,000 to the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for 2024

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Second – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to accept the resignation from Joseph Tomko effective immediately as part-time patrol officer with Braddock Hills Police Department

Mr. Evans asked why he resigned. Ms. Sorrentino responded that he never started after he was hired.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Second – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

Motion to close a portion of McKelvey Road from addresses 2823 to the end of McKelvey Road for a block party on July 6, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Second – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

Motion to advertise Ordinance 2 of 2024 amending Chapter 10 of the Borough Code of Ordinances with the addition of Part 6, entitled “Single-use plastic carryout bags” to add findings, definitions, penalties and exemptions relating to the distribution and use of single-use carryout bags

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Second – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer stated that this year’s Community Yard Sale went well. Ms. Lang agreed.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

Motion to authorize the Solicitor to initiate legal proceedings to secure the demolition of 995 Garfield Avenue.

Motion – Ms. Lang
Second – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

Motion to accept the bid from A. Liberoni in the amount of \$109,951.01 for paving of Columbia Avenue from Brinton Road to Park Avenue

Motion – Mr. Ursiny
Second – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote taken June 3, 2024 to accept quote from Jeffrey Associates, a CoStars vendor, in the amount of \$16,500 to provide additional work for the playground project to include excavation and limestone installation

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Second – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

Motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Edgewood and Swissvale Boroughs for a sewer improvement project and source flow reduction in the M-47 Nine Mile Run Sewershed with Braddock Hills' share being four (4) percent

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Second – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote taken on June 6, 2024 to accept quote from Keough Plumbing in the amount of \$2,500 for pipe repairs to the Borough Administration Building

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Second – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call – Unanimous - Carried

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He read the police and fire reports for May 2024 (see attached).

He read an update regarding the police regionalization which will be posted on website.

He attended several meetings and events to include:

- Woodland Hills EMS Board Meeting
- Memorial Day Service with North Braddock AmVets
- Steel River Council of Governments meeting
- Connect meeting and they discussed the wellbeing of public employees and planning an event to address wellness for all borough employees

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that he will begin the process of filing a lawsuit against the owner of 995 Garfield Avenue, Dominic DiMaria.

C. ENGINEER – TYLER MINCIN

Mr. Mincin read his report (see attached).

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that they discussed their concerns regarding the sale of U.S. Steel and their priority is keeping the jobs and quality. The interested buyers, Nippon, owns several steel mills across the United States and that he met their CEO. Mayor Brown stated that the majority of attendees are looking for a commitment as they are concerned about issues with the unions and keeping their current locations.

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 – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.