

**North Braddock Borough
Borough Council Meeting
Minutes**



**Tuesday
April 15, 2024
06:30 PM**

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call:

Breaston
Giles
Nigro
Parker
Ruiz
Sepesy
Vahosky
Vargo
Franklin-Robinson

Also Present:

Mayor: Cletus Lee
Manager: Nathan 'Jay' Bish
Foreman: Jerome Sepesy
Solicitor: Lisa Michel

Absent With Cause:

Agenda:

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

Approved Unanimously

Minutes:

A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo to approve the meeting minutes from the Borough Council Meetings held March 18th 2025 as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Reports:

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

Citizens:

Mike Belaron: From Woodland Hills School District; thanked the community and borough for their support for the last fourteen years and introduced Karen Lyons.

Karen Lyons: Serving on the Woodland Hills Schools District Board; thanked borough council and community. Said she had retired from Highmark and spoke about her time there. Stated that she has family that graduated from Woodland Hills School District. Stated she wants to focus on issues that affect children, and education matters of Pennsylvania, specifically how funding affects education, especially



special needs programs. Stated that she believes that the success of the Woodland Hills School District is due to leadership that is continuing tradition. Stated she will be running in the upcoming election.

Cynthia Wallace: Stated she is running for the Woodland Hills School Board in the upcoming election. Spoke about her time as a long-time educator, teach, principal, and her time at Carlow University. Spoke about the importance of public education thanked the borough council and community for their support.

Mon Valley Initiative: Stated that the demolition on Hawkins Avenue will be starting soon. Stated that their organization volunteers will be on Middle to assist on the upcoming Borough Cleanup Day. Stated that the demolitions on Middle Street will begin after the completion on Hawkins Avenue, and said that the summer will have a significant amount of activity. Stated that eleven properties will be built and two will be rehabilitated.

Anita Gray-Tillman: Asked about the status of a house on White Way behind Jones Avenue.

Jerome C Wilson: Asked why the Borough Council did not show up to the recent town hall event held by the Mayor. Spoke on a the need for calmness in the time of transition to regional police for the borough. Stated that the borough should not have to rely on the State Police. Asked the borough Council and Mayor to work together.

Nadine Sewell: Asked about an empty lot on North Avenue. Commented on an issue with deer sitting in front of her home. Asked the council about their decision to remove the Mayor from the Regional Police Commission. Asked if she could drop off tires at the borough building on cleanup day.

Donna Brooks: Stated she had received a letter from US Steel stating that identification was needed for inclusion in a class action lawsuit. Asked why identification would be needed and stated she was wary of sending such information out. Asked about getting a trap for nuisance wildlife. Asked about the council's decision to remove the mayor from the Regional Police Commission.

Nathan Mallory: Stated he wanted to introduce himself to the community and council as a candidate for the North Braddock Borough Council from Ward Two. Stated he was open and willing to speak to members of council and borough employees. Spoke about a leadership program that will be working on cleanup day going from the basketball court in Braddock Borough.

Anita Gray-Tillman: Stated she has lived in the area for a long time and that there has been a significant amount of crime coming through her church in that time. Stated that Mayor Lee and Chief Turner have been monitoring the alley by the church, and that things have gotten safer lately. Spoke about her time at the recent town hall event hosted by Mayor Lee.

Deneen Proctor: Asked about the status of the ongoing Code Enforcement case against the owners of the property at 1637 Grandview Avenue.

Donna Vaughn: Asked about trash not being picked up from North Braddock Heights, stating that dumpsters are not being emptied and refrigerators and air-conditioning units are not being taken. Asked about issues with vehicles blocking the dumpster at the North Braddock Heights and how to resolve them. Stated that at the last North Braddock Heights board meeting that there were several comments about the placement and positioning of the dumpsters at North Braddock Heights. Asked about alternatives to dispose of hard-to-recycle items.



New Business:

1. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vahosky to approve and adopt **Resolution 25-02**

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 302-B-136 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Approved Unanimously

2. A motion to remove Cletus Lee as a member of the Eastern Regional Mon Valley Police Commission effective April 15, 2025.

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

Against(2): Sepesy, Breaston,

Motion Carried

3. A motion was made by Franklin-Robinson and seconded by Vargo to nominate Theresa Parker as a member of the Eastern Regional Mon Valley Police Commission effective April 15, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

For(5): Franklin-Robinson, Vargo, Vahosky, Nigro, Giles

Against(3): Sepesy, Breaston, Ruiz

Motion Carried

4. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Vargo to approve and adopt **Resolution 25-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK AS LIAISON TO THE EASTERN REGIONAL MON VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

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Against(2): Sepesy, Breaston,

Motion Carried

5. A motion was made by Vargo and second by Sepesy to approve the borough payrolls and monthly bills as presented.

Approved Unanimously

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Ruiz to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM

Approved Unanimously