

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 12, 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**

Ms. Kvorjak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

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

**1. CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS POSTED (all ayes vote)**

Motion to approve minutes from August 8, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Ursiny.  
All ayes

**2. CALLING FOR BIDS**

No bids.

**3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)**

DeWitt Walton, Allegheny County Council – Councilperson Walton wanted to announce that if any constituent needs his assistance, they are free to contact his office.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Passed out prior to meeting.

**5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON**

1) Motion to apply to FNB Equipment Finance to finance \$43,819.00 for Public Works truck and equipment

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY**

- 1) Motion to ratify phone vote of September 5, 2023 to accept quote from Security Systems of America in the amount of \$7,376.00 for the purchase and installation of security doors, video cameras, monitors, key fobs, and other accessories as needed for the borough administration building

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to enter into Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to provide assistance with police regionalization of Braddock Hills and Swissvale  
NOTE: This is only to provide assistance to the boroughs as a consultant and does not commit Braddock Hills to regionalize its police department.

Motion – Mr. Ursiny

Seconded – Mr. Gambino

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

**C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK**

No report.

**D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER**

Ms. Schaffer announced that Community Day is Saturday, September 16. She asked council to invite their neighbors to this year's event. Also, she thanked Cheryl Sorrentino for her assistance in organizing it this year.

**E. HEALTH & SANITATION – PAMELA LANG**

Ms. Lang reported that she is looking into a complaint regarding a trash issue on McKinley Avenue.

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

No report.

**G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON GAMBINO**

- 1) Motion to adopt Resolution 9 of 2023 to enter into agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for municipal snow and ice removal for Brinton Road for 2023-2024 winter season for compensation totaling \$1,676.80

Motion – Mr. Gambino

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to ratify phone vote of August 15, 2023 to hire Anthony Crystal as Public Works laborer to start Monday, August 21, 2023 as per current terms and conditions of the contract  
Motion – Mr. Gambino  
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
- 3) Motion to purchase Ford F-550 from McCandless Ford, a CoStar vendor, for \$52,805  
Motion – Mr. Gambino  
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
- 4) Motion to purchase snow removal equipment from Zoresco Equipment Company, a CoStar vendor, in the amount of \$34,833.00  
Motion – Mr. Gambino  
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
- 5) Motion to advertise the sale of Ford 2010 Ford F-550 on Municibid with a starting bid at \$500.00  
Motion – Mr. Gambino  
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

## 6. **REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

### A. **MAYOR – JOHN BROWN**

Mayor Brown read the police, fire and EMS reports for August 2023 (see attached). Also, he made following announcements:

- Attended the Steel Rivers Council of Governments meeting with Mr. Evans
- Attended Woodland Hills EMS Board meeting
- Attended Allegheny County Emergency Services quarterly training
- Attended Central Catholic High School 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion
- Condolences to loved ones of Richard Toomey

### B. **SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN**

No report.

### C. **ENGINEER**

Mr. Barron read the engineer's report for June 2023 (see attached). Also, he discussed the sinkhole located at 1074 Brinton Road. It has been televised and he is in contact with contractors to repair it as soon as possible.

7. **REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS**  
He reported that home owners can contact Action Housing for home repairs as they might qualify for their program.
8. **THREE RIVERS WET WEATHER: CHERYL SORRENTINO**  
Ms. Sorrentino stated that Braddock Hills hosted a multi-municipal meeting.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
No report.
10. **NEW BUSINESS**  
No report.
11. **CALLING FOR APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT AS POSTED**  
**(all ayes vote)**  
Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Mr. Ursiny.  
All ayes
12. **CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE LIST OF BILLS**  
Motion – Mr. Gambino  
Seconded – Mr. Ursiny  
Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried
13. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**  
Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.