

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 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. Reports of Committees
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-Phone</u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
TALANCA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
TROIANI	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</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>			

**\*BOROUGH COUNCIL MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 PM TODAY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SPECIFIC FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.\***

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

Discussion - Borough Manager advised that certain items had been removed from originally posted agenda, at the advice of SEDA-COG, due to no longer being needed.

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS**

- Nicholas Oliver, Downtown Seating - Mr. Oliver asked that Council reconsider allowing some type of table on Euclid Alley above Front Street. Specifically noted half picnic tables, as he had reviewed with Borough Manager. Council expressed tentative support, asked to see pricing options.
- Jack Kendron, Eagle Scout Project Proposal - Mr. Kendron explained that he was looking to create a "Free Little Library" at Louis Stevens Park as his Eagle Scout project. Was not asking for formal permission from Council at this time, but wanted to see that there was at least not total opposition before working on a formal plan for approval. Council expressed support to move forward.

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

None

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

- Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis

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

1. Child With Autism Signs - Borough Manager explained that it was determined that there are no signs approved by Penn-DOT to address this concern. Council had voted to install a pair of these signs at a recent meeting, including one on Penn-DOT road. Borough Manager will add amendment items to next agenda, and try to determine if any suitable replacement signs exist.
2. Borough Mission Statement - Borough Manager asked that Council consider adopting a mission statement for aid in grant writing. Council asked that some ideas be brought to next meeting.
3. Around the Table
  - a. Mayor Burke - Thanked Chief Strish for obtaining IT grant. Discussed upcoming paving of a portion of Rt. 11 near Borough. Is looking for ways to help victims of recent 8<sup>th</sup> Street fire. Noted a vision issue at a Borough intersection—Chief of Police

and DPW Foreman will work on installing vision aid. Noted that the next weekend would be busy with several events, but that police were prepared.

b. Mr. Jarrett - Noted that the first concert was last week, and it seemed to go well.

**ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

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

None

**ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to advertise for sealed bids for surplus police ammunition.

Discussion: Chief Strish explained reasoning for selling surplus.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment to Berwick Area Swimming Pool, Inc., in the amount of \$25,196, for payment of Aquatic Facility Design, Inc. Invoice #10334, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that \$24,804 remains available for the pool's use, per allocated amount.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve CDBG FFY 2023 Professional and Administrative Services Agreement between Borough of Berwick and SEDA-COG.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that there would be no rate increase from last year's agreement.

Motion: Mr. Lewis 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**

None

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

Meeting adjourned.