

Minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting

7:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**Borough Council Chamber, Municipal Building
415 Sixth Street, Braddock Pennsylvania**

Meeting was called to order by President of Council, Tina Doose

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:

The following were present: President Tina Doose, Vice-President George Gilmore, Councilman Kevin Henderson, Councilman Robert Parker, Councilman Lorne Berry, Councilwoman Charlotte Clark, Solicitor Peter Halesy, Glenn Engineer Joe Dursa, Police Chief Frank DeBartolo, Borough Manager Deborah Brown, and Treasurer Eileen Navish. Absent Mayor John Fetterman, Jr. Councilman Nathan Barnes and solicitor Falco Muscante

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President, Tina Doose led the pledge of allegiance. Invocation Rev. Milton Alston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by, Mr. Parker second by, Mr. Gilmore to approve the minutes of the legislative Council meeting held March 8, 2016. VOTE: 6-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rev. Alston from Apostolic Church on 518 Braddock Avenue provided a long list of reasons the Borough Council should not approve the amended Drinking Ordinance: because of previous negative activity during the special event that have been held, also doesn't feel there has been sufficient police presence to handle the crowds, as well as drinking on the church property. Lisa Alston, Janet Moses, James Kidd echoed the same sentiments.

Delores Scales lives on Fourth Street in Braddock and there have been several attempted break-ins on the street and wanted to know what can be done and if the police are aware of it. There is light out on Fourth Street and the alley is very dark, it would help if that was replaced. A neighborhood phone change was suggested and the chief, recommended anytime anyone see anything suspicious call 911. Chief promised to let the officer know about it and work to patrol the area a little more.

Cora Suiter, also wanted discourages the Council from passing the amendment. She was also interested in knowing why the businesses, Braddock News and Stambolis were closed. Council only knows that the owner of Braddock News had passed away and didn't know if they would reopen. Council had no information for Stambolis.

Carolyn Pierce came inquiring about her water bill. An arrangement was made with her and the Water Authority manager to meet later within the week.

Zinat, MVI provided an update on the Free Press Building, electrical sprinkler system
She was also here to remind the Council of the need to adopt a resolution for the Civic Plaza.

Matt Vatase, owner of the Brew Gentlemen, came to introduce himself and to ask for support of the amended drinking ordinance.

SOLICITORS REPORT

The solicitor met with Council before the public meeting to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

Motion to ratify the advertisement of an amendment of the Drinking Ordinance No. 1008, regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places and providing for special events permits. Motion by, Mr. Parker second by Mr. Gilmore VOTE: 2 yes, 3 no and one abstention, amendment fails to pass

Motion to adopt Resolution no. 2165 to authorize the filing of a 2016 application for C2P2 funding through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the amount of \$250,000 for the Civic Plaza construction Motion by, Mr. Gilmore second by, Mr. Parker VOTE: 6-0

Motion to adopt Ordinance no. 1184 to provide a fee of \$35.00 for return of payment for sewage charges when checks are returned for insufficient funds.

Motion by, Mr. Parker second by, Mr. Gilmore VOTE: 6-0

Motion to approve the solicitors report

Motion by, Mr. Gilmore second by, Mr. Parker VOTE: 6-0

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

A written report was included in Council packets. Police Chief Frank DeBartolo

Motion by Mr. Parker, and seconded by Mr. Gilmore to approve the Chief of Police report. VOTE: 6 - 0

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of the report was included in the Council packets

Street sweeping will start again in May-July and September. The months are the same as last year, notices will be posted.

Motion by Mr. Parker second by Mr. Gilmore to approve the Engineers report. VOTE: 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Unity Baptist Church holding a Human Trafficking Seminar on Saturday, April 16, 2016 9:00 a m – noon

Woodland Hills Academy is sponsoring a March to End Violence, April 23, 2016 10:00 am. The march will start at the Wolverena, in Turtle Creek and continues to the Woodland hills Academy auditorium.

New Hope Baptist Church requesting donation for Hope Day, Saturday August, 6, 2016.

Motion to donation \$200.00 to New Hope Baptist Church in support of Hope Day.

Motion By, Mrs. Clark second by Mr. Gilmore VOTE: 6-0

Motion by, Mrs. Clark seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the correspondence report. VOTE: 6 -0

FINANCE

A. Treasurer's report for month ending

B. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Financial Report

A. Monthly Report of Municipal Net Assets

Motion by, Mrs. Clark seconded by Mr. Henderson, to approve the Finance Report VOTE: 6 – 0

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Eileen provided the tax report; motion was made by, Mr. Parker and second by, Mr. Berry to approve the Tax Collectors report. VOTE: 6-0

GENERAL REPORTS

Building Inspector's

Public Works Report

Motion by, Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Gilmore to receive and file General Reports. VOTE: 6 – 0

MANAGERS REPORT

No reports

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Henderson to approve and ratify the bill list from February 9, 2016 - March 8, 2106 in the amount of \$43,684.08 VOTE: 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

There is still a need for crossing guards

NEW BUSINESS

Promotion of Officer Guy Collins to Sargent.

Motion to promote Office Guy Collins to Sargent. Motion by, Mr. Parker second by, Mr. Gilmore VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Parker second by Mr. Gilmore

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM