

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 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. Consent Agenda
8. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
9. Old Business
10. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
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>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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>Drew Mumich (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 </u>	<u> </u>			

*It was announced that Council met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. today, to discuss the potential acquisition of real property.

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Mike Burger, SEDA-COG: FFY 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment - Mr. Burger walked Council through substantial amendment process. Provided opportunity for public comment, of which there was none.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Started new Facebook group, "Berwick Helping Berwick"; looking into stop sign theft

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - provided UGI update; working with Borough Manager on language for agreement for Decker property

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 - Report provided; workers are ready for approaching storm

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 - Report provided; reviewed 2023 annual stats; responded to request from Council on clarification of increased training costs

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Report provided; working with all station chiefs on defining direction of Fire Department moving forward

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided

ITEM 7. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and take action to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- a. Approve Minutes of December 18, 2023 Council Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of January 2, 2024 Council Meeting
- c. Approve payment of bills as named on January 2024 bill listing
- d. Approve payment of Don E. Bower, Inc. North Street Project Pay App #2, in the amount of \$3,330.22, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds
- e. Approve payment of SEDA-COG Invoice of December 27, 2023, for the administration of FFY 2022 HUD Entitlement, in the amount of \$10,500, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds
- f. Amend total allocation of CLFRF funds to Berwick Area Swimming Pool, Inc., to \$299,196

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 8. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

- 1. Coblentz Building Update - Josh Nespoli of Community Strategies Group was present to answer questions on status of project. Reported that engineering report shows no safety concerns. Cited increased costs as reasoning for not demolishing yet, and instead trying to wait until time to build. Will work to improve aesthetics of property, while remaining open to Council input on the need to demolish.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Consider and take action to appoint Ms. Terri Kesler as the citizen representative to the Landlord Ordinance Appeals Board.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve purchase of 2024 Ford F-350 Chassis 4x4 SD Regular Cab from Sunbury Motors, in the amount of \$55,390

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve dump body upfitting of 2024 Ford F-350 Chassis at A&H Equipment, in the amount of \$49,580

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve purchase Crack Sealer from CrafcO, Inc., in the amount of \$72,004.50.

Discussion: Clarification provided on difference between this piece of equipment, and the recently sold tar buggy. Borough Manager confirmed that the proposal is to purchase via Liquid Fuels funds, but that won't be formally noted until Council votes to pay the bill.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to advertise Ordinance No. 2024-01: Restricting the Size of Certain Vehicles on New Road; and on Freas Avenue, Between LaSalle Street and New Road; in the Borough of Berwick

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

None

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

Meeting adjourned.