

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Gambino, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Kvorjak  
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 June 14, 2022 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.  
All ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

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

Kevin Connelly, 1418 Brinton Road – Mr. Connelly asked if we have a receipt for the fence that was removed. Ms. Sorrentino stated that receipts and money for scrapping was received and witnessed by Tax Collector Betty Ann Horvath. He asked about the steps being fixed. Ms. Sorrentino replied that they are aware of the issues and they will be fixed. He said that there is a mess by the fence. Mr. Evans said they would look into it.

Sean Skelley, 2820 McKelvey Road – Mr. Skelley thanked the Borough for responding to the road issues and repairing them. He asked for council to look into the Borough Ordinance regarding street openings. Mr. Brown responded that it was discussed prior to the regular meeting and they plan on making changes.

Mary McDermott, 1098 Brinton Road – Ms. McDermott asked when the trial period for the “No Left Turn” on McKelvey Road would conclude and what decision was made. Ms. Kvorjak stated that drivers still continued to make a left turn and ignored the sign. Mr. Garvin replied that they will discuss the matter with Chief Dean Helinski on make a decision at the next meeting to extend, terminate or make it permanent. Also, there will be information on the Borough’s website so that residents can submit their opinion on the matter.

Shawn MacIntyre (Braddock Battlefield History Center) – Mr. MacIntyre introduced himself. He announced that he will be presenting at Braddock Hills Community Day on behalf of the Center.

Charlene Spriggs, 2800 McKelvey Road – Ms. Spriggs stated that her yard extends to the curb and there are street signs on her property. Mr. Brown replied that if the signs are in the Right of Way, then it is okay. Mr. Gambino stated that they would look into it.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Sorrentino stated that all correspondence has been distributed prior to the meeting.

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

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

- 1) Motion to transfer \$69,775.80 from the Borough's General Account with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Fund to the First National Bank General Account

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

- 1) Motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Anthony Taylor effective May 17, 2022

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to adopt Resolution 6 of 2022 authorizing the installation of speed humps on Nurnath Street on an experimental basis pursuant to Chapter 15 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 105 – Experimental Regulations

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 3) Motion to advertise the sale of the 2015 Ford Interceptor police vehicle on Municibid

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

No report.

**D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

Ms. Schaffer stated that planning continues for the upcoming Community Day. Volunteers are needed to help make the event. She stated that the committee has secured Representative Summer Lee and they will be presenting at the event. Also, Giant Eagle and Dollar Bank have committed a contribution.

**E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE**

No report.

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

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

- 1) Motion to enter into agreement with Allegheny County for municipal snow and ice removal for County roads including Wilkins Avenue and Yost Boulevard for winter seasons 2022 through 2025 for compensation totaling \$17,953.59

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to accept the bid for rock salt from Cargill, Inc. through South Hills Area Council of Governments in the primary bid amount of \$88.96 per ton for the period of August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The contract may be extended annually for up to two additional option years through June 30, 2025

Mr. Ursiny asked if they can raise the amount during the two additional years. Ms. Sorrentino responded that they can increase the amount, but council votes every year to extend the contract or opt out.

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 June 2022 (see attached). There is no fire report as there was nothing to report for the month.

He attended the Woodland Hills School District Board Meeting. Residents complained about the changes for students with special needs. He met the new superintendent, Dr. Daniel Castagna.

He attended a meeting with Chief Dean Helinski and Cheryl Sorrentino. They met with the mayors and chiefs of Edgewood and Swissvale.

They discussed the possibility of merging police departments. He stated that there is a lack of personnel and departments met to discuss if there is any interest in merging. Mr. Gambino noted that he is not for it.

**B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

Mr. Garvin followed up to the mayor's discussion. He added that the problem is country-wide. He asked about involving the State if it's decided to pursue the merger. Ms. Sorrentino replied that she would request Michael Foreman of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to assist with the process.

**C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON**

Report was read by Mr. Barron (see attached).

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

No report.

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

No report.

**5. OTHER COMMITTEES**

No report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Bolton announced that she was selected to go to Philadelphia to meet Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Also, Talk Magazine is hosting a round table discussion in Harrisburg for African-Americans, Latinos, and Hispanics. If anyone is interested, there will be free transportation provided, but you must register.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she would post the information on the Borough's website.

**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 ON THE CHECK DETAIL LISTS**

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.