

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING October 20, 2025 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. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
6. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
7. Reports of Committees
8. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
9. Old Business
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 Robert Lewis

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
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>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	<u> </u>
WOZNIAK	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Code Enforcement	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Borough Manager	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Mayoral Proclamation, Retirement of Chief of Police Kenneth Strish

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2025-04: Recognizing the Career of Retiring Chief of Police Kenneth Strish

Discussion: Resolution read by Council President Lewis

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

ITEM 6. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

- Diane Rothrock, 241 Maple Road - Explained situation regarding need to cut into street for natural gas, related to Item 11.2

ITEM 7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Requested clarification on Winterfest dates. Will be sending Wise chips to a class in Iowa as a result of a letter he received.

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - Need to meet to discuss contract for Chief Rafferty.

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - Draft budgets were provided, will discuss at next meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Ray Karafinski, Jay Jarrett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - Yearly EMA drill was held last week, went well.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - Report provided. Brush/leaf pickup coming up.

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

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Ray Karafinski - Administrative search warrants need worked on. Borough Manager and Solicitor are now on the same page with it.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Report provided. Five candidates left in hiring process.

FIRE: Chief Bill Coolbaugh - Report provided. New ladder truck paint has been repaired, with an assurance that it is nothing structural. New truck is also getting winterized undercoating completed, hopefully back this week. No update on sale of old ladder truck.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 8. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Academy Cadet Sponsorships - Reviewed previous contracts. Discussed need to update some items with solicitor. Discussed rate of pay, with range discussed going from minimum wage to \$20/hour. Borough Manager and Chief of Police will come back with recommendation on numbers.
2. Coblenz Update - Council provided with email from Community Strategies Group. No further information requested at this time.
3. Sponsler Park Ribbon Cutting - Borough Manager recommended scheduling for November 8. Council also discussed looking to schedule a Christmas event.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS:

None

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 October 6, 2025 meeting of Council
 - b. Approve payment of the October 2025 bill listing
 - c. Approve adding Ms. Teresa Peters as an authorized signer on Borough accounts
 - d. Accept the resignation from the position of Sergeant of Officer Joseph Loyacono, and reinstate Officer Loyacono as a patrolman, effective October 13, 2025

Discussion: None

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

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to accept, with regrets, the retirement of Chief of Police Kenneth Strish, effective November 1, 2025

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve the request of Dale and Diane Rothrock, 241 Maple Road, to allow UGI to cut Borough Street for gas service inside of the five-year moratorium for newly paved streets
Discussion: Conversation was held on quality of street after a patch.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Troiani ☒ 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: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn

Meeting adjourned.