

The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2023

Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople responded present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lovero asked for a moment of silence in memory of William Hoeschler and Maria Montano and in support of our First Responders.

Open Forum: Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum.

- **Judith Vessley** spoke on longstanding issues she is experiencing with the slope of her neighbor's concrete walkway between their homes. Mayor Lovero acknowledged Ms. Vesseley's many calls she has made to city staff and the recommendations he provided during his conversations with her.
- **City Emergency Manager Tony Laureto** informed the council regarding FEMA teams canvassing residents in furtherance of the July 2, 2023 Weather Emergency.
- **Anthony DiSalvo** criticized the concrete work being done at the corner of 36th Street at Maple Avenue. He requested that Public Works inspect the work and withhold payment due to poor workmanship.
- Ald. Alicia Ruiz thanked BPD Officer Macias and everyone involved in making her pop-up event a success. She announced the date and location of her next event.

Approval of Minutes:

C-1: Ald. Leja asked the Clerk to correct the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting to reflect that during Open Forum Josephine Svec stated that she has experienced basement flooding during the last five years and that July 2nd was not the first experience as recorded in the Minutes.

Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the July 11, 2023 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole as submitted and the Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2-23 as corrected. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Openings: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

BDC, BPHD, and Berwyn Township Submissions: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the Mayor:

F-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Cori Cirolia as the Freedom of Information Officer for the Berwyn Police Department. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from the Clerk: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the Zoning Commission: Nothing submitted for the agenda.

Reports from the Alderpeople, Committees, and Boards:

I-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to suspend the approval for building on city lots less than 30 feet wide with the moratorium to take effect immediately and refer the matter to the Building and Zoning Aldermanic Committee. The motion passed by with Leja, Fejt, Pabon, Ruiz, Arenella and Carmichael voting AYE and Lennon and Woywod voting NAY.

I-2: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the rescheduled date and time of the ReMax Summer Fest now set for September 23, 2023 from Noon until 9:00 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-3: Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the event request submitted by the Commodore Barry Post Annual Picnic set for July 29, 2023 and authorize the requested city services and street closure. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-4: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's announcement of the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Horacio Aguilara as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

I-5: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's announcement of the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Erik Gonzalez as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports from Staff:

J-1: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept Police Chief Cimaglia's June Revenue Collection report as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-2: Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to authorize Police Chief Cimaglia to contact the Fire and Police Commission for the purpose of promoting one Patrol Officer to the rank of Sergeant due to the retirement of Commander Louis G. Mazza. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

J-3: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve for payment the additional costs due to material price escalations to Pan Oceanic Engineering as part of the project close out for Phase 1, Utilities for the Depot Streetscape Project for a negotiated amount not to exceed \$447,000.00. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor on the call of the roll.

J-4: Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Pabon, to approve Pay Estimate #6 and Final for the 2022 Roadway Resurfacing program to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$110,912.64. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor on the call of the roll.

Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K14): Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings: Ald. Fejt announced a Building and Zoning committee meeting for August 8, 2023 (time: TBA). Ald. Ruiz announced a Parking, Traffic and Public Works committee meeting on August 8, 2023 (time: TBA)

There being no further business before the City Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Margaret Paul, City Clerk

