

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 5, 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. 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 Nelson Learn**

**ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>&amp; 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>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
LEWIS	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Solicitor	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
MOCCIA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
TALANCA	<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>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>			
Borough Manager	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			

**ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:**

Discussion - Borough Manager noted that Item 9.2 had been added less than 24 hours prior to this meeting, but needed to be included to meet the timeline for SEDA-COG to apply for HOME funds.

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None**

**ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items**

None

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS**

- Regular Council Meeting of August 21, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, minutes approved.

**ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. Taking Ownership of Demolition Lot

Borough Manager discussed that the attorney for the owner of lot that contained a demolished home from last round of CDBG demolitions. Borough Manager explained how various liens, recommended waiting for result of upcoming tax sale before making a decision.

2. Alley Vacation - Rear 300 block of Martzville Road: Borough Manager noted that a request for alley vacation had been made, and requested the OK to have an ordinance approval added to future agenda. This was granted. Council also requested to add an item to consider requiring that the individual requesting the alley vacation be made to pay for the newspaper advertisement.

3. Walnut and Summerhill Intersection: Discussion was held on options to make this intersection safer, with the support of a property owner there. Borough Manager, Public Works Foreman, and property owner will meet to discuss further options.

4. YMCA: Borough Manager reminded Council of upcoming ribbon cutting, and requested a volunteer from Council to speak on its behalf at the event.

5. Around the Table

- a. Chief Strish - Thanked public works for repainting the blue line on Third Street. Thank Garibaldi for support via golf tournament.
- b. Councilperson Jarret - Noted the Borough's support to Jeremy's Journey, and the importance of this organization.

**ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. Resolution No. 2023-09 - Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development  
Discussion: Borough Manager explained this as part of the HOME grant application.

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Ms. Troiani  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, resolution approved.

- 2. Resolution No. 2023-10 - Appointing a Language Access Coordinator  
Discussion: Borough Manager explained this as part of the HOME grant application.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Talanca  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, resolution approved.

**ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider and take action to proceed with South Eaton Street MS4/Stormwater project as follows: **MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE**  
Discussion: Borough Manager noted that letters had gone out to outstanding property owners. Representative of Central Builders Supply had contacted Borough Manager with questions, before ultimately noting that there was interest in the company selling the needed piece of land to the Borough, so as to remove any potential liability from the company. Borough Manager noted he had not heard back from representatives of Montec, but assumption was that their stance had not changed, and they were still not in favor. Representative of Montec was present, and agreed that Montec still was not in favor of the project or any easements. Borough Manager noted that, at this time, if there was no change, the two possibilities were the Borough abandoning the project, or pursuing eminent domain. Borough Manager recommended that a discussion on this be held in executive session. Motion was made to table this item.

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

All in favor of motion to table item, item tabled.

2. Consider and take action to approve proposed design for native landscaping project at Test Track Park, contingent upon receipt of grant funding.

Discussion: Borough Manager reminded Council of details of this project.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve closure of 100 block of North Mulberry Street during 2023 Winterfest, December 9, 2023, from 4-9 p.m.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Ms. Troiani  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve advertisement for sale, via sealed bid, of following items:

- 1995 GMC C6500 Dump Truck
- 1999 GMC C6500 Dump Truck
- 2007 Haulmark Trailer
- 2003 Jeep Liberty
- 1998 Chevrolet K1500
- 2009 Marathon Tar Kettle
- New Holland 6' Power Angle snow plow

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve 2024 Police Pension Plan MMO in the amount of \$266,836.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve 2024 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan MMO in the amount of \$142,321.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve Test Track Park Bathroom Project Plumbing Change Order #221-33 PC-CO04, in the amount of \$2,967.

Discussion: Borough Manager provided update on the bathroom project.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

**ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS**

None

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

- Steve Matash, 408 Maple Road - Shared personal history of flooding on Eaton Street, and noted that he is not in favor of eminent domain. Also questioned the use of Native Creations and the pollinator project.

**\*Council President Learn announced that there would be an executive session after the conclusion of this meeting, for the purpose of discussing the potential acquisition of real property. No action will be taken following the conclusion of this executive session.\***

**ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Moccia

Meeting adjourned.