



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
Deputy Manager: Cory Ruff
DPW Director: Jerome Sepesy
Code Officer: Anthony Rydzak
Solicitor: Lisa Michel

Absent With Cause:

Sepesy
Mayor: Cletus Lee

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 Vargo and seconded by Parker to approve the meeting minutes from the Borough Council Meetings held June 17th 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:

Mark Chiob: From MVI. Asked about the status of a tax forgiveness motion for a property on Hawkins, stating it is necessary to acquire the property.

Nathan Mallory: Council-member elect; spoke about the need for recruiting people for the borough zoning board and planning commission and his professional experience in zoning and building code work



and the potential for the borough there. Stated he is willing to dig into the necessary work to help the boards.

Shavonne Lowry: Stated she was gifted a home on Hawkins Avenue and wants to get funding to help rehabilitate the home. Asked about possible avenues for getting assistance for the rehabilitation.

New Business:

1. A motion was made by Parker and seconded by Ruiz to approve **Resolution 25-05**

A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH BRADDOCK APPROVING THAT THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF NUMEROUS PARCELS OF VACANT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK AND LOT NUMBERS 374-N-54 WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY

Approved Unanimously

2. A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Giles to approve the WINTER SERVICES AGREEMENT between the Borough of North Braddock and Allegheny County from November 1 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Approved Unanimously

3. A motion was made by Breaston and seconded by Parker to contribute \$7,540.00 in matching funds to Grounded Strategies and NEBRS for the completion of the Codesign and Cohort Project.

President Franklin-Robinson requested Fitzhugh Shaw, a representative from NEBRS to speak on the motion:

Fitzhugh Shaw: Stated that the project is funded by the Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit organization that supports public land initiatives in communities similar to this one. He reported that the Trust has awarded the NEBRS group \$30,000 to begin developing a planning process focused on community engagement regarding the development and use of green spaces and vacant lots. Stated that, following the development of the project budget, an estimated funding shortfall of approximately \$15,000 was identified. He noted that the Heinz Foundation has offered to match any contribution made by the Borough. Explained that the requested funding from the Borough would support the creation of a community-informed plan and process, developed with the input of local residents and supported by expert consultants. He emphasized



that the project aims to bridge procedural and engagement differences among various community groups, with the final plan to be submitted to Borough Council for consideration.

Yay: (2) Breaston, Nigro

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (6) Franklin-Robinson, Parker, Vahosky, Vargo, Ruiz, Giles

Motion Tabled

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

Approved Unanimously

Temporary Adjournment:

A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Giles to temporarily adjourn the meeting for an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:47 PM

Approved Unanimously

A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Parker to bring the meeting back to regular order at 8:27 PM

Approved Unanimously

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Vahosky and seconded by Giles to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM

Approved Unanimously