

## The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2022

**Clerk's Note:** This meeting was live streamed and may be viewed at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityOfBerwyn/videos?app=desktop>

Mayor Lovero was not in attendance for the meeting. Clerk Paul called the Berwyn City Council Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and called the roll. The following Alderpeople were in attendance and present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Arenella, and Carmichael. Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod to excuse Alderpeople Pabon and Ruiz. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. With a quorum having been established, Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella to appoint Ald. Lennon as temporary chair of the meeting due to the Mayor's absence. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ald. Lennon assumed the chair and asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Ald. Lennon asked for a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost in Uvalde Texas and in support of our First Responders.

**Open Forum:** Ald. Lennon opened the floor for Open Forum. The following speakers came forward to address the City Council:

- Jamie Franklin: Questioned and criticized the way ARPA funds were being allocated. She submitted written comments for the record.
- Junior Statesmen of America representative Yadira Padilla: Announced the school club's activities for Juneteenth observances and asked for financial donations.
- Mary Gabbert: Recommended ARPA funds to be used for social services, children and teen programming, tree planting and bike lanes.
- Martha Chiplis, John Dunlevy, and Mary Perantau: Spoke on behalf of the Berwyn Tree Consortium advocating an increase in the number of parkway trees planted each year. Written comments were submitted for the record.
- Susie Donnelly: Criticized elected officials and expressed upset with the lack of community involvement in determining ARPA spending.
- Anthony Ward representing the Combined Veterans of Berwyn: Announced the group's planned Memorial Day observances. Handouts were provided.
- Steve Taylor: Criticized the lack of community involvement in determining ARPA expenditures and asked that further spending be halted and that public listening sessions be held to assess how residents would like the funds spent. Written comments were submitted for the record.
- Claudia Ayala – City Communication Division Manager: Announced the City's work with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the upcoming Virtual Town Hall on June 1, 2022 and the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan Survey being conducted. Handouts were provided.
- Michael Soloway: Criticized the method ARPA spending was determined and criticized elected officials and Mayor Lovero specifically. Written comments were submitted for the record.
- Clerk Paul announced that Jenna Musselman-Palles had emails comments for Open Forum and that copies of the email were provided to the Alderpeople and Mayor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the May 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid Openings:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to award the bid for the reconstruction of 6 Green Alleys to J Nardulli Concrete, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$1,667,479 which includes a 5% contingency amount. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. (Clerk's Note: Ald. Lennon

**Reports from the BDC, BPHD, or Berwyn Township:**

E-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to approve the Berwyn Development Corporation's request for a Special Event to be held on June 3, 2022 at Noon and authorize requested city services. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from the Mayor:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to concur with the reappointment of Gilbert Peña for another term on the Fire and Police Commission. The motion carried with five Alderpeople voting AYE and one voting NAY. Ald. Leja made a second motion to reappoint Ana M. Espinoza for another term on the Fire and Police Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Clerk Paul administered Oaths of Office to Commissioner Peña and Commissioner Espinoza.

**Reports from the Clerk:** Ald. Woywod made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the request for a Public Hearing to be conducted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning on behalf of the City of Berwyn, amending the date of the hearing to June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the Capital Improvement Plan for Transportation. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Zoning Commission:** Nothing submitted for the agenda

**Reports from Aldermen, Committees and Boards:**

I-1: Ald. Fejt, made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to refer the communication submitted by Ald. Lennon and Leja re: Sidewalk Replacement Cost Share Program to the Public Works Committee for discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

J-1: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, approve the pay request #9 to Pan Oceanic Engineering for \$1,004,408.52 that includes a 3% retainage from City of Berwyn, IEPA Water Main and Sewer Loans as requested. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to direct City Administrator Siaba-Green to execute a contract with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for Property, Inland Marine, and Auto Physical Damage lines of insurance with a maintained \$10,000 deductible for a contract amount not to exceed \$132,512. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-3: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the policy for Fiduciary insurance for the Berwyn Police Pension Fund with ULLICO for \$6,408 for fees and premium amount. Ald. Leja made an additional motion, seconded by Ald. Woywod, to approve the purchase of Fiduciary insurance for the Berwyn Fire Pension Fund with ULLICO for an amount of \$5,232 that includes the premium and fees. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

J-4 Ald. Fejt made that motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to grant permission to for the demolition of buildings on the property located at the address commonly known as 6508 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Berwyn, Illinois. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

J-5: Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to grant permission for the demolition of the buildings located on the property at the address commonly known as 6510 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Berwyn, Illinois. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.



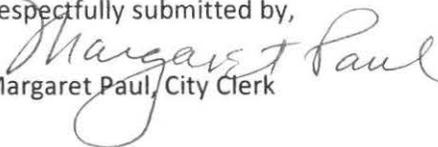
**Consent Agenda (Items K1 through K-20):** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to bring forward Item K-14. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Carmichael made the motion to amend the Juneteenth Event Application by cancelling the requested Alley Closure indicated on the application and approve the event scheduled for June 18, 2022 at Proksa Park. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Arenella, to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda items as submitted (Items K-1 through K-13 and K-15 through K-20) by omnibus designation as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings:** Ald. Fejt announced a Public Works Committee meeting on behalf of Ald. Ruiz to be held on June 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business before the City Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Margaret Paul, City Clerk

