

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 21, 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>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>	Code Enforcement	<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. Troiani

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:

1. Public Hearing on the application of Lou Ney, 4037 N. Market Street, Berwick PA 18603 for a conditional use of section 503.4 "Conditional Uses". Applicant is requesting to install a mobile home park, consisting of two (2) mobile homes with a 3000 sq. ft. steel building (including a 300 sq. ft. attached awning) on property located at 1619 N Mulberry Street, Berwick, PA 18603. The 3000 sq. ft. steel building (including a 300 sq. ft. attached awning) will be used for business, storage and office. Said property is located at 1619 N Mulberry Street, Berwick, PA 18603 and is in an R-3 High Density Residential Zoning District.
2. Josh Nespoli, Community Strategies Group - Coblentz Update
3. Public Hearing - 2025 CDBG 1st Public Hearing

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Noted that the date for 4th of July fireworks is still up in the air.

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 - Summer concert scheduling is complete, and a brochure will be available shortly.

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte - Brush pickup will take place next week. Street sweeping has started.

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 - Provided monthly report and Quarter 1 statistics.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Reviewed monthly statistics. The new ladder truck has been received, and Reliance is now working on getting everything transferred from old to new. Looking for a way to make accountability tags; Chief Strish will share some information on this.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Chestnut Street Traffic - Chief Strish completed research, which showed no need for a stop sign. Council declined to take any action.
2. Talen Sirens - Borough Manager and Solicitor reviewed request from Salem Township to join in noting disagreement with removing sirens. Item added to the agenda to direct solicitor to draft and send letter.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2025-01 - Supporting America250PA
Discussion: None

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

2. Resolution 2025-02 - Appointing 504 Compliance Officer
Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Troiani Second: Ms. Wozniak ☒ 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 minutes of the March 17, 2025 Meeting of Council
 - b. Approve payment of the April 2025 bill listing, as presented
 - c. Adopt Section 504 Grievance Procedure

- d. Adopt Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan
- e. Increase annual Fire Department Maintenance Contribution to \$23,000, to be divided evenly among all three active stations
- Discussion: None

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

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to authorize solicitor to draft and send letter on Borough's behalf to Talen, noting disagreement with decision to retire notification sirens from service.

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion approved.

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

- Bridgett Coolbaugh, Reliance Fire Company - Annual fish fry went well. Reliance is inviting Council to attend the blessing and housing of the new ladder truck, April 27 and 2:00 p.m. August 11 is the 125 birthday of Reliance, with a celebration scheduled for August 16.

***Council President Lewis announced that Council will meet in executive session, immediately following the conclusion of this meeting, to discuss pending litigation. No action will be taken by Council following the executive session.**

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Karafinski Second: Ms. Wozniak

Meeting adjourned.