

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING November 3, 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. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
6. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
7. Old Business
8. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
9. Consent Agenda
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 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> </u>	<u> X </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>Pete Kendron (PE)</u>	
WOZNIAK	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Code Enforcement	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Borough Manager	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - Borough Manager noted added discussion-only items, and resolution for grant submission.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Badge Pinning of Borough of Berwick Chief of Police Reagan Rafferty

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Budget Session - Council reviewed draft budget, as developed by Borough Manager. It was noted that no tax increase would be needed this year. Conversation occurred on exact numbers for a few items, with Council ultimately electing not to make any changes, and to vote to advertise budget as presented.
2. BAJSA Joint Meeting - Council expressed disinterest in scheduling a special meeting, noting that any representative of BAJSA was welcome to come to a Borough Council meeting to discuss concerns.
3. 1140 Rear Spring Garden Avenue - Borough Manager shared request to have alley in rear of Spring Garden Avenue given a name, for the purpose of improving mail/delivery success rates. Council was not opposed, directed Borough Manager to look into process.
4. Around the Table
 - a. Public Works Foreman - Leaf pickup began this week, will continue through November.
 - b. Mr. Jarrett - Personnel Committee needs to meet to discuss details of new Police Chief contract.
 - c. Borough Manager - Reminded Council of ribbon cutting for Sponsler Park.
 - d. Mayor Burke - Noted that holiday-related community aid programs are in full swing. Noted that election day is tomorrow.
 - e. Chief of Police - E-bike enforcement is being stepped up.
 - f. Ms. Troiani - Discussed potential Christmas event at Sponsler Park.
 - g. Mr. Moccia - Questioned what can be done to make intersection at 8th and Walnut safer.
 - h. Mr. Karafinski - Noted that speeding on Route 11 seems to be getting worse.
 - i. Fire Chief - Thanked community for support at recent fire. All fire chiefs in the Berwick School District will be meeting with Columbia County reps to put together a mass casualty training. The Berwick Salvation Army will be celebrating 135 years this Saturday, event at Reliance.

ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance No. 2025-08: Amending Section 11 of Ordinance 1060 of 1972, Related to the Harboring of Certain Animals
Discussion: Borough Manager reviewed changes, and reason for change.

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

All in favor, ordinance approved.

2. Resolution No. 2025-05: Authorizing Application for a Statewide Share LSA Grant
Discussion: Borough Manager noted that the original text of the resolution noted that two (2) vehicles were being applied for, but that the final version noted three (3).

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

ITEM 9. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and take action to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:
- a. Approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting of Council
 - b. Accept Bodnar Sales and Service copier lease proposal in the amount of \$127.69/month, starting January 2026
 - c. Approve certification of Borough of Berwick CDBG FFY 2025 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment #1
- Discussion: None

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

All in favor, consent agenda approved.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Borough of Berwick Year 2026 Municipal Budget, with vote for final passage to occur during the first Council meeting in December
Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

None

Following adjournment, Council will meet in executive session to discuss lawsuit No. 4:25-CV-00597-MWB. No action will be taken.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Troiani

Meeting adjourned.