

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
via phone  
May 11, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Jonathan Barron, 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 April 13, 2021 meeting made by Mr. Gambino.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

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

Marguerite Bolton commented on behalf of a citizen that wanted to remain anonymous. Can the trash can be emptied at the track? Mr. Evans replied that they would look into it. Ms. Sorrentino stated that they will have the trash can removed.

**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 authorize the entry into a Settlement Agreement with Brinton Apartments Penn LLC in the form and content of the Settlement Agreement dated April 28, 2021 and to issue the tax refund consistent with the Agreement. This approval is subject to the approval of the settlement by Allegheny County. The Woodland Hills School District has approved the Agreement

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept Duncan Financial Group proposal for Borough insurance and workers compensation insurance per their quotation with an annual premium no more than \$65,627.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to make a contribution to Woodland Hills EMS in the amount of \$2,350.00 for calendar year 2021. The amount of the contribution was determined at the rate of \$1.25 per resident of the Borough

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to purchase 2021 Ford Interceptor with equipment for police department for \$43,854.00 through Tri Star Motors which is a CoStar vendor

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to finance \$43,854.00 for 2021 Ford Interceptor through First National Bank at a rate of 3.65% for five years with a \$1.00 buyout

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

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**

Mr. Evans said that flags for the Borough was donated by our Solicitor. He thanked Solicitor Garvin.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

Motion to accept the resignation of Cameron Smith as laborer for Public Works Department effective May 14, 2021

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote of April 29, 2021 to advertise the vacant position of Laborer in the Public Works department.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police and EMS reports for April 2021 (see attached).

He stated that Allegheny County Council is meeting tonight and will be discussing the subject of body cameras for all police departments.

Senator Costa provided the Borough with a new State flag.

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that they will try to obtain an Acceptance of Service in lieu of Sheriff Sale for vacant lots along Wilkins Avenue for the stream bank project.

He asked Ms. Sorrentino if she heard from Go Do Go in regards to a zoning hearing. Ms. Sorrentino responded that she has not heard back as of today.

Mr. Garvin explained that a request for a private dog park was submitted. The type of business did not fit the zoning ordinance categories, so he asked them to submit a zoning hearing application. Also, he wants a hearing because he is concerned about dog noise and complaints from neighbors.

**C. ENGINEER**

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached). He asked Ms. Sorrentino for resolution to apply for grant. She stated that she will send it to him.

**3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**

Mr. Evans stated that the discussion was about redoing the firing range. Mayor Brown stated that our police do not use their firing range, but may use it if it's available and needed. Also, there were discussions about issues with Round Hill Park and the firing range location.

**4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**

No report.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Kvorjak announced that there will be 3 food trucks on May 31, 2021 for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also, she secured someone to play guitar at the walking track to play during this time. The fire department will be there to assist and she is currently trying to contact Woodland Hills EMS. The hours will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Bolton stated that she has video from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mr. Evans asked if the AMVETS have been in touch regarding their Memorial Day ceremony. Mayor Brown responded that he has not heard from them yet, but will try to contact them to confirm everything.

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

*(all ayes vote)*

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

All ayes

**15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$153,801.50 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$48,811.48
- Sewer fund expense of \$93,239.72
- Refuse fund expense of \$11,750.30

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.