

**North Braddock Borough
Borough Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Tuesday
June 20, 2023
06:30 PM**

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Roll Call:

Breaston
Giles
Nigro
Parker
Ruiz
Sepesy
Vahosky
Vargo
Franklin-Robinson

Also Present:

Mayor: Cletus Lee
Manager: Nathan 'Jay' Bish
Foreman: Jerome Sepsey
Solicitor: John Bacharach
Code Officer: David Andrews

Absent With Cause:

Agenda:

A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Parker to approve the agenda as amended.

Approved Unanimously

Minutes:

A motion was made by Ruiz and seconded by Parker that the meeting minutes from the Borough Council Meetings held May 2, 2023 and May 16, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Reports:

A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo to accept the Officer's Reports as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Ruiz Abstained

Citizens:

Ross Mitchel: Asked when Police Regionalisation would become active. Asked the reason behind the resignation of Chief Daniele

Dennis Evans: Asked several questions regarding Police Regionalisation: How many officers would be part of the Regional Police Force? How many officers would be on each shift? What is the state of the budget? How will it be governed? Will there be desk sergeants?

Mandy William: Spoke about Cleanup Day from earlier in the year. Commented on difficulties on Cleanup Day due to weather conditions and volunteer turnout. Commented on classes concerning litter and trash control. Asked about setting up another Cleanup Day with community and Borough support.

James Milton: Asked about data availability for the viability of the Regional Police Force. Asked if the Regional Police consultant had successfully regionalised other police forces in the state. Asked if the Mayor of North Braddock was involved in police regionalisation efforts. Commented on trash concern on 6th Street

Nina Burdell: Spoke about local nonprofit work. Asked citizens to participate and help with her work.



David Clayjus: Spoke on behalf of friend, Odd Eriehib, living on 1443 Bell Avenue, about recurring vehicle damage. Asked about procedures for moving street lights near house on Bell Avenue.

Temporary Adjournment:

A motion was made by Vargo and seconded by Parker by to temporarily adjourn the meeting for an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:10 PM

Approved Unanimously

A motion was made by Vargo and seconded Parker to bring the meeting back to regular order at 7:33 PM

Approved Unanimously

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Ruiz and seconded by Parker to accept the resignation of Chief Isaac Daniele from the North Braddock Police Department, effective immediately.

For (7): Giles, Franklin-Robinson, Nigro, Parker, Ruiz, Vahosky, Vargo

Against (2): Breaston, Sepesy

Motion Passed

2. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Giles to appoint Ryan Wooten as the Acting Chief of Police effective immediately.

For (6): Giles, Franklin-Robinson, Nigro, Parker, Ruiz, Vargo

Against (3): Breaston, Sepesy, Vahosky

Motion Passed

3. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Ruiz to approve and adopt **Resolution 23-04**

A RESOLUTION SEEKING GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY GREEN REVITALIZATION OF OUR WATERWAYS (GROW) PROGRAM

Approved Unanimously

4. A motion was made by Vargo and seconded by Giles to approve and adopt **Resolution 23-05**

A RESOLUTION SEEKING CDBG GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Approved Unanimously



5. A motion was made by Sepesy and seconded by Vargo to approve and adopt **Resolution 23-06**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CDBG DEMOLITION, SLUMS AND BLIGHT RESOLUTION

Approved Unanimously

6. A motion was made by Sepesy and seconded by Ruiz to amend the road salt agreement between North Braddock Borough and Cargill Inc as part of the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance.

Approved Unanimously

7. A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Vargo to begin the process of negotiations between North Braddock Borough and Margie Rehm/Jeffrey Cobbs Jr for the sale of the borough owned property at 1014 Bell Avenue.

Approved Unanimously

A motion was made by Parker and Vargo to table agenda item number 8 and 9 and reconsider those items at the next council meeting on June 27,2023

Approved Unanimously

Ruiz Abstained

8. A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 568 Stokes Avenue, Lot Block Number 301-K-221, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

9. A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 243 Hawkins Avenue, Lot Block Number 236-H-174, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

A motion was made by Sepesy and Breaston to table agenda item number 10 through 16 and reconsider those items at the next council meeting on July 18,2023

Approved Unanimously

Ruiz Abstained

10. A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 1013 4th Street , Lot Block Number 301-E-337, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled



- 11.** A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 1105 4th Street, Lot Block Number 301-E-330, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

- 12.** A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 1101 4th Street, Lot Block Number 301-E-356, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

- 13.** A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 1014 4th Street, Lot Block Number 301-E-321, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

- 14.** A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 508 Price Avenue, Lot Block Number 301-J-091, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

- 15.** A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of 712 ½ Penn Street, Lot Block Number 301-J-335, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

- 16.** A motion to acknowledge and approve of the Tri-Cog Land Bank's proposed acquisition of Lot on Penn Street, Lot Block Number 301-J-337, and direct the Borough Manager to submit all relevant documents.

Motion Tabled

- 17.** A motion was made by Breaston and seconded by Sepesy to begin the application process for the Allegheny Grows Program to Start a New Community Food Gardens with the completed application to be considered by the Council on July 18, 2023.

Approved Unanimously

- 18.** A motion was made by Sepesy and seconded by Giles to approve and implement the North Braddock Borough Police Department Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy effective June 20, 20223

Approved Unanimously

- 19.** A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo to approve and implement the North Braddock Borough Police Department Use of Force Policy effective June 20, 2023

Approved Unanimously

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20. A motion was made by Ruiz and seconded by Giles to accept the resignation of Officer Watts from the North Braddock Police Department effective June 10, 2023.

Approved Unanimously

21. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo to approve the borough payrolls and monthly bills as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Ruiz Abstained

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Sepesy and seconded by Vargo to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM

Approved Unanimously

Ruiz Abstained