

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Evans, President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gambino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Gambino, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; 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 December 14, 2021 meeting made by Ms. Kvorjak
All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Dan Turner, 2813 McKelvey Road – Mr. Turner asked why it took so long for the streets to be salted.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the Public Works department is having issues with the equipment and that the employees were missing work due to illness and each time they are sick they are tested for Covid. Also, there is a newer employee that is still learning winter maintenance. She noted that when she drove into work at 8:30 the streets were clear and she had no issues.

Mr. Turner asked why we are purchasing a new police vehicle.

Mr. Evans responded that we have a police vehicle that needs repairs that will cost thousands of dollars.

Diane Bradford, 420 Jackson Street – Ms. Bradford asked when her road will be fixed.

Mr. Barron stated that the Borough is rebidding the paving project and will be advertised January 20 and 27. The opening of the bids will be February 3 and plan on starting the project in March.

Ms. Bradford said her husband wanted to know if chickens can road freely in the Borough.

Ms. Sorrentino replied “no” and if a name or address is provided, she will address it with the property owner.

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 exonerate the Tax Collector, Betty Ann Horvath, from any further collection of 2021 Borough real estate taxes effective January 1, 2022

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to purchase 2022 Ford Interceptor police vehicle with equipment for \$48,325.00 and financed through First National Bank with vehicle purchased through CoStars

Ms. Sorrentino stated that one of the older vehicles has major issues and she would have to budget at least \$12,000 for repairs. Instead of budgeting repairs, a new vehicle was budgeted since the lease payment would be about the same or cheaper.

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

No report.

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

No report.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE

No report.

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY – CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to adopt Resolution 1 of 2022 authorizing the entry into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamster Local 205 for Public Works department effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 in the form and content attached to Resolution 1 of 2022 as Exhibit “A”.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. **REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

A. **MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

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

B. **SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

C. **ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON**

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

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

Mr. Evans stated that the COG wants to sale property they own at the waterfront in Homestead. They are currently gathering estimates.

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

No report, but will be attending meeting this upcoming Thursday.

5. **OTHER COMMITTEES**

Ms. Bolton stated that she receives a report of Earned Income Tax from her meeting (Allegheny Southeast Tax Collection Commission). The report lists the businesses that are making payments and she will forward the list to the Borough Manager.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Schaffer noted that she submitted a proposed schedule of events to the committee and will be sending it to all council. She announced the upcoming event is “Love from Braddock Hills” food drive to coincide with Valentine’s Day. Also, she will try to form together Easter and Earth Day.

Ms. Bolton suggested having a special event for a resident couple that have been married the longest. She stated that we find out what couple has the longest marriage and hold a special event and contact news media.

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 7:31 p.m.