

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2023

7:00PM Council Meeting

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Review and approval of agenda.
4. Presentation
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
6. Approval of the preceding meeting minutes if correct and rectifying mistakes if any exist.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills
8. Reports of Committees
9. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
10. Old Business
11. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
12. New Business
13. Added Items
14. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Nelson Learn

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
JARRETT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MOCCIA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
TALANCA	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>PE (Susan Schwartz)</u>	<u> </u>
WOZNIAK	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

COUNCIL MET FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 PM THIS EVENING, TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC POLIC DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:

1. Police Commendation - Sergeant LeVan - Chief Strish and Mayor Berwick presented Sergeant LeVan with commendations in honor of his upcoming retirement.
2. Dan Deneen - Scout Pack 22 - Noted that the Cub Pack is reforming, and will be holding recruiting events.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Jarrett SECOND: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Noted that the Mayor's Ball is nearly sold out.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - None

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - None

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Reviewed statistics.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Reviewed statistics. Noted that a current mod class is occurring with 9 or 10 new firefighters participating.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of SEDA-COG CDBG FFY 2019-CV invoice of March 3, 2023, in the amount of \$6,500, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Moccia Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment of SEDA-COG CDBG FFY-2022 invoice of March 3, 2023, in the amount of \$9,000, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement.
Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve the completion of Joseph Gainley's extended probationary period and change his status from Probationary Patrol Officer to Permanent Full-Time Police Officer.
Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to approve request for "public music jam" at Test Track Park, with conditions as follows: no conditions beyond Borough Manager approval.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that organizers would need to provide a plan, including a definite date, and that Council should be aware that, due to the religious nature of the proposed event, use of Borough funds outside of regular park maintenance would need to be avoided. Manager also noted that other future requests would need to be considered in the light of not providing favorable treatment to a particular religious group.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to accept CDBG 5th Avenue and North Arch Street Reconstruction bid from Don E. Bower, Inc., in the amount of \$172,173.70, contingent upon final review and approval by SEDA-COG and project engineer.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Mr. Jarrett Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to accept CDBG North Street Reconstruction bid from Don E. Bower, Inc., in the amount of \$69,316.35, contingent upon final review and approval by SEDA-COG and project engineer.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Moccia Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2023-03, Vacating an Unopened Alley.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that a letter had been sent to bordering property owners.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 14. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

- Connie Donlin, Berwick Arts Association - Provided an update on Berwick Arts Association, including that a contract had been signed for a mural project on a private lot.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.