

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 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> </u>	<u> X </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(Tele)</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. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Michael Burger, SEDA-COG - CDBG FFY 2023 Final Public Hearing

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

- Carol Barnett - Thanked Councilmembers who came to meadow presentation, and Council in general for listening to concerns.
- Laurie Allison - Provided updates on TNR efforts, and thanked Council for continued support.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of July 3, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, motion approved.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Noted conditions of streets related to UGI project. Will start working on releasing funds from the Mayor's Ball. Reviewed recent activities.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - Noted upcoming hearing for a property maintenance concern. Discussed ongoing issues with UGI lawsuit.

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 - It was noted that both Celebrate Berwick and Kid's Night are coming up soon.

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte - Don E. Bower will be starting a CDBG street project soon. Street sweeper is down for preventative maintenance.

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

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - Update on mobile homes was requested. Discussed ongoing issues with a condemned home on 5th Street. Discussed local homeowner with ongoing citation issues.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Report provided by Mayor Burke. Reviewed monthly statistics. Reviewed quarterly statistics.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Report provided. Reviewed statistics. Noted increase in illegal burn pits. Ladder truck is back in service.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - No written report provided. Oral update provided by Mr. Learn.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Pollinator Meadow - Alternate Locations - Borough Manager provided update, following recent meeting. Test Track Park was noted as a possible location. Will bring back to Council when a more complete plan is ready.
2. Accepted Payments at City Hall - Borough Manager requested conversation on ending acceptance of cash payments at City Hall. Council noted that this was a managerial decision. Manager stated he was going to make that managerial decision, unless someone requested that it be on a future agenda for formal vote first. No such request was made.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance No. 2023-04 - Removal of Certain Stop Signs
Discussion: None

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

All in favor, ordinance approved.

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 2023-05, Amending the 2018 IPMC.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained the change, noted that the ordinance number would be corrected on the final version.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment to Berwick Area Swimming Pool, Inc., in the amount of \$22,500, for payment of Aquatic Facility Design, Inc. Invoice #10337, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager clarified that this was for the splash pad.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve purchase of mini-split unit for new server room location, with final cost not to exceed current low quote of \$4,853.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve increase for Borough trap/neuter/release funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the remainder of 2023, and to authorize Ms. Robin Massina to access these additional funds with the same stipulations in place for existing funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager clarified that additional funds would be exclusively for Ms. Massina.

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

None

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

Meeting adjourned.