

ROBERT J. LOVERO  
MAYOR

THOMAS J. PAVLIK  
CITY CLERK

MINUTES  
BERWYN CITY COUNCIL  
August 26, 2014

1. The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order by Mayor Lovero at 8:00 p.m. Upon the call of the roll, the following responded present: Chapman, Boyajian, Paul, Fejt, Polashek, Santoy, Avila and Laureto.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was given for the family of Robert Considine Sr., a former Lieutenant with the Berwyn Fire Department and father of Robert Considine Jr., a retired Lieutenant of the Berwyn Fire Department; Joanna M. Santangelo, sister – in – law of Berwyn Police Division Commander Joseph Santangelo and cousin of Police TCO Mia Alvarez, also a moment for the men and women protecting our safety on the streets of Berwyn, in the Armed Forces and for all Veterans.
3. The Open Forum, Santoy made a motion, second by Boyajian, to defer the open forum until the end of the meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.
4. Minutes of the Berwyn City Council regular meeting and Committee of the Whole held August 12, 2014, were submitted. Thereafter, Avila made a motion, seconded by Laureto, to concur and approve as submitted. The motion carried by a voice vote.
5. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Boyajian, to concur and amend the agenda to include items J-3 and K-9. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, second by Paul, to suspend the rules and bring forward agenda item F-1. The motion carried by a voice vote.
6. F-1, the Mayor submitted a proclamation to congratulate Matthew Pondel on achieving the level of Eagle Scout. Thereafter, Chapman made a motion, second by Polashek, to **adopt** the proclamation as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote. Thereafter, the Mayor recognized Matthew Pondel to congratulate and presented him with the proclamation.

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7. The Berwyn Development Corporation submitted a communication regarding a TIF application for Carol Bodden, 6250 Ogden Avenue. Kurtis Pozsgay of the Berwyn Development Corporation reviewed same. Thereafter, Boyajian made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and approve for payment in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, \$20,000 per year for three years. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.
8. The City Administrator submitted a communication regarding a contract to hire The Lakota Group to identify and recommend a historic district that qualifies for nomination as a National Register of Historic Places. Thereafter, Santoy made a motion, second by Avila, to concur and approve as submitted for payment in an amount not to exceed \$28,500. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.
9. The Public Works Director submitted a communication requesting the purchase of a State Bid Dump Truck. Thereafter, Boyajian made a motion, second by Paul, to concur, approve as submitted for payment in an amount not to exceed \$110,823.42. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.
10. The Fire Chief submitted a communication requesting permission to contact the Fire and Police Commission to hire a probationary firefighter/paramedic to replace the firefighter/paramedic that has resigned. Thereafter, Avila made a motion, second by Polashek, to concur and grant permission. The motion carried by a voice vote.
11. The consent agenda, items K-1 through K-9, were submitted:
  1. Payroll – 8/13/14 \$1,135,464.28 - Approve
  2. Payables – 8/26/14 \$1,246,562.14 - Approve
  3. Handicap Application #816 – 1832 Scoville - Approve
  4. Handicap Application #893 – 1844 Gunderson - Approve
  5. Block Party – 3200 block of Wisconsin – 9/6/14 RD 9/7/14
  6. Block Party – 1200 block of Kenilworth – 9/6/14 RD 9/13/14
  7. K of C, ID Tootsie Roll Drive 9/19/14 through 9/21/14
  8. Sokol Tabor, Rummage Sale- 10/10/14 & 10/11/14
  9. P Lounge, ALS Fundraiser – 8/31/14

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Thereafter, Avila made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and approve by omnibus vote designation. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. The Open Forum portion of the meeting was announced, the Mayor address the audience regarding the on-line petition for developing flood reduction initiatives and what has been done by the city recently to address same. The Mayor stated he has a meeting scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and announced a tentative date for a Town Hall Meeting for October 15<sup>th</sup> to address flooding issues. The Mayor noted the city has spent 2.8 million on a 135 repairs this fiscal budget and the 1.1 million grant recently awarded by the State to cover sewer repairs. Plans were announced to start a resident assist program to help cover individual home flood control devices such as back flow valves and over head sewers. The Mayor recognized William Spezak of the 3500 block of Home who addressed residents about installing check valves and the importance of cleaning out your catch basins on a regular basis to help prevent basement flooding. Ed Karesak of the 7000 block of W. 29<sup>th</sup> Place spoke regarding the geological forces at work in Berwyn with the south end being built on swamp land and the north end, which is set on limestone bedrock. Debbie Paign of the 3200 block of Clarence questioned the city's on-line residential flooding survey and possible access to that data collected or the city generating a report with compiled data to assist the residence understanding of the areas affected. A resident of the 6500 block of W, 26<sup>th</sup> Street stated she appreciated the information provided by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman and the fine job the Berwyn Police Department is doing. Matt Zurek of Highland Ave. spoke regarding raw sewage backups and the fact that his insurance company no longer covers sewer flooding since 2010. Joe Munoz of the 3600 block of Scoville spoke regarding installing rain barrels to down spouts. The Mayor recognized the Public Works Director Robert Schiller who answered questions about various flood control devices, questions about the Berwyn sewer systems and the city's efforts to repair and/or improve its sewer infrastructure. The Mayor recognized Building Director Charles Lazzara who spoke regarding maintaining catch basins, the effectiveness of sewer drain stand pipes, approximate costs of flood control devices and the importance of hiring licensed reputable contractors, a list the city can provide. Alderman Laureto thanked the staff of the Berwyn Public Library for the recent Fairy Tales event.

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13. There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was after a motion by Laureto, seconded by Avila, to adjourn at the hour of 9:30 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pavlik, CMC  
City Clerk