

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 8, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Ursiny, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Vogel

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

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from December 11, 2018 meeting and December 18, 2018 continuation meeting made by Ms. Bolton.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

**COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

Don Newman, Chairman of Allegheny County Conservation District – Mr. Newman stated that he is a board member of ACCD and since he has been on the board, they have taken a proactive role in the communities. The program has awarded \$1.8 million in grants and funding for roads. They reach out to communities for their public works employees and engineers to attend training for eligibility for grant money.

He discussed the agency and the projects they fund. Unfortunately, they program is underfunded. Their program works with Penn State University and working towards additional money to fund projects.

He introduced Emily Wise of ACCD and they presented a check in the amount of \$68,000 for the paving project of Vermont Avenue.

## **1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

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

Motion to apply for a 2019 TAN loan through First National Bank in the amount of \$125,000.00 with interest not in excess 3.09%

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Vogel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint First National Bank as Borough's official depository and to transfer all PNC bank depository accounts to First National Bank including, but not limited to the General, Payroll, Sewer, Refuse and Fire Insurance accounts

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Frank DeBartolo effective December 31, 2018

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Motion to approve Lamar Advertisings request for an additional 1 year extension of their conditional use approval to erect two (2) billboards at 1301 Brinton Road (the former United Healthcare property)

Motion – Mr. Vogel

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

### **D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON VOGEL**

No report.

### **E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC**

No report.

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

No report.

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

Motion to reappoint The EADS Group as the Borough's engineer at the hourly rate of \$90 for engineer and \$120 for project manager and other rates as per written proposal

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Vogel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to enter into one-year service agreement with Access Elevator in the amount of \$1,759.00 to include inspection and service visits

Ms. Bolton asked if there was a service agreement when we installed the elevator. Ms. Sorrentino replied that it was for 1-year and that we have to purchase it every year for service and inspections.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

## **8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

### **A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for December 2018 (see attached).

He attended many meetings in the past month, but only discussed the meeting with Propel School of Braddock Hills. It was a presentation of the school's plan to build an addition on the side of the school that will house a gym and auditorium type of facility, which would be available to the community. They are still in the early stages and presented drawings of the proposed facility.

### **B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

### **C. ENGINEER**

Read by Jonathan Barron. (see attached).

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

Mr. Evans stated the borough received a grant in the amount of \$129,000 to install new bathrooms on the second floor of the borough building. The COG's assistance provided the grant money to our Borough.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the Tri-COG Land Banking program is awaiting for title commitments from the three properties in the Borough before they start work on them.

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

No report as meetings have been canceled.

## **11. OTHER COMMITTEES**

Ms. Bolton stated that the Allegheny County Southeast Tax Collection Committee reminded their delegates to submit their State of Financial Interest by May 1 to avoid any fines by the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission.

Mr. Vogel explained to the citizens that every year elected officials and government employees have to report their financial information to the State.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

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**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

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$158,943.35 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$157,987.85
- Sewer fund expense of \$955.50
- Refuse fund expense of \$0.00

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting 7:56 p.m.