

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 6, 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>& 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> </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> </u>	<u> X </u>			
Borough Manager	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Columbia County Conservation District - Rain Spout Planter Boxes

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of October 16, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Zoning - Councilman Jarrett requested that a committee be formed to look at making changes to loosen some restrictions of the zoning ordinance. Multiple members of Council volunteered, and will work on setting a first meeting.
2. Firemen's Relief Funding Request - Request made for assistance with the purchase of new air packs. Council requested that Relief President attend next meeting to have a conversation.
3. Around the Table
 - a. Fire Chief Boone - Recognized firefighters in attendance for recently passing their mods.
 - b. Councilman Moccia - Questioned why no one from Codes comes to Council meetings. It was explained that they did in the past, but it wasn't productive and often led to them being questioned on situations without them having access to records.
 - c. Police Chief Strish - Reviewed the results of a recent murder trial. Reviewed statistics.
 - d. Councilman Jarrett - Mural unveiling this weekend at the Elks.
 - e. Mr. Kytte - Noted that it is leaf pickup season. Thanked the Conservation District for their continued partnership with the Borough.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to approve release of up to an additional amount of \$2,000 to Laurie Allison for feral cat management, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds upon receipt of expense records.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to advertise Ordinance No. 2023-07, Modifying the Landlord Registration Ordinance.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve payment of Don E. Bower Inc., 5th Avenue and North Arch Street Project, Pay App #3 (Final), in the amount of \$14,824.73, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds, pending satisfaction of labor standards.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of Bognet Inc. Pay App #5, in the amount of \$3,900, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager clarified why there are still bills for this project.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve payment of Bognet Inc. Pay App #6, in the amount of \$9,322, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve payment of Bognet Inc. Pay App #7, in the amount of \$5,188, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve and advertise 2024 Council meeting schedule as follows: Council meetings will be the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., except the first meeting in January, which will be Tuesday, January 2, and the first meeting of September, which will be canceled.

Discussion: Council agreed to move the meeting that would have been New Year's Day to the next day, and to cancel the meeting that would have been on Labor Day.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve payment of \$1,500 to Berwick Area Swimming Pool, Inc., for payment of KPS LLC Invoice of 10-27-2023, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained the reasoning for this outstanding cost.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

- Mark Spaid - Questioned the status of sunken manholes on Front Street. Councilman Learn noted he would check with BAJSA staff.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Talanca

Meeting adjourned.