

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 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. Approval of Payment of Bills
8. Reports of Committees
9. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
10. Old Business
11. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
12. New Business
13. Added Items
14. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council Vice President Peter Talanca

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>			
JARRETT	<u>X</u>		Chief of Police	<u>X</u>	
LEWIS	<u>X</u>		Solicitor	<u>X</u>	
MOCCIA	<u>X</u>		Engineer		<u>X</u>
TALANCA	<u>X</u>		DPW Foreman	<u>X</u>	
TROIANI			Reporter(s)	Susan Schwartz (PE)	
WOZNIAK	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	Fire Chief	<u>X</u>	
MAYOR BURKE	<u>X</u>				
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u>X</u>				

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

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 April 3, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Jarrett SECOND: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Noted that the Mayor's Ball is less than two weeks away.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - Progressing with UGI litigation.

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - Concert series will be starting soon. Thank you to Nancy Sborz for her work in getting things scheduled.

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte - Report provided.

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Monthly and Quarter 1 reports provided.
Reviewed statistics.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - None

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - No report due to absence of Council's BAJSA representative.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Native Creations - Electric Fence: Discussion was had regarding definition of a potentially injurious material, as that was the language used in the zoning ordinance when discussing what could be used to build a fence, with only barbed wire specifically named. Borough Manager requested guidance on policy for this. Property owner noted that he is a rural property on the edge of the Borough, and is aiming to keep wild animals out of his merchandise. He agreed that level of fence would be kept so that it would not be likely to cause harm to humans, simply a small "warning" shock. Also agreed that fence would not be on during business hours. Council ultimately expressed comfort with this, while noting that consideration for an electric fence would be taken on a case-by-case basis.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0175969, in the amount of \$1,260, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that this is for engineering for demolition projects.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve request of Mr. Fred Berlin and Mr. Rod Berlin to grant extension of time for cleanup of property at 230 W. 17th Street, but noting that only until May 31 will be given, and that full ownership information must be provided before further extensions will be considered.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that property owners had requested a six-month extension, but that given the fact that this is a new ordinance, and seemingly a Council priority, it was his preference to obtain a Council opinion before setting internal policy on this. Council agreed that consideration must be given to the idea that repairs can be costly, but wanted clarification on whether residents were truly owners. After some discussion, Council agreed to extend deadline for one month, while leaving open the possibility for further extensions based upon progress being made and the ownership status of the properties in question—specifically, are these units truly owner occupied.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 14. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

1. Carol Barnett, 122 Linden Drive - Presented a neighborhood petition asking Council not to change the nature of Louis Stevens Park.

Borough Manager noted that an executive session would occur following the adjournment of this meeting, for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy. No action would be taken after the conclusion of the executive session.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.