

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING November 18, 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. 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>			
Borough Manager	<u>X (Phone)</u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Learn

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - None

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 - None

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - Councilman Jarrett noted that a resident raised concerns about the brightness of a light outside City Hall. DPW had recently installed the new light, and after an initial complaint, adjusted the brightness, angle and color of the light; however, there were no further reasonable steps to take, and Chief of Police, Public Works Foreman and Borough Manager all agree that anything to further diminish light would be a safety concern. Mr. Jarrett asked that all members of Council observe light when leaving this evening, to determine if it is a problem.

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 monthly stats. Noted results of recent Sergeant exams.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Report provided. Berwick is following Columbia County's current total burn ban. New ladder truck remains on schedule for delivery by end of year.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2024-04: Application for Statewide LSA Funds to Fund Stormwater Project at Test Track Park

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

2. Resolution 2024-05: Application for Statewide LSA Funds to Fund Playground Project at Test Track Park

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Karafinski ☒ 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 payment of bills as provided on November 2024 bill listing
- b. Approve CDBG Washington Street Reconstruction Change Order No.3
- c. Approve Eaton Street MS4 Project Change Order No. 2
- d. Approve payment to BAJSA in the amount of \$5,700.66, representing one-half of Don E. Bower Eaton Street MS4 Project Pay App #1, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds
- e. Approve payment to BAJSA in the amount of \$25,082.88, representing one-half of Don E. Bower Eaton Street MS4 Project Pay App #2, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds
- f. Approve advertisement of Borough of Berwick Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
- g. Approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 2024-XX, Setting the Millage Rate for 2025

Discussion: Question on change order for Eaton Street project and number for ordinance; Borough Manager provided clarification on both.

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

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

- Christopher Apfel, owner of Grill Reaper food truck - Rented a lot to set up truck semi-permanently. Had been told by Codes to submit a letter to Council requesting permission, but figured he would come in person. Borough Manager will ensure that Mr. Apfel knows what paperwork is needed to formalize permission.

***It was announced that an executive session was held prior to this evening's meeting, to discuss an open police department grievance.**

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Ms. Troiani

Meeting adjourned.