

A meeting of Bradford City Council was called to order by Mayor Riel at 6:00 P.M. The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Was taken.

COUNCIL: Mayor Riel, Councilman Proper, Councilman Pecora, Councilman Lopus, Councilwoman Pecht

ABSENT:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: DPW Dir. Chip Comilla, Chief Ward.

ABSENT: Chief Taylor, Sara Andrews- were excused. Capt. Greg Lewis and Elaina Lucco were there in their place.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 8th, 2023, City Council meeting were approved by Councilmen Proper and Lopus.

Mayor Riel announced that an Executive Session can and may be held anytime between now and the next City Council meeting. An Executive Session was held

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

VISITORS:

James Neubert, 17 Charlotte Ave, the house at 15 Charlotte Ave owned by Harry Solarek is infested with cockroaches, they are coming to my house, he spent over \$1000 dollars and he would like to know what can be done about it.

Chris Lucco: Told him that two ordinances will be 2 ordinances that will be passed tonight that will allow us to enforce what is called "Summary Abatement for a Public Nuisance". This will allow us to act quicker on nuisances which will hold the owner responsible for the abatement of the nuisance. If you have suffered loss, then you could file a Civil suit against the property owner.

Pete Mooney of 114 S Ave. The house beside him is empty, it's been on the list for 10 years, he would like to see it torn down.

Chris Lucco said that he would put this property on the discussion list during the next Board of Health meeting. He told Mr. Mooney that it comes down to funding, and there are some that are more problematic. We usually get 3 to 8 houses get demolished per year. He will follow up with him after their meeting.

Jeff Mutzabaugh-7 Charlotte Avenue- he said he lives beside 15 Charlotte Ave. And his house received fire damage from the fire at 15 Charlotte Ave. He wanted to know if 15 Charlotte Ave. will be demolished because if it is then he can get his house repaired. Harry said he was going to come and fix it in the fall, but he wasn't sure if he had insurance. He was told to file a right to know request for the fire department report and it should have insurance information on it.

Carolyn Newhouse -Bradford Area Alliance-Reminder that the 4th Annual Harvey L. Golubock Business Competition is coming up and canvassing the area. Our community has lost nearly 150 business establishments in the ten years before COVID and now has 100 submittals to the business competition. She brought flyers for the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) BILL #11 Ordinance 2947.69-Amend Traffic Regulations-Alternate Parking-"Vista Circle"

A motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper to remove Bill #9 from the calendar and place it on the floor for the second reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent. The City Administrator read the bill, by title only with a motion by Councilors Pecht and Lopus for passage on the final reading. 5 Yea 0 Absent

NEW BUSINESS:

37327 AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT MONIES TO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby authorize the transfer of American Recovery Plan Act monies in the amount of \$122,421.00 to the General Fund Account.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37328 ACCEPT QUOTE AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO MICALE FABRICATORS, INC.: DPW

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, the proper officers hereby accept a quote and approve payment to Micale Fabricators, Inc. in the amount of \$10,250.00 from the General Fund (430.311) for Davis Street bridge repairs.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37329 EXONERATE THE CITY TREASURER FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN 2023 CITY PROPERTY TAXES: A/F

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford that pursuant to a written request from the City Treasurer, dated August 14, 2023, together with attached documentation from the County Assessment Office, the proper officers hereby exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting \$505.57 in 2023 City Property Taxes for Tax Parcels #01-003-806 and 02-010-202.

Motion by Councilors Pecora and Proper

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37330 PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF ONE (1) 2003 CHEVROLET ONE TON: DPW

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that pursuant to a written request from DPW Director, Chip Comilla dated August 8, 2023, the proper officers hereby grant permission to advertise for sale one (1) 2003 Chevrolet One Ton Truck (VIN# 1GBJK34033E107602) that has been removed from service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council has determined the value of this item to be less than \$1,000.00, and has established a minimum bid of \$500.00 for said vehicle, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The proposed vehicle is being sold as is, it can be seen at 112 Holley Avenue. Thereafter this vehicle shall be sold for the best bid obtained or disposed of as junk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-mentioned vehicles shall be removed from the DPW Inventory List as well as the City of Bradford's Insurance Policy.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37331 PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF ONE (1) 1999 INTERNATIONAL: REFUSE/RECYCLING

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that pursuant to a written request from DPW Director, Chip Comilla dated August 8, 2023, the proper officers hereby grant permission to advertise for sale one (1) 1999 International (VIN# 1HTSLAALXYH208983) that has been removed from service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council has determined the value of this item to be less than \$1,000.00, and has established a minimum bid of \$500.00 for said vehicle, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The proposed vehicle is being sold as is, it can be seen at 112 Holley Avenue. Thereafter this vehicle shall be sold for the best bid obtained or disposed of as junk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-mentioned vehicles shall be removed from the DPW Inventory List as well as the City of Bradford's Insurance Policy.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37332 APPROVE PAYMENT TO MODERN MATERIEL: POLICE

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, the proper officers approve payment to Modern Materiel for police equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this amount will be reimbursed from the Police Officers.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Lopus
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37333 APPROVE PAYMENT TO A & H EQUIPMENT COMPANY: STREETS

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby approve payment of \$4,053.98 plus freight from the General Fund Account (430.251) to A & H Equipment Company for street sweeper parts.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Proper
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37334 AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS WAIVER FOR WAIVER YMCA CORPORATE CHALLENGE: PARKS

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby approve the request from Emily Rhoades, Executive Director, for a waiver of Ordinance #3014, allowing for consumption of alcoholic beverages on these portions of public land where the event will be conducted and during the hours of 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this waiver is granted to the YMCA for their Corporate Challenge which will be located at the parking lot at Callahan Park on September 21st, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, with the following conditions:

1. Beverages served for consumption are limited to beer and/or malt beverages.
2. All alcoholic beverages consumed on public lands must be in plastic containers.
3. No glasses, glass bottles, or cans shall be permitted outside of licensed establishments.

Motion by Councilors Pecht and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37335 APPROVE PAYMENT TO HULL ELECTRIC INC.: FIRE/AMB

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby approve payment of \$1,177.52 to Hull Electric Inc. for maintenance items for the Fire department and the ambulance for supplies to be charged to the following accounts:

413.200 \$ 28.27

411.740 \$ 1,116.68

411.200 \$ 32.57

Motion by Councilors Proper and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37336 APPROVE PAYMENT TO TWIN TIERS GOLF ASSOCIATION: OECD

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers hereby approve payment to Twin Tiers Disc Golf Association in the amount of \$1,265.00 from the Trails & Recreation Fund for tee signage on the disc golf course at Callahan Park.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Proper
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37337 AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A HOME PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION IN THE CITY OF BRADFORD: OECD

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the City of Bradford authorizes the filing of an application for HOME Program funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS the City of Bradford is desirous of obtaining funds from DCED for affordable housing activities fundable under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq) and the implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 92.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a housing need exists that has been identified in the local or state consolidated Plan and proposed housing activity addresses this need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bradford has conducted the required citizen participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bradford will ensure the provision of the other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bradford will reimburse the Commonwealth for any expenditures found by the DCED to be ineligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officer of the City of Bradford is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the Department.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37338 AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BRADFORD TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH BOB CUMMINS CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE CALLAHAN PARK RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT-PHASE 1: OECD

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, the City of Bradford awarded a contract to Bob Cummins Construction Co. in the amount of \$855,189.00 for the Callahan Park Recreation Improvements Project-Phase 1; and,

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, the City of Bradford approved Change Order No.1, which increases the contract amount to \$866,240.50; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bradford requested additional work to complete the sidewalk installation on the Bon Air side of the park, new columns with a park sign at the Bon Air entrance, and additional fencing required to move the fence closer to the sidewalk area for the cost of \$46,463.00 along with the cost to remove the sidewalk vault near the pool and form new sidewalk/vault top in the amount of \$2,200.00; and,

WHEREAS the additional work will cost \$48,663.00 and will increase the contract under Change Order No. 2 from \$866,240.50 to \$914,903.50.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the City of Bradford are hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 for the Callahan Park Recreation Improvements Project-Phase 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the additional cost will be paid with CDBG, DCNR, and other funding available for project costs.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37339 AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICERS AT THE CITY OF BRADFORD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BREEZELINE FOR INTERNET SERVICES: OECD

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that the proper officers of the City of Bradford are hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Breezeline to provide highspeed internet service for the Robert P. Habgood building.

Motion by Mayor Riel and Pecht
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37340 DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF BRADFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND DETERMINE PUBLIC NUISANCE EXISTENCE: BOH

RESOLVED: The Health Department of its designee shall be responsible for the investigation, determination, and abatement procedures of any real or potential public nuisance, including summary abatement with authorization of the mayor or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this is in accordance with the Pennsylvania Third Class City Code, Title 11 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes enacted by Act 67 of 2015.

Motion by Councilors Proper and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37341 ADOPT THE CITY OF BRADFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND SUMMARY ABATEMENT: BOH

RESOLVED: Any Conduct or property, or the condition or use of property, defined or declared to be a public nuisance under any provision of this part or other law.

1. Conduct or property, or the condition or use of property, if the department determines that it endangers the health or safety of, or causes hurt, harm, inconvenience, discomfort, damage, or injury to, a person or property in the city by reason of the conduct or property or the condition or use of the property, being any of the following:
 - (i) A menace, threat, or hazard to the general health and safety of the community.
 - (ii) A fire hazard.
 - (iii) A building or structure that is unsafe for occupancy or use.
 - (iv) Property that is so inadequately or insufficiently maintained that it diminishes or depreciates the enjoyment and use of other property in its immediate vicinity to the extent that it is harmful to the community in which the property is situated.
2. Unauthorized accumulations of garbage and rubbish and the unauthorized storage of abandoned or junked automobiles or other vehicles on private or public property, and the carrying on of any offensive manufacture or business.

Motion by Councilors Proper and Pecora
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37342 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO STANLEY E. PECORA, JR. OWNER OF 71 MAIN STREET

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued to Stan E. Pecora, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Stan E. Pecora, Jr. has been approved to install stainless steel that will be applied to the bottom 8-15" of stone in front to prevent further deterioration at 71 Main Street. The character & appearance of the building will not be affected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issuance of this has been recommended by the Historical Architectural Board of Review in a meeting held on August 21, 2023.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Proper
5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37343 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO STATE FARM INSURANCE, DEVON KLOSS OWNER OF 53 MAIN STREET

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued to State Farm Insurance ~ Owner Devon Kloss 53 Main Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sign installation will be 96" W x 13.84" wording to be State Farm Insurance. Cut from ½" expanded PVC, sign color paint Red ~ Sherwin Williams SW 6869, hard enamel coated. Stud-mounted to building face with ½ spacers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issuance of this has been recommended by the Historical Architectural Board of Review meeting held on August 21, 2023.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37344 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH, PASTOR JIM LENAWAY OF 18 BOYLSTON STREET

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued to First Free Methodist Church / Pastor Jim Lenaway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED First Free Methodist Church. has been approved to install a new metal roof on the church.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issuance of this has been recommended by the Historical Architectural Board of Review in a meeting held on August 21, 2023.

Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecora

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

37345 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO YELLOW DOG REAL ESTATE ~ OWNERS TIM & KRISTEN ASINGER OF 4-6 BOYLSTON STREET

RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued to Yellow Dog Real Estate ~ Owners Tim & Kristen Asinger of 4-6 Boylston Street.

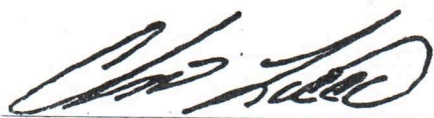
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Yellow Dog Real Estate has been approved to Update the Entrance door to a Historic wood door including the historic mail slot. The door will be painted HC155 Newburyport blue, this color is listed as Historic. The light fixture over the 1st-floor entry door will be replaced with a Gardena gooseneck farmhouse light. Exterior black/interior white. The letters currently on the brick "Colors Galore & More" will be removed and the brick surface will be cleaned and restored to its natural look.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issuance of this has been recommended by the Historical Architectural Board of Review in a meeting held on August 21, 2023.

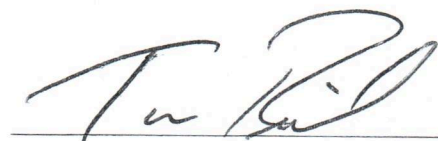
Motion by Councilors Lopus and Pecht

5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilors Pecora and Proper. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 P.M. 5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Absent



City Administrator



Mayor