February 15, 2022 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

A regular monthly meeting of North Braddock was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street, North Braddock, PA 15104 on February 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Breaston, Giles, Nigro, Parker, Ruiz, Sepesy, Vahosky, Vargo and Franklin. Mayor Cletus Lee was also present.

Invocation — Council Member Giles

Minutes — Sepesy-Vargo--That the minutes from the January 3rd and January 18, 2022 reorganization and regular meetings are approved as printed.
MOTION CARRIED

Presentation
Jayme Matkozich
J.A. Ritter Co, — Ritter discussed with Council a Green Wood Recycling Program. His company can offer a yard waste recycling facility for residents and Borough Public Works.

COMMUNICATIONS

Edith Abeyta
1527 Wolfe Avenue — Interested in an open position of the Zoning Hearing Board

Nathan Van Patter
Fitzhugh Shaw — Letters intersted in Planning Commission

ALCOSAN — Notice of the Green Revitalization of Waterways (GROW)

Comcast — Notice commencing contract renewal process

Tax Collector — Report

Public Works Supt. & Chief of Police — Vehicle replacement

Glenn Engineering — Monthly report

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

D. Johnson — Complained the vacant property program is very slow and frustrating.

Return to Regular Rules of Council — Vahosky-Parker--That the Council return to regular order of business.
MOTION CARRIED

Council Comments

Mayor Lee — Mayor reported the Police Department responded to 347 calls this month. He also commented on the trash in general throughout the borough is a problem and suggested bins to contain trash bags might help solve the problem.

Pres. of Council Franklin — Discussed a Blood Drive Challenge program scheduled June 15, 2022 and encouraged Council participation. Reported the consortium of municipalities formed to review school district activities is asking municipalities to issue a statement opposing the temporary appointment of a school superintendent following comments made by parents at a recent school board meeting considering the appointment.

Reported she and Council member Ruiz are working on a project to train local residents to work on demolition projects and develop landscaping skills to improve the appearance of abandoned lots and demo sites throughout the Borough. They are pursing a grant to fund part or all of the project costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve bus shelter at 4th & Hawkins — Sepesy-Parker--That the AGREEMENT between the BOROUGH and the ALLEGHENY COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY to install a bus shelter at Fourth Street & Hawkins Avenue is approved.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve TAN loan in amt. $200,000.00 — Breaston-Sepesy--That the proposal from PNC to provide a 2022 Tax Anticipation Loan (TAN) in the amt. $200,000 at an interest rate of 3.471% be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve renewal of PPO Bronze plan — Sepesy-Giles--That the Manager is authorized to renew UPMC Health Insurance PPO Bronze plan ($8,000 deductible) provided to non-uniformed employees.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve retirement application of Robert Monroe — Nigro-Vargo--That the retirement application requested by public works employee Robert Monroe effective May 31, 2022 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve bid for 2012 Dodge Charger in amt. $4,150 — Sepesy-Parker--That the high bid of $4,150 from CLIFTON AUTO MALL for the sale of the 2012 DODGE CHARGER patrol vehicle placed on Municibid be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve request for use of Verona St. Parklet — Vargo-Vahosky--Approving the Library's request to use the VERONA STREET PARKLET on APRIL 23, 2022.
MOTION CARRIED

Approve appointment to Zoning Hearing Board — Vargo-Ruiz--Appoint EDITH ABEYTA to the ZONING HEARING BOARD. Motion carried with Sepesy & Vahosky voting NO.
MOTION CARRIED

Appoint B Cobbs to Zoning Hearing Board — Breaston-Sepesy--To appoint B. Cobbs to the ZONING HEARING BOARD.
MOTION CARRIED

Appoint Stephen Liptak to the Planning Commission — Parker-Vargo--That Stephen Liptak be appointed to the PLANNING COMMISSION.
MOTION CARRIED

Appoint N. Van Patter to Planning Commission — Sepesy-Vargo--Appoint N. Van Patter to the Planning Commission.
MOTION CARRIED

Appoint F. Shaw to Planning Commission — Parker-Vargo--To appoint F. Shaw to the Planning Commission. Motion Carried Ruiz abstains.