

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from July 14, 2020 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Ms. Kvorjak asked if street sweeping has resumed and parking during sweeping.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that sweeping started again on July 22 and that parking is according to the signs posted on each street.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to transfer \$55,498.20 from Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust to First National Bank to cover costs for paving projects

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Ms. Yazvac asked if paving projects were finished for the year. Ms. Sorrentino replied that all projects are completed with the exception of Vermont Avenue, which is currently being worked on as part of the Allegheny County Conservation District grant.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to ratify phone vote on August 4, 2020 to hire Mason McMurray, III as part-time officer with Braddock Hills Borough police department as per terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Brian Bradford effective August 7, 2020

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Charles Lincoln effective July 24, 2020

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

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to purchase twelve street lights through the Duquesne Light LED street lighting program to be installed along Jefferson Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and Montana Avenue in the amount of \$1,308.00

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for July 2020 (see attached).

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin asked why Brian Bradford and Charles Lincoln resigned. Mayor Brown stated that Officer Lincoln’s full-time job has extra demands that prevents him from working with our department. Officer Bradford received a position with Verona Police Department.

Mr. Garvin asked if the new position was full-time. Mayor Brown replied that he believed so.

Mr. Garvin stated that he had an off-line discussion with Ms. Sorrentino regarding the grant offered for costs incurred by COVID-19. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she applied for the program and was approved and currently compiling expenses to submit.

Mr. Garvin suggested that she may want to check wages and if we can submit them. Ms. Sorrentino replied that she wasn’t sure how the wages would work and if they could be applied, but she is definitely looking into it and would submit anything that qualifies.

C. ENGINEER

Report was read by Engineer Jonathan Barron (see attached).

Ms. Bolton asked if she could receive any pictures found at 318 Virginia Avenue prior to demolition. Mr. Garvin stated that if the structure was safe to enter. Mr. Barron stated that if they enter the structure prior to demolition and found pictures they would be forwarded to her.

Mr. Evans asked if Mr. Barron would look into paving alley off of Jackson Street.

Ms. Bolton asked about the alley leading to the Baptist Church. Ms. Sorrentino stated that they would have to look into paying out of Borough’s funds for this paving project because it was rejected when submitted for a grant. Mr. Barron agreed that it did not qualify for the grant and would more likely have to be paid for by the Borough.

Mr. Barron and Ms. Sorrentino discussed a five-year plan in regards to possible paving projects moving forward. This would include applying for grants and budgeting smaller projects.

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that not much is happening, but he has been in touch since he is part of the executive board as Secretary.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

No report.

5. OTHER COMMITTEES

No report.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

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

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$222,301.25 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$112,376.36
- Sewer fund expense of \$92,592.88
- Refuse fund expense of \$17,332.01

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans stated that everyone stay safe and adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.