

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING July 20, 2026 6:00PM 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 Jeri Wozniak

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
WOZNIAK	<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>
LEWIS	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
MOCCIA	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	<u> </u>
TROIANI	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Code Enforcement	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Borough Manager	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Karafinski Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS:

- Richard Powlus, Vietnam War Veteran Memorial - Thanked Council for support of Vietnam War Veteran Memorial project. Introduced wife, Hope, and credited her with doing a lot of work to get this project done. Announced that the memorial is installed, with a dedication scheduled for Augst 2, 1:00 p.m., at the Berwick VFW. Council was all invited to attend.
- Leslie Hosterman, SEDA-COG, CDBG Final Public Hearing for FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan and FFY 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan - Presentation on CDBG program, including both annual action plan and five-year consolidated plan. Opened floor for public comments, of which there were none.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Already started to get winter coat requests. Recently officiated 350th wedding. NEPA Blitzball is coming to Salem Twp. A new tenant is moving into the former Rite Aid building.

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Ray Karafinski, Jay Jarrett - Reminder that Kids Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 6:30 p.m. at Sponsler Park.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte, Bob Lewis, Nelson Learn, Jeri Wozniak

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Ray Karafinski, Bob Lewis

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski

SAFETY: Bob Lewis

POLICE: Chief Reagan Rafferty, Teresa Troiani, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski - Report provided. Three new officers, plus two temporary, up and running as of today. Vehicle purchase quote coming. New firearm quote coming.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Report provided. Request was made to rename Vine Street in honor of Dale Baker. Another company has reached out regarding ladder truck purchase.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - No report

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Review of Paving Ordinance/UGI Lawsuit - Attorney Kepner reviewed ordinance, recommended that Council adopt to settle lengthy lawsuit with UGI. Will add to next agenda to advertise.
2. 15-Minute Parking Request - Sean Black State Farm Insurance - Council was hesitant to grant this for a business, noting that it would lead to everyone wanting one. Differentiated between this and the daycare, noting that the daycare was specifically a child safety issue. Borough Manager will call daycare next door and ask that staff be instructed not to park in front of insurance office.
3. Feral Cats - Borough Manager presented ordinance provided by Danville, which is essentially a feeding ban. Council expressed hesitancy to do this. Borough Manager will follow up with residents who presented cat issue last meeting to see if Friends and Ferals was able to provide any assistance.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINES:

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance 2026-03: Amending Ordinance 93-9, Restating, Supplementing and Amending Comprehensive Provisions Relating to Sewers and Sewage Discharge

Discussion: Councilman Learn provided a brief overview of the reason for this ordinance, being considered on behalf of BAJSA.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Lewis ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, ordinance approved.

2. Resolution 2026-03: Approving Application for a CFA/DCED Multimodal Grant

Discussion: Borough Manager confirmed that the only cost to apply is a \$100 application fee.

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

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 July 6, 2026 meeting of Council
 - b. Approve payment of July 2026 Bill Listing as presented
 - c. Approve 2026 Professional Service Agreement between Borough of Berwick and SEDA-COG for administration of Borough's CDBG program
 - d. Approve completion of police parking project, at an estimated cost of \$4,450
 - e. Approve completion of domestic drop-off site project, at an estimated cost of \$2,400

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Karafinski ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

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

- Gabby Malencore - Requested information on whether the ordinance approved this meeting had been or would be advertised. Borough Manager confirmed that it had been, and provided date of advertisement.
- Don Smith, Spring Garden Ave. - Reports a continued rat issue at neighboring mobile home park.
- Christopher Culp - Reported a drug problem on Mulberry St.

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Ms. Troiani

Meeting adjourned.