

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 16, 2026 6:00PM 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. Consent Agenda
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 Jeri Wozniak

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
WOZNIAK	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			
JARRETT	<u>X(TELE)</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>
LEWIS	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
MOCCIA	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	<u> </u>
TROIANI	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Code Enforcement	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Borough Manager	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

*Council met in Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting, to discuss potential litigation related to the recoupment of funds owed to DCED.

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Karafinski

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Ray Karafinski, Jay Jarrett -
Reminder from Borough Manager that Winter Concert Series starts later this month.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle, Bob Lewis, Nelson Learn, Jeri Wozniak

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Ray Karafinski, Bob Lewis

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski -
Mr. Moccia questioned solicitor on status of 1414 Market St. garage, administrative search warrants for rentals, and allowance of revoking mobile home park licenses.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis

POLICE: Chief Reagan Rafferty, Teresa Troiani, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski -
Report provided by Chief Rafferty. Noted that HVAC was successfully repaired in station.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Police Hiring - Chief Rafferty noted that, at this time, we have seven applicants (one lateral, six cadets). Discussed options for officers enrolled in academy, including those who are currently sponsored elsewhere but might prefer Berwick. Those options included partial sponsorship and buyouts. Did note that current academy cadet is doing well.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2026-03: Governing the Disposition of Police Service Weapons Upon Retirement
Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Lewis ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, resolution approved.

ITEM 10. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and take action to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting of Council
 - b. Approve payment of the February 2026 bill listing as presentedDiscussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Karafinski ☒ Approved, ☐
☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to accept, with regrets, the retirement of Andrew Hess from the Department of Public Works, effective February 14, 2026
Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to hire Anthony Silvette as a full-time laborer with the Department of Public Works, with a start date to occur on or after March 2, 2026

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that exact start date would be determined after Mr. Silvette talked with current employer, and that Borough was supportive of him giving longer than a two-week notice if deemed appropriate.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Lewis ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve signature and submission of Home Investment Partnerships Program Grant Funds Repayment Agreement, specifically selecting Option #2

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that option #2, as provided by DCED, allowed for a multi-year repayment plan.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 12. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

- Gabby Malencore, Pine Street - Questioned some details of proposed land swap with BAJSA, specifically as it relates to a potential data center in Mifflin Township. Was encouraged to discuss those details with BAJSA.

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Mr. Karafinski

Meeting adjourned.