

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2024

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. Reports of Committees
7. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. Consent Agenda
11. New Business
12. Added Items
13. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
14. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Robert Lewis

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

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

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Karafinski

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Programs have been mentioned in State Mayor's Association publication; Mayor's Ball tickets are selling well, but still available; discussed various upcoming events

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, Ray Karafinski, Jay Jarrett

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - Report provided; discussed upcoming proposed PennDOT street projects

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Ray Karafinski, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Reviewed monthly stats

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Reviewed monthly activity; announced receipt of state grants; provided update on Foundation grants; continuing to pursue other grant opportunities; gave update on fire police

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and take action to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting
 - b. Approve the payment of bills as presented in the February 2024 bill listing
 - c. Approve the request for a handicapped parking space at the Catholic War Veterans social club, located at 501 Monroe Street
 - d. Approve request of the Berwick Area United Way to hold Celebrate Berwick event on August 3, 2024, to including the closure of a section of Market Street, and all other required streets
 - e. Approve request of the Berwick Area United Way to hold annual campaign kickoff dinner on September 18, 2024, to include the closure of required streets
 - f. Authorize Codes Department to require that the demolition of building at 100 West Front Street be completed no later than November 1, 2024
 - g. Certify the closure of CDBG FFY 2023 Substantial Amendment

Discussion: None

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

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve the use of Lars Anderson of Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C., as labor attorney for ongoing Borough staff contract negotiations

Discussion: Mr. Jarrett requested clarification on terms of agreement, which was provided by Borough Manager and Solicitor.

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

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 13. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

None

*Council President announced that Council would meet in executive session following the adjournment of this meeting. Specific Borough personnel would be discussed at this time. No action would occur following the conclusion of this executive session.

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Karafinski

Meeting adjourned.