North Braddock Borough Borough Council Meeting Minutes



Tuesday July 16, 2024 06:30 PM

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Roll Call:
Breaston

Also Present:

Mayor: Cletus Lee

Giles Manager: Nathan 'Jay' Bish
Nigro Foreman: Jerome Sepesy
Parker Solicitor: Lisa Michel

Ruiz Code Officer: Anthony Rydzak

Vahosky Vargo

Franklin-Robinson Absent With Cause:

Sepesy

Agenda:

A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Giles to approve the agenda as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Minutes:

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Borough Council Meetings held June 18, 2024 as presented.

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

Against (1): Vahosky

Motion Passed

Reports:

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

Citizens:

Reva Irvin: Commented on issues of litter, blight, dumping, and pests in the Borough. Spoke about state of ongoing studies and said that there has been no action based on previous studies.

Timothy Irvin: Stated that he has lived in his home on Seddon Avenue for 30 years. Recommended to council to hire local children to do landscape work.

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Donna Brooks: Made comments about lot across the street from her home on North Avenue, stating that it was not completely emptied when it was cleaned. Asked about curfew for fireworks on July 4th celebrations and similar holidays.

Dave Yargeau: From Mon Valley Initiative. Spoke about Act 152 contract coming in for MVI's project and work will begin soon on demolition of 209-211, 325, and 327 Hawkins Avenue. Spoke about MVI having already obtained twenty-two lots in the borough, mostly through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Plan as well as ongoing work to continue to acquire more lots, mostly on Hawkins Avenue and Middle Street. Stated that there is three-million dollars of grants out for review currently to assist with new construction and approximately five-hundred thousand dollars already allocated for demolition and rehabilitation.

Dionna Rojas: Community base organizer for MVI. Asked the president of council to share her contact information with citizens concerned about blight to help work with other community organizations to help with blight remediation.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Vargo and seconded by Parker to approve and adopt Resolution 24-04
A PROCLAMATION OF NORTH BRADDOCK BOROUGH PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7, 2024
TO BE WILMA V. WALTERS DAY.

Approved Unanimously

2. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Nigro to approve and adopt Resolution 24-05 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 375-F-332 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Approved Unanimously

3. A motion was made by Breaston and seconded by Giles to approve the sponsorship to the Braddock Carnegie Library Association in the amount of \$250.00.

Approved Unanimously

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

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Approved Unanimously

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Parker to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM

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

Against (1): Vahosky

Motion Passed