

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 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. Evans 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 March 10, 2020 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

No comments.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

No report.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to make a contribution to Woodland Hills EMS in the amount of \$2,350.00 for calendar year 2020. The amount of the contribution was determined at the rate of \$1.25 per resident of the Borough

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt Resolution 1 of 2020 authorizing the entry into a three-year agreement with the North Braddock Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services for the Borough for the fixed annual amount of \$18,000 in the form and content of the Agreement attached as Exhibit “A” to the Resolution.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Motion to engage the services of the Cohen Law Group to negotiate new Cable Television and Internet Franchise Agreements with Comcast and Verizon for a total payment of \$9,660 to be billed in three installments

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Motion to ratify phone vote on April 8, 2020 to adopt a Concurring Resolution to submit a Gaming Economic Development Tourist Fund grant application in the amount of \$37,085.00 for fence replacement at walking track and LED sign for Borough Building

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to ratify the March 19, 2020 phone vote to engage State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 for 1 to 4 hours service and \$250 per hour for additional hours to include crew, inspection equipment, video and data DVD, typed reports and safety equipment to televise a storm sewer line that goes from a catch basin on Cross Street to a sink hole.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to exercise second year option with Cargill for one-year term ending June 30, 2021 for winter salt supply at the stated adjusted bid price of \$79.30 per ton

Solicitor Garvin asked if the contract was through South Hills Area Council of Governments. Ms. Sorrentino replied yes.

Solicitor Garvin asked if there were issues meeting the minimum required amount for the 2019-2020 season. Ms. Sorrentino replied that we were able to meet the minimum amount and store it in the salt shed. The Borough will order a much smaller amount for the 2020-2021 season, so it will save us money next year.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. **REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

A. **MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police report for March 2020 (see attached). He stated the following events as items of interest:

- One fire call on March 19 at Brinton apartments. It was a kitchen fire and nobody was home at the time. No injuries were reported. He commended the fire departments involved as the Corona Virus outbreak started on March 16, but there was still a good number of firefighters for this emergency.
- All events were canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic

B. **SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin stated that there were discussions regarding the period for face value Borough taxes through August 31. There is currently a Bill (Senate Bill No. 841) that addresses taxes. It is currently in legislation and awaiting approval from the House as Senate has already approved it. He suggested that Council wait until next month to act on this.

He spoke with Jordan Tax Service regarding Borough taxes, and they stated that eighty to eighty-five percent of taxes are paid during discount period by escrow through mortgage companies. This bill will address residents that don't have mortgages.

Mr. Garvin acknowledged Cheryl Sorrentino for working diligently to keep things together and thanked her.

C. **ENGINEER**

Report was read by Engineer Barron (see attached).

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

No report.

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

No report.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kvorjak stated that there was a pothole located on McKelvey Road. Ms. Yazvac added there was a pothole on Newton Street.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that Public Works has been keeping track of potholes in the Borough but she will let them know of these ones. They are waiting for hot patch to be available for purchase and then they will begin repairing potholes.

7. 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 \$60,881.10 TO INCLUDE:

- General fund expenses of \$31,041.33
- Sewer fund expense of \$235.64
- Refuse fund expense of \$29,604.13

Motion – Mr. Evans

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.