

# **NORTH BRADDOCK MEETING AGENDA MARCH 15, 2022**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

FOP indicating intent to negotiate the part time police contract  
Enterprise Zone monthly report  
Tax Collectors report  
T White reporting a tree threatening properties at Coalmont & Benton  
Engineers monthly report

## **MINUTES**

That the Minutes from the Borough Council meeting held February 15, 2022, are approved as printed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. That the Resolution approving and authorizing execution of TAN documents is approved.
2. That the payrolls dated 2-9 & 2-24-22 are ratified and approved for payment.
5. That the bills approved by the respective chairperson are approved for payment.

2019 BUDGET  
\$3,344,600

YTD EXPENDITURES  
\$400,703

BALANCE  
\$2,943,898

REORGANIZATION

The newly elected Council members and mayor are sworn in to office by the District Justice and present certificates of elections/oaths of office to the Borough Secretary and take their seats.

THE MAYOR OCCUPIES THE CHAIR AND PRESIDES OVER COUNCIL AS " PRESIDENT PRO TEM".

THE MAYOR REQUESTS A ROLL CALL OF THE SEATED COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL

On a Roll Call: Giles, Breaston, Nigro, Franklin, Parker, Ruiz, Sepesy, Vargo and Vahosky were present.

RESULTS OF ROLL CALL

(8) Present  
(0) Absent

The Mayor now DECLARES that a motion is in order for REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL as REQUIRED BY LAW.

THE MAYOR REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Councilor Breaston was nominated for Pres. of Council by Councilor Sepesy

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Councilor Franklin was nominated for Pres. of Council by Vicki Vargo

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ROLL CALL VOTE

On a Roll Call Vote: Breaston, Nigro, Sepesy and Vahosky voted yes for Councilor Breaston. Councilor Giles, Franklin, Parker, Ruiz and Vargo voted NO.

RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE

(4) Yeas  
(5) Nays

ROLL CALL VOTE

On a Roll Call Vote; Giles, Franklin, Parker, Ruiz and Vargo voted yes for Councilor Franklin. Councilors Breaston, Nigro, Sepesy and Vahosky voted NO.

RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE

(5) Yeas  
(4) Nays

MOVED that Lisa Franklin be elected President of Council (Following this election the Mayor presents the gavel to the newly elected PRESIDENT AND RETIRES AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM).

Pres. Franklin

President of Council Franklin acknowledged Mayor Lee as 1st African American Mayor of North Braddock, Council Member Ruiz 1st Latina Council member in North Braddock and the new Council includes five female members.

OTHER NOMINATIONS

Pres. of Council asks for V. Pres. nominations

Pres. Franklin requested nominations for Vice President.

Councilor Vahosky nominates Council member VARGO

Councilor Sepesy nominates Council member BREASTON

ROLL CALL VOTE

On a Roll Call Vote: Franklin, Parker, Ruiz, Vargo, Giles and Vahosky voted yes for Council Member Vargo. Councilors Breaston, Nigro and Sepesy voted NO.

RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE

(6) Yeas  
(3) Nays

On a Roll Call Vote: Breaston, Nigro and Sepesy voted Yes for Council Members Breaston. Councilors Giles, Franklin, Parker, Ruiz, Vargo and Vahosky voted No.

RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE

(3) Yeas  
(6) Nays

Council Member Vargo nominated Douglas P. Marguriet for Secretary- Manager.

MOTION CARRIED

Vargo-Sepesy--That Bacharach & Michel be appointed Borough Solicitor.

MOTION CARRIED

Vahosky-Sepesy--That PNC be appointed Borough Depository.

MOTION CARRIED

Sepesy-Breaston--Moved that Glenn Engineering & Assoc. be nominated for Borough Engineer.

MOTION CARRIED

Table nominations for Vacancy Board & TCVCOG

Vargo-Parker--Table nominations to the VACANCY BOARD and TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

MOTION CARRIED

Borough Meetings

Vargo-Parker--Moved that the regular meetings of Borough Council are scheduled for the third TUESDAY of every month at 7:00 PM prevailing time & Council workshop are scheduled for 6:00 PM prior to every Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURN

Breaston-Parker--That the REORGANIZATION MEETING be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL  
 A regular monthly meeting of North Braddock was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street, North Braddock, PA on January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Giles, Breaston, Nigro, Parker, Ruiz, Sepesy, Vargo, Vahosky and Franklin. Mayor Lee was also present.

Invocation by Pastor Cole

Presentation  
 Rachael Afolabi, Director Paradigm Innovations proposal to upgrade website. Ms. Afolabi volunteered her service to upgrade the Borough website without compensation for six (6) months.

Minutes  
 Breaston-Parker--That the minutes from the Borough Council meeting held December 21, 2021 are approved as printed.  
 MOTION CARRIED

Communications

Pres. of Council Franklin  
 Pres. Franklin committee assignments

Keystone Collections  
 Keystone Collections indicated 2021 delinquent tax collection totaled \$159,211.72

Tax Collector  
 December report

Turtle Creek Valley COG  
 Notice of the Annual Dinner scheduled for 02/25/2022 at Edgewood Country Club

Woodland Hills Consortium of Communities  
 Notice of meeting on January 18, 2022 at the Wilkins Center

Glenn Engineering & Assoc.  
 Monthly report

Suspend Rules of Council  
 Sepesy-Breaston--That the regular rules of Council be suspended to let those in the audience who wish to address Council do so.  
 MOTION CARRIED

Citizens Addressing Council

N. Van Patter  
 Baldrige Avenue  
 Advised his Art Exhibit of North Braddock and its residents is scheduled the 1st week in August.

Return to Regular Order of Business  
 Sepesy-Parker--That the Council return to the regular order of business.  
 MOTION CARRIED

Council Comments  
 Council member Parker reported overtime in the police department due to scheduling issues.

President Franklin presented Council Assignments to committees as follows:  
 Parks & Recreation - Breaston/Parker/Vahosky  
 Finance - Vargo/Nigro/Franklin  
 Police - Vargo, Breaston/Ruiz  
 Streets & Sewers & Refuse - Nigro/Sepesy/Giles  
 Legal Claims - Vahosky & Sepesy  
 Communications & Hospitality - Ruiz/Parker/Giles  
 Fire - Sepesy

NEW BUSINESS

Approve agreement with SEIU  
 Vahosky-Nigro--That the collective bargaining Agreement between the Borough and the non-uniformed employee bargaining unit (SEIU) providing a \$1.00 per hr. wage increase in 2022 be approved.  
 MOTION CARRIED

Approve subdivision plan submitted by Denise Moore  
 Breaston-Giles--That the simple subdivision plan submitted by property owner Denise Moore creating two (2) conforming lots out of tax parcel 301-N-46 reviewed by the Zoning Officer and approved by the Borough engineer is approved by Borough Council.  
 MOTION CARRIED

Approve lot consolidation submitted by Ed Opat  
 Vargo-Barker--that the lot consolidation plan submitted by property owner Ed Opat combining tax parcel 301-N-288 & 301-N-289 into one lot reviewed by the Zoning Officer and approved by the Borough engineer is approved by Borough Council.  
 MOTION CARRIED

Appoint TCVCOG delegate  
 Borough Delegate to Turtle Creek Valley Council of Government  
 Council member Vargo nominates Giles Roll Call Vote  
 Council member Sepesy nominates Breaston

ROLL CALL VOTE BREASTON  
 On a Roll Call Vote: Breaston, Nigro, Parker, Sepesy and Vahosky voted for BREASTON  
 Giles, Ruiz, Vargo and Franklin voted against BREASTON  
 RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE  
 (5) Yeas  
 (4) Nays

ROLL CALL VOTE GILES  
 On a Roll Call Vote: Giles, Ruiz, Vargo and Franklin voted yes for GILES  
 Breaston, Nigro, Parker, Sepesy and Vahosky voted no for GILES  
 RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE  
 (4) Yeas  
 (5) Nays

Alternate Delegate to TCVCOG  
 Borough Alternate Delegate to TCVCOG  
 Council member Vahosky nominates Sepesy  
 Council member Ruiz nominates Giles

ROLL CALL VOTE SEPESEY  
 On a Roll Call Vote: Sepesy, Nigro, Breaston and Vahosky voted yes for Sepesy  
 Giles, Parker, Ruiz, Vargo and Franklin voted no for Sepesy  
 RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE  
 (4) Yeas  
 (5) Nays

ROLL CALL VOTE GILES  
 On a Roll Call Vote: Giles, Parker, Ruiz, Vargo and Franklin voted yes for Giles  
 Sepesy, Nigro, Breaston and Vahosky voted nay for Giles  
 RESULTS OF ROLL CALL VOTE: (5) Yeas (4) Nays

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Enterprise Zone Delegate	Borough delegate to Enterprize Zone Corp. of Braddock Council member Vargo nominates Ruiz MOTION CARRIED
Borough Representative to Land Bank	Borough Rep. to the Land Bank Council member Ruiz nominates Giles MOTION CARRIED
Alternate delegate to Land Bank	Borough alternate delegate to the Land Bank Councilor Breaston nominates Parker <u>Parker withdraws</u> Councilor Vahosky nominates Franklin MOTION CARRIED
Mayor Lee Ratify Payrolls	Reported 388 calls for the month Breaston-Sepesy--That the payrolls dated December 1st, December 15th and December 29, 2021 are ratified and approved. MOTION CARRIED
Bills Payable	Check #9274 thru #9327
atify Bills	Sepesy-Giles--That the bills approved by the respective chairperson be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED
ADJOURN	Breaston-Sepesy--That the Council meeting be adjourned to the call of the chair. MOTION CARRIED

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Douglas P. Marguriet  
Secretary