

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 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> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Pete Kendron (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>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Michael Burger, SEDA-COG - FFY 2022 CAPER: Explained purpose of CAPER, and held public hearing, which resulted in no questions or comments.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of November 20, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Unanimous Consent - Borough Manager explained purpose, will prepare resolution allowing Consent Agenda.
2. Boulevard Traffic - Borough Manager explained the possible lack of Fire Police causing a discussion for future plans. Discussion on various options. Further research will be done, with possibilities presented in new year.
3. Around the Table
 - a. Mr. Kytte - Barn concrete pour will finish tomorrow. Leaf pickup is winding down. Snow equipment is ready.
 - b. Mr. Jarrett - Thanked Chief Strish for traffic control at Christmas Parade.
 - c. Mayor Burke - Winter/Christmas giveaways are wrapping up, with a couple families still in need of adoption. Thanked PBA for Thanksgiving giveaway help.
 - d. Chief Strish - Participated in Boulevard kickoff. Thanked all for help in getting Boulevard prepped. Noted PBA pictures with Santa event.
 - e. Mr. Moccia - Questioned the status of sidewalks at the corner of Freas Ave. and LaSalle St. Borough Manager explained cause of delay.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to advertise Borough of Berwick Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to advertise Ordinance No. 2023-08, Setting the Tax Millage Rate for the Year 2024.

Discussion: Borough Manager broke down proposed millage rates for all funds.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve Firemen's Relief request for financial assistance toward the replacement of air packs as follows:

Discussion: Motion was made to table and request for information on needed inventory.

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

All in favor, item tabled.

4. Consider and take action to appoint Councilperson Jarrett as the Council representative to the Landlord Ordinance Appeals Board.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to appoint Mr. Pete Talanca as the landlord representative to the Landlord Ordinance Appeals Board.

Discussion: Borough Manager clarified difference between landlord representative and citizen representative.

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

Voting in favor were Councilpersons Learn, Jarrett, Lewis, Moccia and Wozniak. Councilperson Talanca abstained. Motion passed via 5-0 vote in favor, with one abstention.

6. Consider and take action to appoint _____ as the citizen representative to the Landlord Ordinance Appeals Board.

Discussion: No name available at this time; Council will continue to consider possibilities. Motion was made to table.

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

All in favor, item tabled.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

None

***Prior to adjourning Council President Learn announced that Council would meet in executive session following adjournment, to discuss specific City Hall personnel. No action would be taken following the conclusion of this executive session.**

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis

Meeting adjourned.