

**North Braddock Borough
Borough Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Tuesday
August 20, 2024
06:30 PM**

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Roll Call:

Breaston
Giles
Nigro
Parker
Ruiz
Vahosky
Vargo
Franklin-Robinson

Also Present:

Manager: Nathan 'Jay' Bish
Foreman: Jerome Sepesy
Solicitor: Lisa Michel
Code Officer: Anthony Rydzak

Absent With Cause:

Sepesy
Mayor: Cletus Lee

Agenda:

A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Ruiz to amend the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Ruiz to add the Concurring Resolution confirming the application for a grant of funds between The Borough of North Braddock and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for grant funding in the amount of \$275,000 to the agenda.

Approved Unanimously

Minutes:

A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Parker to approve the meeting minutes from the Borough Council Meetings held July 16, 2024 as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Reports:

*Engineer's Report
Mayor's Report
Code Enforcement Report
Foreman's/ Fire Report
Tax Collector's Report
Managers/Treasurer's Report*

Citizens:

Ross Mitchell: Asked about the area that the upcoming sanitation department will serve. Commented on parking concerns for the North Braddock Little League, and stated the the Woodland Hills School District may be able to help with the parking.

Ed Green: Asked about repairs on large pothole on Preston Drive, stating he was concerned it may expand into a sinkhole and that the Borough Department of Public Works had already been on Preston Drive but didn't address the hole. Commented on excessive speeding in the Borough and specifically near his home and specifically from delivery drivers. Asked about possibility and process for adding speed bumps to combat speeding, and stated that he saw fewer police patrols.



Kate Evanchec: Commented on issue on Parklane Drive between 211 and 213 as well as 212 and 214 of the roadway being raised and water running out of the sewer grate.

Dennis Evans: Spoke about parking concerns on Bell Avenue, specifically at the intersection of Bell and Jones and in front of the Bell Avenue Fire Station. Commented on littering concerns during the North Braddock Little League games. Asked about property maintenance and upkeep about several lots on Bell avenue, stating they were unkempt and overgrown.

Mary Williams: From the Braddock Carnegie Library, spoke about the ending of the library summer programs: pop-up libraries were heavily affected by weather issues, five visits to Brinton Park for adults and children with multiple repeat visitors and seventy-six people at the Fairless Field event. Spoke about upcoming family game night being hoisted by the library on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Braddock's Battlefield History Center. And spoke about a local mother that walked her three-year-old child to every library event and was able to enroll her in the Heritage Pre-K Program.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo to advertise for four budgetary workshops to take place September 10, 2024 10AM to 12PM and 6:30PM to 8:30PM and October 8, 2024 10AM to 12PM and 6:30PM to 8:30PM.

Approved Unanimously

2. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Parker to advertise for the newly created position of Sanitation Foreman from August 23, 2024 until September 30, 2024 with a deadline to apply of 3:00 PM October 1, 2024.

Approved Unanimously

3. A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Giles to advertise for the newly created position of Sanitation Laborer from August 23, 2024 until September 30, 2024 with a deadline to apply of 3:00 PM October 1, 2024.

Approved Unanimously

4. A motion was made by Nigro and seconded by Ruiz to approve the 2024 Minimal Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan as presented.

Approved Unanimously

5. A motion was made by Nigro and seconded by Vahosky to approve the 2024 Minimal Municipal Obligation for the Non-uniform Pension Plan as presented.

Approved Unanimously

6. A motion was made by Breaston and seconded by Giles to approve and adopt **Resolution 24-06**



A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK APPROVING THAT THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF THE NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER 236-D-325 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Approved Unanimously

7. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vahosky to approve and adopt **Resolution 24-07**

A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY'S MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND TO BE USED FOR THE JONES AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Approved Unanimously

8. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Ruiz to approve and adopt **Resolution 24-08**

A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA INDICATING THE INTENT OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK TO WORK ALONG WITH THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (ACHD) AND THE TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TCVCOG) TO CREATE A CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN.

Approved Unanimously

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

Approved Unanimously

10. A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Vargo to approve and adopt the **CONCURRING RESOLUTION** confirming the application for a grant of funds between The Borough of North Braddock and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for grant funding in the amount of \$275,000.

Approved Unanimously

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Breaston to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM

Approved Unanimously