

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 9, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Ursiny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

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

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED**

Motion to approve minutes from May 12, 2020 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.

All Ayes

**CALLING FOR BIDS**

Ms. Sorrentino stated that a bid was received by Sciarretti Development and Paving for Vermont Avenue project and motion will be made by Mr. Gambino

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

Diane Bradford, 420 Jackson Street – Ms. Bradford asked who on the board authorized the streets fixed in borough. Mr. Evans replied that council votes on it.

Ms. Bradford stated their road is never fixed and becomes muddy when it rains. Mr. Evans stated that Borough would have to wait for next grant to submit their road to be paved.

Ms. Bradford asked how the roads were chosen as they pay taxes. Ms. Sorrentino explained that Mr. Charles Arthrell chose the roads for the current paving project as she told Ms. Bradford's husband earlier this day. Also Ms. Sorrentino stated that the public works department, engineer and herself on compiling a list of roads in the borough and will be prioritizing them for upcoming grants.

Mr. Evans stated that he agrees that the road should be paved and Mr. Ursiny stated that the Borough's engineer will look at the road.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was passed out prior to meeting.

**1. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

No report.

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

Motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Thomas Weaver effective June 1, 2020

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**C. ZONING – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

Motion to ratify phone vote on May 29, 2020 to accept proposed Change Order from El Grande Industries, Inc. for labor and materials in the amount of \$32,975.00 for base repairs to McKinley Street. The necessity for base repairs was only discovered after they milled existing top coat.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

Motion to accept bid from Sciarretti Site Development and Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$61,935.26 for the Vermont Avenue project. This will be paid through a grant from Allegheny County Conservation District.

Mr. Garvin asked if Borough advertised bids for this project. Ms. Sorrentino replied that they did and the bid received approval from Allegheny County Conservation District.

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Mr. Ursiny

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

2. **REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

A. **MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor read police, fire and EMS reports for May 2020 (see attached). He stated the following events as items of interest:

- In response to Al Kvorjak’s comments at the May meeting, he stated that he spoke with the police chiefs of Swissvale and Braddock Hills regarding the need for more patrolling. They responded that Swissvale Borough would patrol more. Mayor Brown also noted that unmarked vehicles have been used to patrol.
- Attended Memorial Day Services on May 25 with Mr. Evans that were coordinated by Amvets Post 60. He attended all sites involved in the services that morning. He thanked Cassie Shaffer, Arla Edwards, Colleen Antantis, and Dan Turner for planting flowers at the memorial.
- Attended phone conference with Cheryl Sorrentino, Senator Jay Costa, and representatives from Pittsburgh Regional Alliance and Chamber of Commerce regarding property located at 1001 Brinton Road. The Borough would like to show the property to Zoom as a possible business to purchase the building. If Zoom is not interested, then possibly another business. He noted that Senator Costa was a good advocate during the meeting for the Borough.

B. **SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No comment.

C. **ENGINEER**

Report was read by Engineer Coffman (see attached).

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

Mr. Evans stated that there was a grant available this year. Mayor Brown stated that the grant was for demolition and Borough is gathering list of potential properties.

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

No report.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to approve entering into a Settlement Agreement with Kratzenberg and Associates, Inc. relative to claims made in litigation filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania at GD-19-015234 in accordance with the terms of the proposed Agreement and in a form acceptable to the Solicitor.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Gambino – yes

Ms. Bolton – no

Ms. Kvorjak – yes

Ms. Schaffer – yes  
Mr. Ursiny – yes  
Mr. Evans – yes  
Yes – 5, No – 1; Motion Carried

7. **CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT AS POSTED**  
**(all ayes vote)**

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Mr. Ursiny.  
All ayes

**CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE TOTAL**  
**AMOUNT OF \$76,673.86 TO INCLUDE:**

- General fund expenses of \$64,985.29
  - Sewer fund expense of \$2,602.00
  - Refuse fund expense of \$9,086.57
- Motion – Mr. Ursiny  
Seconded – Mr. Gambino  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.