

BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Ms. Bolton; Mr. Vogel; Ms. Kvorjak; Mr. Gambino; Ms. Yazvac

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

CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED

Motion to approve minutes from March 12, 2019 meeting made by Ms. Bolton.

All Ayes

CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

COMMENTS & CRITICISMS OF CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Gene Zilko, 589 Lorraine Road – Mr. Zilko asked who maintained the sewers located in the right-of-way behind his property.

Mr. Garvin asked if it was the surface or sub-surface. Mr. Zilko stated that there were trees overgrown in the area.

Mr. Garvin stated that the borough is responsible for the sub-surface, then asked Ms. Sorrentino to look into the matter. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she would have the public works department look at the area.

Mr. Zilko stated that there is a problem with debris blowing everywhere. He stated that trash is being collected near his property. Also, he stated that Peoples Gas put in a new line on their street last year and wanted to know if they plan on doing a main line.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the utilities never notified the Borough of upcoming projects but would like to have the Borough adopt an ordinance that will provide notifications of projects, so that she can notify residents that could be affected.

Edith Jackson, 375 Virginia Avenue – Ms. Jackson stated that a tree fell on her property and public works began removal and then stopped. She contacted the Borough Manager and was told that it was her responsibility as it was on her property and she would have to have a survey done to prove it belongs to the Borough.

Ms. Jackson stated that former council member, Mr. Arthrell, told her that it fell from borough property.

Mr. Garvin asked where the tree came from in the area of her property. She replied that it came from the lot next to her property.

Mr. Garvin stated that the Borough would look into the matter and find out if the tree was on her property or along the right-of-way that belongs to the borough.

Dan Hadley, 1050 Brinton Road – Mr. Hadley introduced himself as the owner of Dad’s Pub & Grub located within the borough. He stated that he spoke to Code Enforcement Officer David Miller regarding the possibility of allowing outside seating in front of the restaurant. The seating would be in the front until a patio is built on the side of the building but wanted to talk to Council prior to contacting the LCB (PA Liquor Control Board).

Mr. Garvin asked where the seating would be in the front. Mr. Hadley stated that it would be on the sidewalk between the doors.

Ms. Kvorjak asked if curb stops would be installed to prevent vehicle accidents near the seating. Mr. Hadley replied that they would install a barrier between the seating area and parking lot.

Mr. Garvin asked if there would be outdoor entertainment. Mr. Hadley stated that there would be no entertainment and no late-night seating. The area would be used as restaurant seating.

Mr. Garvin said that he would speak with David Miller regarding the safety of roping it off and sidewalk seating prior to deciding. Mr. Hadley thanked Council for listening to his request and would await their decision.

1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

Motion to exonerate the Tax Collector, Betty Ann Horvath, from any further collection of 2018 Borough real estate taxes effective January 1, 2019

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept Duncan Financial Group proposal for Borough insurance and workers compensation insurance per their quotation with an annual premium no more than \$60,389

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to appoint Cheryl Sorrentino as the permanent Borough Manager after completing her interim appointment to the satisfaction of Council.

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Vogel

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

Motion to make a contribution to Woodland Hills EMS in the amount of \$2,350.00 for calendar year 2019. The amount of the contribution is at the rate of \$1.25 per resident of the Borough

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2019 amending Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 2 District Regulations, § 203 Permitted Uses, Table 201 of the Braddock Hills Code of Ordinances to delete Schools as a Permitted Use in the R-1 Residential and R-2 Residential Zoning Districts; amending Chapter 27 Zoning, Part 6, Definitions, §602 Specific Definitions of the Braddock Hills Code, of Ordinances to delete the term "school" from the Definition of "Community Use" and to amend Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 6, Definitions, §602 Specific Definitions of the Braddock Hills Code to provide for a definition of a "School"

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON VOGEL

Motion to amend Section 208, Zoning Ordinance, to allow chain-link fencing in a front yard.

Mr. Gambino stated that he did not feel that a chain-link fence in front yards would be aesthetically pleasing for the borough.

Council agreed to discuss the issue further at the next meeting.

Motion to table the vote for further discussion.

Motion – Mr. Vogel

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON YAZVAC

Motion to enter into agreement with David Collura for wildlife pest control for one year at a rate of \$200.00 per month

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the service would provide trapping and removal of wildlife such as raccoon, skunks, possums and other small pests. Also, it would be removal of bats and birds that are inside a home.

Only costs to citizens would be for after hours emergencies and if a trap was damaged or lost.

Motion – Ms. Yazvac

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS

No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO

No report.

8. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

Mayor read police, EMS and fire reports for March 2019 (see attached).

He attended the following meetings:

- Meeting with municipal neighbors to discuss consolidation of police departments.
- Attended Allegheny League of Municipalities conference at Seven Springs. He spoke with officials from Swissvale and Edgewood.
- Advisory Board meeting for Propel School
- Commitment to the Community meeting with Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
- Attended Steel Rivers Council of Governments Annual Dinner
- Seminar at Allegheny County Management Headquarters for First Responders and Suicides session

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

No report.

C. ENGINEER

Report was read by Robert Garvin (see attached).

9. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that he attended the Annual Dinner meeting with Mayor Brown, Ms. Bolton and Ms. Sorrentino. It was well attended by all the municipalities. He also stated that the COG has done a lot for our borough.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kvorjak reminded everyone that it was the first day of street cleaning.

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

(all ayes vote)

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Mr. Vogel.

All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$63,099.00 TO INCLUDE:**

- **General fund expenses of \$52,839.15**
- **Sewer fund expense of \$608.00**
- **Refuse fund expense of \$9,651.85**

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 8:21 p.m.