North Braddock Borough Borough Council Meeting Minutes



Tuesday November 19, 2024 06:30 PM

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

| Roll Call: | Also Present: |
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| Breaston | Mayor: Cletus Lee |
| Giles | Manager: Nathan 'Jay' Bish |
| Nigro | Foreman: Jerome Sepesy |
| Parker | Solicitor: Lisa Michel |
| Ruiz | Code Officer: Anthony Rydzak |
| Sepesy | |
| Vahosky | |
| Vargo | |
| Franklin-Robinson | Absent With Cause: |

Agenda:

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

Approved Unanimously

Minutes:

A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Ruiz to approve the meeting minutes from the Borough Council Meetings held October 15th, 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:

Ed Green: Asked about updates on speed bumps on Preston Drive, stating that speeding on the street is still an issue.

Dave Yargeau: From Mon Valley Initiative; spoke about the bidding for Act 152 demolition contracts for 4 houses owned by Mon Valley Initiative on Hawkins Avenue and should be started before the end of the year. Stated that 2 additional houses on Hawkins Avenue and 2 additional houses on Middle Street have been approved for demolition and should be going up to bid soon and that renovations at 206 Hawkins Avenue have been awarded and are awaiting approval.

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New Business:

 A motion was made by Sepesy and seconded by Parker that the 2025 Preliminary General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,973,722.00 be read and advertised for public review as presented.

Approved Unanimously

 A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo that the 2025 Preliminary Refuse Fund Budget in the amount of \$731,712.00 be read and advertised for public review as presented.

Approved Unanimously

3. A motion was made by Ruiz and seconded by Sepesy that the 2025 Preliminary Sewage Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,581,806.74 be read and advertised for public review as presented.

Approved Unanimously

4. A motion that the 2025 Preliminary Liquid Fuels Fund Budget in the amount of \$.00 be read and advertised for public review as presented.

Motion Tabled

5. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Parker to advertise **Ordinance 24-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, LEVYING A REAL ESTATE TAX FOR YEAR 2025 AND FIXING THE RATE THEREOF; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO REMEDY THE INCONSISTENCY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved Unanimously

6. A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Parker to approve and adopt **Resolution 24-10**

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 374-N-55 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Approved Unanimously

7. A motion was made by Sepesy and seconded by Giles to approve and adopt **Resolution 24-11**

A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK,ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS COSTS OF COLLECTION FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNTS AND IMPOSING THE COST OF SUCH COLLECTIONS UPON THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA ACT 120.

Approved Unanimously

8. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Ruiz to approve and adopt Resolution 24-12

A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK,ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REQUESTING A STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330,0000.00 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Approved Unanimously

9. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Nigro to approve and enact the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) seven percent (7%) sewage rate increase for the fiscal year of 2025 and notify Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority of this decision.

Approved Unanimously

10. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Nigro to approve the bid by W.A. Petrakis Contracting LLC in the amount of \$679,723.75 for the O'Connell Boulevard Storm Water Sewer Separation Project.

Approved Unanimously

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11. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Vahosky to approve the TRI-COG Land Bank Proposed Property Disposition of 1172 Grandview Avenue, Braddock PA 15104 Lot Block #374-K-290.

Approved Unanimously

12. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Nigro to approve the TRI-COG Land Bank Proposed Property Disposition of 1101 4th Street, Braddock PA 15104 Lot Block #301-E-356.

Approved Unanimously

 A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Sepesy to approve the TRI-COG Land Bank Proposed Property Disposition of 1105 4th Street, Braddock PA 15104 Lot Block #301-E-330.

Approved Unanimously

14. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Vahosky to hire Andre Moore Coleman to the newly created Sanitation Laborer position at a rate of \$20.00 an Hour effective 12/9/2024.

Approved Unanimously

Breaston Abstained

15. A motion was made by Giles and seconded by Parker to hire Xavier Sepesy-McGuire to the newly created Sanitation Laborer position at a rate of \$20.00 an Hour effective 12/9/2024.

Approved Unanimously

Sepesy Abstained

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

Approved Unanimously

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Giles to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM

Approved Unanimously