

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 8, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Kvorjak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Ms. Kvorjak; Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Lang  
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 July 18, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.  
All ayes

**2. CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

Melody Farrin, 2826 McKelvey Road – Ms. Farrin stated her concern that the Ordinance regarding trees was postponed. She provided the background information and benefits regarding the tree revitalization program, but the Ordinance must be passed for our municipality to qualify for the program. She asked Council to reconsider and adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Garvin stated that Council could vote on it later in the meeting.

Greg Barry, 574 Lorraine Road – Mr. Barry questioned the termination of borough employees. Mr. Garvin responded that council discussed the matter and that they will not comment on personnel matters. Mr. Evans and Ms. Sorrentino responded with their outlook.

Charlene Spriggs, 2800 McKelvey Road – Ms. Spriggs asked if there was an ordinance for dogs, as she was having issues with individuals walking their dogs on her lawn. Also, she asked if she could build a wall or heighten the front of her lawn as a deterrent. Mr. Garvin stated that if she knows the perpetrator, she needs to report it to the police.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Passed out prior to meeting.

## **5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

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

- 1) Motion to ratify phone vote of August 1, 2023 to enter into a one-year agreement with Shiloh Services, Incorporated for computer support and protection for an annual fee of \$8,407.80 for police and manager  
Motion – Ms. Schaffer  
Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
  
- 2) Motion to adopt Resolution 8 of 2023 to be included in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs for three program years 2024, 2025 and 2026  
Motion – Ms. Schaffer  
Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

No report.

### **C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

### **D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

Ms. Schaffer stated that they continue to work on Community Day and still looking for volunteers if anyone is interested. This year's event will be held on September 16, if anyone would like to volunteer to organize the event or work the day of the event.

### **E. HEALTH & SANITATION – PAMELA LANG**

No report.

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

No report.

### **G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

- 1) Motion to ratify phone vote on July 19, 2023 to accept quote from Doug Krusper Tree Service in the amount of \$2,250.00 for removal of 2 trees and trim 8 trees located on Borough property  
Motion – Ms. Kvorjak  
Seconded – Ms. Schaffer  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to ratify phone vote of July 26, 2023 to terminate Joseph McAtee as laborer with Public Works department prior to the end of probation

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

## **6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

### **A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor Brown read the police, fire and EMS reports for July 2023 (see attached).

He participated in the parade with Chief Helinski at the Swissvale Anniversary parade. Also, he attended the swearing-in of Judge Lisa Caulfield with mayors from multiple boroughs.

### **B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

### **C. ENGINEER**

Mr. Barron read the engineer's report for June 2023 (see attached).

## **7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

No report.

## **8. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**

Ms. Sorrentino stated that Braddock Hills will be hosting a multi-municipal meeting on August 24.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Motion to remove from table, the adoption of Ordinance 1 of 2023.

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2023 amending Chapter 25, Trees, by the addition of Part 2, Shade Tree Commission

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AS POSTED**

**(all ayes vote)**

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Ms. Schaffer.

All ayes

**12. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE LIST OF BILLS**

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.