

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
via phone
January 12, 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. Gambino; Ms. Yazvac; Ms. Schaffer
Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Jonathan Barron, Engineer; Cheryl Sorrentino, Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from December 8, 2020 meeting made by Ms. Yazvac.
All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

No comments.

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 apply for a TAN loan with First National Bank in the amount of \$125,000.00 with an interest rate of 2.65%

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Yazvac

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to exonerate the Tax Collector, Betty Ann Horvath, from any further collection of 2020 Borough real estate taxes effective January 1, 2021

Mr. Gambino asked about this motion. Mr. Garvin explained that Ms. Horvath is charged with collecting current taxes only. At the end of the year the taxes are now delinquent and sent to Jordan Tax Service for collection.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Evans

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

No report.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to approve Resolution 1 of 2021 increasing refuse service collection amount to \$46.00 quarterly to be billed by Jordan Tax Service

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to authorize the solicitor to file a lawsuit seeking the demolition of 973 Wilkins Avenue owned by Christopher Nieser and Mary Reed as a nuisance and dangerous structure

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

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

He stated that he responded to citizens' comments on Facebook. The citizens questioned the State Police stopping vehicles on Brinton Road. He responded that they have jurisdiction throughout the State and can stop vehicles on any road.

Citizens' comments also stated that the Borough police vehicles do not move throughout the day. He responded that he would show videos of the vehicles moving throughout the day to any citizen.

Lastly, comments by citizens were about public works department scrapping during work hours. He responded that if someone provides a photo or video of these actions that it would be addressed.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that two major tax appeals should be resolved next month. Also, he included 973 Wilkins Avenue to the agenda for demolition because he knows the owner is alive and not responding to his requests.

C. ENGINEER

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached). He added that he has met with engineers from Swissvale and Edgewood regarding the upcoming grant project.

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mayor Brown congratulated Mr. Evans on his nomination to continue as Secretary.

Mr. Evans stated that County Councilperson Macey was in attendance at the meeting. They discussed available grant money through the County for future projects. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she would look into all grant money available and apply for those that are applicable to projects in the Borough.

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. Gambino

All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$179,227.98 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$170,437.03
- Sewer fund expense of \$150.00
- Refuse fund expense of \$8,640.95

This amount includes the payment of the 2020 Tax Anticipation Note loan

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous - Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.