

**BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HILLS
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Evans President of Council, called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mohan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Council Present: Mr. Evans, President; Ms. Bolton; Ms. Kvorjak; Ms. Schaffer; Ms. Lang; Mr. Mohan

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

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

Motion to approve minutes from October 8, 2024 meeting made by Ms. Kvorjak.
All ayes

2. CALLING FOR BIDS

No bids.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (6 minutes each)

Angela Hood, 2844 McKelvey Road – Ms. Hood inquired about a Facebook post by State Representative Abigail Salisbury regarding a grant. She asked why the Borough did not apply for the grant.

Mayor Brown stated that the Borough did apply for other grants, although it did not apply for the Local Share Account (LSA) grant.

Mr. Barron added that it is a very competitive grant and not guaranteed money.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that the Borough did receive several grants and had many projects throughout the year including some that are still not completed. More discussions followed.

Ms. Schaffer thanked the residents for attending the meetings and Council welcomes their inquiries.

Ms. Hood asked if the Borough could be more transparent in regards to grants.

Ms. Sorrentino stated that they were included in the last newsletter, they discuss it at every Council meeting, and posted on their website.

Ms. Hood asked if it could be included on Facebook. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she will not post on Facebook, and all updates will be on the website.

DeWitt Walton, Allegheny County Executive Council – Mr. Walton stated that he wanted to present two items:

- 1) He stated that he wrote a letter of support for the paving project of Park Avenue. Unfortunately, this project was not on the final list for the GEDTF (Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund) grant. He expressed his frustration on this decision and will work on finding money for this project.
- 2) He discussed the Allegheny County millage increase. He asked the Borough officials how they would like him to respond. Ms. Schaffer stated that they may need to have an internal discussion prior to their response. Mr. Walton answered that it is needed in the next few days. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she would ask Council and Mayor Brown to email their concerns and she will produce a letter to be signed by either Mr. Evans or Mayor Brown on behalf of Council. This letter will be submitted to Mr. Walton by the end of the week.

Karen Lyons, 21 Ridge Road – Ms. Lyons inquired about the repair of a basin on her road. Mr. Barron stated that it is part of the upcoming storm sewer project as part of the ARPA grant received.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Passed out prior to meeting.

5. REPORT OF BOROUGH COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE – CHAIRPERSON BOLTON

- 1) Motion to advertise the availability of the 2025 budgets

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Second – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

- 2) Motion to advertise Ordinance 4 of 2024 establishing real estate tax millage at 9.4 mills

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Second – Ms. Kvorjak

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

- 3) Motion to apply for TAN loan in the amount of \$125,000.00 at an interest rate of 5.36 percent

Motion – Ms. Bolton

Second – Ms. Schaffer

Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIRPERSON URSINY

No report.

C. ZONING & ORDINANCES – CHAIRPERSON KVORJAK

1) Motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2024 for the addition of Part 7, Entitled “Noise” to provide regulations of noise in the Borough and provide penalties for violations

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Second – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

Ms. Bolton asked if it included the July 4 holiday. Mr. Garvin responded that the July 4 and New Year holidays are excluded.

2) Motion to advertise Ordinance 3 of 2024 repealing sections 101 to 115 of Chapter 21, Streets and Sidewalks, Part 1, Opening and Cutting of Streets and replacing the same with revised requirements relative to opening and cutting of streets in the Borough

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak
Second – Ms. Bolton
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

D. COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIRPERSON SCHAFFER

2024 Holiday Party to be held on Saturday, December 14 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center on Columbia Avenue. There will be a visit from Santa, refreshments, door prizes, activities for kids and adults, and sing-along outside (weather permitting). Also, there will be an ugly sweater contest added this year. Volunteers and donations for this event will be welcomed. Next meeting will be held via zoom on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Also, she announced the annual Holiday Decoration Contest and welcome any suggestions for judges this year. This is open to all Borough homes that are decorated. Judging will take place on the evening of December 19 and winners will be announced on the Borough’s website the next day.

E. HEALTH & SANITATION – CHAIRPERSON LANG

1) Motion to adopt Resolution 8 of 2024 increasing refuse service collection amount to \$61.50 quarterly to be billed by Jordan Tax Service

Motion – Ms. Lang
Second – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

2) Motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$81,077 from Verardi Landscapes, contingent upon their provided references, for the stormwater project throughout the Borough

Motion – Ms. Lang
Second – Ms. Kvorjak
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

F. BUILDINGS & BOROUGH PROPERTY –CHAIRPERSON EVANS
No report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS – CHAIRPERSON MOHAN

- 1) Motion to adopt Resolution 9 of 2024 to submit a Local Share Account grant application for paving projects within the Borough
Motion – Mr. Mohan
Second – Ms. Schaffer
Roll Call – Unanimous – Carried

6. REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

A. MAYOR – JOHN BROWN

He read the police, fire and EMS reports for October 2024 (see attached).

He attended the following events:

- Woodland Hills EMS board meeting.

He thanked Ms. Sorrentino and Public Works department for their assistance with authenticating the voting machines.

He discussed the Mayors' Charitable Fund event to be held next month. Also, U.S. Steel donated turkeys. More information will be forthcoming on how to obtain a turkey if needed.

B. SOLICITOR – ROBERT GARVIN

Mr. Garvin thanks Mr. Barron and Ms. Sorrentino for their assistance on developing Ordinance 3 of 2024 regarding street openings.
He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

C. ENGINEER – JON BARRON

Mr. Barron read his report (see attached).

7. REPORT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: CHAIRPERSON EVANS

Mr. Evans stated that there was a speaker from the Audubon Society at the previous meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Evans stated his frustration with illegal dumping in the Borough. He stated that furniture was dumped on Park Avenue. In the past, there has been construction materials illegally dumped in the Borough.

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

(all ayes vote)

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

All ayes

12. CALLING FOR APPROVAL TO PAY ALL BILLS AS POSTED IN THE LIST OF BILLS

Motion – Ms. Kvorjak

Seconded – Ms. Bolton

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous – Carried

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

Mr. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.