

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 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; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Nance

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor (via phone); Jonathan Barron, Engineer; Cheryl Sorrentino, Manager

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2022 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny
All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

Ms. Sorrentino stated that they received bids for two paving projects that have been distributed to council and will be addressed later in the meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Diane Bradford, 420 Jackson Street – Ms. Bradford stated that her street was not listed on the agenda to be paved. Mr. Barron stated that bids for her street were awarded at the February council meeting.

Ms. Bradford asked if the Borough could take care of the trees along Park Avenue. Ms. Sorrentino responded that the employees keep track of the trees and they are not a hazard at this time. Also, the Borough does not have equipment for the Public Works Department to trim or remove them. Also, Duquesne Light does not remove all trees that are hanging on wires. They are only removed if it becomes dangerous or it affects power.

Steve Rickard (non-resident employee) – Mr. Rickard stated that he was against the policy mandating mask wearing and Covid-19 testing for unvaccinated employees. Mr. Evans stated that he has always appreciated the Public Works department.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to contribute \$1,000 to the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library for 2022

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to accept resignation of Anthony Taylor as Police Sergeant effective March 1, 2022

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Anthony Taylor as part-time patrol officer effective March 2, 2022 as per the terms and conditions of the current contract

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2022 amending Chapter 18 Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Part 2, Discharge of Waste Materials to incorporate the amended and restated pretreatment regulations adopted by ALCOSAN Resolution 2021-4 dated April 22, 2021

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise Ordinance 2 of 2022 regarding the Prohibition of Loitering and Obstruction of Private and Public Places

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer thanked and congratulated the Borough on collecting 73 pounds of food for the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

She announced that there will be a community day on September 20, 2022. It will be held at the Braddock Hills Shopping Center/Propel School. The committee held their first meeting the next meeting is scheduled March 15 at 7:30 p.m. She invited the community to attend if they are interested in helping with the event.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE

Motion to grant request for garbage fee cancelation until property is occupied for 978 Garfield Avenue due to vacancy for past two years

Motion – Ms. Nance

Seconded – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to adopt employee policy to mandate mask wearing and Covid-19 testing on a regular basis for non-vaccinated employees

Mr. Ursiny stated that the adoption of the policy should be tabled.

Motion to table the adoption of employee policy to mandate mask wearing and Covid-19 testing on a regular basis for non-vaccinated employees

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to award John D. Caruso, Inc. the paving project to include the alley located between Cross Street and Newton Road with a bid amount of \$26,810.00 to be paid for by CD Year 47 grant

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to award Independent Enterprises, Inc. the repair and paving project of McKelvey Road with a bid amount of \$68,425.00

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept the resignation of Christopher Bowser from the Public Works Department effective March 4, 2022

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify February 15, 2022 phone vote to release Christopher Bowser of all Public Works duties at 3:00 p.m. on February 15, 2022 with full pay until his resignation final date of March 4, 2022

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify February 15, 2022 phone vote to appoint Terrence Ryan as acting foreman of Public Works Department

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Terence Ryan as foreman of Public Works Department effective immediately

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise the vacant position of Laborer in the Public Works department

Motion – Ms. Schaffer

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. **REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

A. **MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police and EMS reports for February 2022 (see attached).

He stated that he has attended meeting at Allegheny County Emergency Services. They conducted their municipal quarterly training. There were updates on the 9-1-1 operators as they continue to negotiate. There is an \$18.25 million radio project underway.

Mr. Ursiny asked if the Borough applied. Mayor Brown replied yes.

All 130 municipalities adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Also, there was a presentation by Western Pennsylvania Hazardous Fusion Centers.

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**

He stated that their annual dinner meeting will be held at the end of the month.

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

Ms. Sorrentino stated that she attended the meetings in February. The latter meeting was a multiple municipal meeting and they provided updates on current projects.

5. **OTHER COMMITTEES**

Ms. Bolton stated that she attended the meeting involving 12 municipalities regarding Woodland Hills School District. She discussed the following issues and items discussed at the meeting:

- 102 students require transportation to other facilities. Transportation to other schools cost the school \$5.5 million. One student attends school near West Virginia border that costs \$2,000 per month.
- Also, there are 20 new jobs through federal grants. The grant expires in 2025. A grant allowed them to purchase chrome books for the students.
- Another issue is the use of armed security and Churchill police were not notified of this decision.
- The residents of Churchill are angry because the condition of the school is affecting their property value and sale of properties in their municipality.
- The teachers are not teaching black students and it is hurting them academically.
- They removed the Superintendent Mr. Harris and have not provided a reason.
- They are providing academic placement classes during the summer to help students.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

15. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED ON THE CHECK DETAIL LISTS

Motion – Ms. Bolton

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 7:48 p.m.