

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Mr. Gambino, Vice President; Ms. Bolton; Ms. Kvorjak; Mr. Ursiny; Ms. Schaffer

Others Present: Mr. Brown, Jr., Mayor; Robert Garvin, Solicitor; Cheryl Sorrentino, Manager

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from May 9, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

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 distributed prior to the meeting.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to purchase a half-page advertisement in the Swissvale 125th Anniversary Yearbook in the amount of \$200.00

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to ratify phone vote of May 10, 2023, to hire Sharon Charles as part-time police officer with Braddock Hills Borough Police department as per terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

Motion to advertise Ordinance 1 of 2023 amending Chapter 25, Trees, with addition of Part 2, Shade Tree Commission

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

Ms. Schaffer announced that the Community Yard Sale is June 24, 2023.

There is still time to register your address.

She thanked Mr. Garvin for the donation to Community Day by his law firm.

The committee is still meeting to organize the event this year. It will be held on September 24, 2023.

She is still working on rescheduling Clean Up Day.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON NANCE

Motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2023 to request a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Year 47 in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the possible demolition of 995 Garfield Avenue, 1127 Wilkins Avenue and 118 Center Street properties

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to submit 975 Wilkins Avenue to Tri-COG Land Bank for consideration of acquisition.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to advertise a public hearing pursuant to Ordinance 4 of 1991 to the Unknown Heirs of Edward and Frances Bernath for the Demolition of 118 Center Street

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

Motion to close a portion of McKelvey Road from addresses 2822 to 2844/2845 McKelvey Road for a block party on July 8, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to enter into agreement with Steel Rivers Council of Government for street sweeping services at \$95.00 per hour from May to October 2023 per hour as required per our MS4 Consent Decree

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept Change Order from State Pipe Services, Inc. for the raising of a manhole in the amount of \$28,660.00 to bring the total amount of the project to \$160,730.00 for the ALCOSAN Regionalization Sanitary Sewer Repairs

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept the payment request from Commonwealth Financing Authority for payment to State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$55,890.00 for CCTV inspections and work for ALCOSAN Regionalization Sanitary Sewer Repairs

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to ratify phone vote on May 23, 2023, to adopt Resolution 4 of 2023 to apply for Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant in the amount of \$173,878.72 with a municipal match of \$30,684.48 for the borough playground and sign

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police and fire reports for May 2023 (see attached).

He attended the Allegheny County Emergency Services second quarter training. The presenter, Eric Brewer, explained his views on the East Palestine train derailment. He noted that there have been different government entities involved and all have conflicting stories regarding this situation.

He attended a meeting with Mr. Evans, Chief Helinski, and Ms. Sorrentino with Swissvale Borough. He read a statement regarding police regionalization and stated that it would be posted on the borough's website.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin stated that he is moving forward with properties to be submitted for the blight grant for demolition. A legal notice will be advertised for a public hearing for one property and possible heirs. He is asking Code Enforcement Agency's building inspector, Craig McVicker, to inspect 995 Garfield Avenue and provide a report on the condition of this property.

C. ENGINEER – JONATHAN BARRON

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

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated they discussed the Whole Home Repair program. There were discussions regarding the income limit for the program. County Council Executive DeWitt Walton provided information on the income levels and how to apply.

4. THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO

Ms. Sorrentino attended the meeting. PA One Call presented and discussed the combination of projects between municipalities and utilities.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept resignation from Councilwoman Anette Nance effective June 13, 2023

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

(all ayes vote)

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Ms. Kvorjak

All ayes

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

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.