MEETING MINUTES
Braddock Council Meeting
September 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Reeves at 7:04 pm

Lujuan Reeves- Council President	Present
Patricia Kelley- Vice President	Present
Steven Wilson	Present
Collette Walsh	Present
Chardae Jones	Present
Holly Kellogg	Present
Robert Parker	Present via zoom
Delia Lennon Winstead - Mayor	Not Present
Matthew Markulin- Solicitor	Present through Falco Muscante
Joe Dursa- Associate Engineer	Present
Eileen Navish-Treasurer	Not Present
Lou Ransom Borough Manager	Tardy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of silence for Sister Melissa Joyce of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baden. The sister of Treasurer Eileen Navish.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Rob Parker, seconded by Chardae Jones to approve the agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 11, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Robert Parker to approve the Minutes from August 11th meeting.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE POLICE PRESENCE AT EVENTS WITH MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE IN ATTENDENCE.

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Robert Parker to advertise an ordinance to require police presence at events with more than 150 people in attendance.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE APARTMENT BUILDINGS WITH 3 OR MORE UNITS TO USE A DUMPSTER FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION.

Motion by Chardae Jones, seconded by Patricia Kelley to advertise an ordinance to require apartment buildings with 3 or more units to use a dumpster for garbage collection.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW PUBLIC WORKS TRUCKS FOR $69,400.00 each.

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Robert Parker to approve the spending of $138,800.00 for new public works trucks.

MOTION TO ALLOW THE EMPATHY SOUP KITCHEN TO USE THE VESTIBULE OF 639 COREY AVE FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON WEEKENDS.

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Collette Walsh to allow the use of 639 Corey Ave for Empathy Soup Kitchen.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZNG RESOLUTION FOR PADCED MAIN STREET MATTERS GRANT REQUEST.

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Robert Parker to approve the motion for Main Street Matters Grant request.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION PAYMENT OF $89,079 FOR THE POLICE PENSION FUND.

Motion by Steven Wilson, seconded by Patricia Kelley to approve the MMO Payment of $89,079 for the Police Pension Fund.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION AND POSTAGE OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, REFERENDUM ELECTION NOTICE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BOROUGH HOME RULE CHARTER

Motion by Patricia Kelley seconded by Steven Wilson to authorize publication of the November 3,2026 referendum for proposed amendment to the home rule charter.

MOTION TO RATIFY HIRING OF TAKEMA HARRIS AS A CROSSING GUARD.

Motion by Robert Parker seconded by Chardae Jones to hire Takema Harris as a crossing guard.

MOTION TO CREATE AN “ADOPT A BLOCK” PROGRAM TO ADDRESS LITTER IN BRADDOCK.

Motion by Chardae Jones seconded by Patricia Kelley to create an Adopt a Block program to address litter in Braddock.

MOTION TO AWARD CD-52 CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENT TO KGD CONTRACTING FOR TOTAL OF $48,000 FOR 8 CATCH BASINS.

Motion by Chardae Jones seconded by Collette Walsh to approve the CD-52 catch Basin replacement project to KGD contracting for $48,000.

JULY TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

A copy of the Tax report is included in the council packet and will be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Chardae Jones to accept the July Tax Collector’s Report.

SOLICITOR REPORT

A copy of Solicitor’s will be provided in person. Portions that are available to the public will be provided in the minutes.

Motion by Chardae Jones, seconded by Patricia Kelley to accept the Solicitor’s Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of Engineer's Report is included in council packet and will be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Chardae Jones, seconded by Robert Parker to accept the Engineer's Report.

PUBLIC WORK'S REPORT

A copy of the Public Works Report is included in the council packet and will be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Steven Wilson, seconded by Robert Parker to accept the Public Work's Report.

CHIEF OF VFD'S REPORT

A copy of the Chief of VFD's Report is included in the council packet and will be attached to the minutes.

Motion by Steven Wilson, seconded by Robert Parker to accept the Chief of VFD's Report.

CHIEF OF ERMVPD REPORT

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Motion by Steven Wilson, seconded by Robert Parker to accept the Chief of ERMVPD's Report.

FINANCE REPORT

A copy of finance report is included in Council packets and will be attached to the minutes.

A. Treasurer Report, June 30, 2026 – July 31, 2026
B. All funds combined total $2,991,409.50.

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Robert Parker to accept the Finance Report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. $249,663.85

Motion by Robert Parker, seconded by Patricia Kelley to accept the payment of bills.

Manager's Report

Motion by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Robert Parker to accept the Manager's report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tree Pittsburgh Free Tree Education
Empathy Soup Kitchen Fundraiser event

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident claimed that there was a possible deceased neighbor. And then left. Council will request a well check.

Maria Sink: Free Bike project for Braddock and North Braddock residents. Residents over 16 years of age are eligible.

Fitzhugh Shaw: NEBRS is holding a party for the discussion of Green spaces in Braddock on Wednesday September 16th at 6pm at a lot on Braddock and 6th Street.

Camden Johnson: Represents the Watersmith Guild. The organization teaches young people how to paddle board and helps to teach young people how to operate in water at Moraine State Park.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Events:
September 10th Grow Pittsburgh is having an event at Braddock Farms.
September 10th Art Opening at Unsmoke Gallery
September 11th the monthly Art Crawl
September 16th Green space Party hosted by NEBRS
October 3rd Braddock Farms Fall Festival
October 4th Norh Braddock Fall Festival
October 10th Braddock Farms Tree giveaway.

Allegheny County will have a meeting about the VPRP at the Library on September 28th.

Vacant property tax discussion: The borough will research methods of holding property owners accountable for holding on to vacant properties on the main street.

The Borough of Braddock Council delayed the vote on the sewage module from U.S. Steel so that the council and community could get more information on the Hot Strip Mill coming to the Edgar Thomson Works. The Council was unaware of the 60-day deadline to approve the sewage module but the Borough will continue to work on behalf of the residents to get more information about the Hot Strip Mill as it develops. The Council President also wants the record to reflect that we value U.S. Steel as a part of the community and we look forward to working with them in a collaborative effort to work towards cleaner air and water in the region.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Patricia Kelley, seconded by Chardae Jones, to adjourn.

Time Adjourned 8:11pm