

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 17, 2025 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 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> </u>	<u> X </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
KARAFINSKI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
MOCCIA	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
TROIANI	<u> </u>	<u> X </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>	Code Enforcement	<u> </u>	<u> X </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

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Work ongoing for Mayor's Ball.

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 - Borough Manager provided update on ice skating rink and CDBG park project.

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - Borough Manager provided update on Jackson Mansion roof, specifically with regards to insurance payment from last year's storm.

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 statistics, and provided update on grants.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Reviewed statistics, and provided update on grants. Updated status of ladder truck.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Traffic Signage at West Berwick Elementary - Discussion held on current signage, with it being noted that signs were placed as permitted by PennDOT when school was moved there. Council asked that PennDOT be contacted to reassess if signs are appropriate.
2. Zoning Hearing Fees - Council indicated that there was not interest in eliminating fees, but they were open to further discussion on other codes items to be more friendly to development.

3. Ber-Vaughn Entrance Repaving - Borough Manager provided update on offer from Briar Creek Borough to pave Route 11 entrance to Ber-Vaughn Park. Discussed need to improve stormwater infrastructure there, and to tap into public water, and how both projects would be better done at the same time as repaving. Will include action item with "not to exceed" cost at next meeting.

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 3, 2025 meeting of Council
 - b. Approve payment of the February 2025 bill listing, as presented
 - c. Approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 2025-01, Stormwater Management Ordinance
 - d. Approve request by Berwick Arts Association to install eagle sculpture at St. Charles Park upon completion

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of \$10,000 to Berwick Arts Association for mural project, with stipulations as follows:
- Discussion: Connie Donlin was present to provide update. Noted that match rules indicate that no proof of match is required. Brought some sample concept designs. Noted that involvement in focus groups was still needed, and encouraged Council to participate in these groups. Motion was made to table discussion until more information is available.

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

All in favor, item tabled.

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

- Connie Donlin, Berwick Arts Association - Shared that March is Youth Art Month, and the Association is partnering with local schools and libraries in March.

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

Meeting adjourned.