MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2024
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 Minutes of the Preceding Meeting
7. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals – Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Robert Lewis

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR	PRESENT	ABSENT	OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
LEWIS	X				
JARRETT	X		Chief of Police	X	
KARAFINSKI	X		Solicitor		X
LEARN	X		Engineer		X
MOCCIA	X		DPW Foreman	X	
TROIANI		X	Reporter(s)	Susan Schwartz(PE)	
WOZNIAK	X		Fire Chief	X	
MAYOR BURKE	X				
Borough Manager	X				

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Karafinski Second: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. <u>Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals – Agenda Items</u>

None

ITEM 6. <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS</u>

- Regular Council Meeting of October 21, 2024.

  Discussion - None

  Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

  All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. <u>BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:</u>

1. 1224 Fifth Avenue – Borough Manager explained need for demolition, will add to future agenda when ready.

2. Work Trucks/Zoning – Borough Manager explained that current zoning technically does not allow for work trucks to be parked on property of residential zones. Borough Manager indicated his intent to not strictly follow this, unless Council felt otherwise. Explained how this matters with relation to a specific trouble property, and that there are a variety of other violations in play there.

3. Walnut and Summerhill Intersection – Chief Strish found eight crashes at this intersection over the last 20 years, but that they weren't all related to the angle of the turn. Will table and explore options to trim curb without impacting ramp.

4. Around the Table

   a. Mr. Jarrett – Noted that Berwick Theater was recipient of LSA grant.
   b. Borough Manager – Gave update on attempts to schedule meeting with Agape.
   c. Mayor Burke – Attended First Keystone Bank's 160th anniversary celebration. Attended a 90th birthday party. Provided a proclamation for an Eagle Scout. Was requested to serve on a PSAB round table. Coat drive ongoing. Thanksgiving food giveaway is starting. Christmas wish list has started.
   d. Chief Strish – Noted that sight at the Walnut and Summerhill intersection is the biggest problem, but does recommend exploring trimming the curb.
   e. Mr. Moccia – Noted that Coblentz looks a lot better with the wrap.
   f. Mr. Karafinski – Asked that Borough Manager invite the new Berwick Theater director to a future meeting.

g. Chief Coolbaugh – Situation with assistant chief, as reported in newspaper, was taken care of. New truck is moving along, and he is ready to get pricing on trade in of old.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 2024-XX, Revising Ordinance No. 2023-07, the Landlord Registration Ordinance

   Discussion: Borough Manager explained the need for the revision.

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

   All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve repair of brush hog as described in Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. Inc. Invoice #TV83589, in the amount of $21,384.14, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

   Discussion: Question from Council on cost of replacement versus repair. It was noted that replacement could be in excess of $500,000.

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

   All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to appoint Daniel Elliott as a zoning hearing board first alternate.

   Discussion: Discussion on how it would be determined if an alternate was needed. Council agreed to consider appointing both applicants.

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

   All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to appoint Sandie Hampton as a zoning hearing board second alternate.

   Discussion: None

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

Voting in favor were Councilpersons Lewis, Jarrett, Karafinski, Learn and Wozniak. Voting in opposition was Councilperson Moccia. Motion approved via 5-1 vote in favor.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals – Non-Agenda Items

None

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Karafinski

Meeting adjourned.