

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 17, 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>Pete Kendron (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 - Borough Manager requested to remove Item 10.1(g) from the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve agenda was made with that change in mind.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved with noted change.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Attended inaugural Blitz Ball event, noted a good turnout. Shared that Frank Spaid is coordinating donations for victims of recent fire. Rt. 11 paving is approximately one month from being completed.

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 - Mr. Jarrett noted excited for upcoming concert. Mr. Karafinski noted that inaugural Second Friday event downtown went well.

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

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

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

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski - Mr. Moccia confirmed that Coblentz bids are due 9/15, and that Josh Nespoli of Community Strategies Group is scheduled to come to Council 9/21 with an update.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis

POLICE: Chief Reagan Rafferty, Teresa Troiani, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski - Chief Rafferty is still working on car numbers.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - There is a potential buyer for the old ladder truck.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Cake and Ice Cream Night - Borough Manager reminded Council that Cake and Ice Cream Night is 9/3, and that anyone able should plan to attend to help serve.

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 August 3, 2026 Meeting of Council
 - b. Approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026 Public Hearing
 - c. Approve the August 2026 bill listing as presented
 - d. Approve the Borough of Berwick Police Pension Plan 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$325,549
 - e. Approve the Borough of Berwick Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2027 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$151,762
 - f. Authorize Borough Manager to purchase office vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$26,000
 - ~~g. Authorize Borough Manager to purchase 2026 or 2027 Ford Interceptor police vehicle at a cost not to exceed _____, exclusive of cost of upfitting~~
 - h. Authorize Borough Manager to approve advertisement of a Request for Proposals for CDBG demolition project engineering
 - i. Authorize Borough Manager to approve advertisement of a Request for Proposals for CDBG paving project engineering
 - j. Enter into intermunicipal agreement with Salem Township to allow its residents to utilize Borough of Berwick household recycling drop-off center

Discussion: Borough Manager reminded that Item (g) was removed, and is not being considered with this vote.

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

All in favor, consent agenda approved, with Item (g) not having been considered.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

- Don Smith, Spring Garden Avenue - Noted that pest control activity occurred last week.

***Council will meet in Executive Session following the conclusion of this meeting, for the purpose of discussing specific fire department personnel. No action will be taken following the conclusion of this Executive Session.**

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

Meeting adjourned.