

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**6:15 pm**

**There was an executive meeting held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters.**

Ric Reichner, Director of Finance  
John Barnhart, Director of Public Safety  
Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works  
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation

Other City officials in attendance:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk  
Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief  
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police  
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor  
Jerome Alex, City Controller  
Jeff Wojciechowski, Public Safety Supervisor  
Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Visitors present: 16.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS**

Vinny Clausi asked what was going on with the Celotex property, The Celotex was not contaminated. I believe for the best interest for the citizens of Sunbury and the Citizens of the County that it would be beneficial to table the intergovernmental Cooperation Between the City and the County regarding the Celotex Lot getting more details.

Victoria Rosancrans: I too agree with Mr. Clausi, I would really like for tonight you to go back and start at the beginning A lot has happened with this since 2021 and then there was another grant, the original grant wasn't used properly that we should go back January 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Brosious asked for a work session, I am not sure if that happened. February 20<sup>th</sup> on the agenda and on the minutes RACP was applied for again. I would really like to understand, and I would really like to know this whole process with the grant. So that is telling me that the original grant wasn't used properly or used in time there wasn't much information in the minutes of that meeting about the RACP. We need to understand this because there is no transparency or accountability here. So, let's talk about the contamination. There were 145 studies, 5 contaminants that exceeded the Act 2 Residential use manners 2011, non-residential meeting. That is what is on that company right now, but I would really like to go back in 2021 and really understand all the grants that were, or what happens from 2021 until now and was there another RACP on the thing. I just want to understand that and the monies that were spent on,

because there were studies done up there for the Red Light up there on Susquehanna. I would really encourage it, to not be put out there, which is really disheartening that it's not going to cost the taxpayers really anything. I guarantee that the Cit of Sunbury

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND REPORTS: Minutes of April 10th and 24th 2023 and Reports of the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Treasurer, Code Office, Health Dept., Shade Tree, and Planning Commission.**

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve of the Minutes and Reports for April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 the Fire Department, Police dept., Treasurer, Code office, Health Dept., Shade Tree, Planning Commission. Second . Unanimous Vote.

**Oath of Office Full Time Officer Riley Bremigen**

Mayor Brosious made the motion to

**Proclamation- National Gun Violence Awareness Day Friday, June 2, 2023**

**Unfinished Business**

**441 Chestnut Street Warehouse City Take Back**

Councilman Eister made the motion to approve 441 Chestnut Street Warehouse Take back.

**New Business**

**1st Reading of Bill 2023-02 Consumer and Display Fireworks**

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Bill 2023-02 Consumer and Display Fireworks. Second . Unanimous Vote.

**911 Rapid Response Proposal**

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve the 911 Rapid Response Proposal. Second . Unanimous Vote.

**SBA Architectural Services Proposal of \$4000. for City Hall Upgrades**

Councilman made the motion to . Second . Unanimous Vote.

**Shikellamy School District Stadium Project Plan Approval**

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to . Second . Unanimous Vote.

**MOU Between City and Shikellamy School District “Developer’s Agreement”**

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to . Second . Unanimous Vote.

**2023 Road Closures-Martina**

**Sunbury Celebration on July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunbury Light Fest Christmas in July on July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunbury Revitalization River Festival- August 18, 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunbury Fire Police Halloween Parade on October 19**

**Sunbury Fire Department Fireman’s Memorial Service on October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunbury New Year’s Eve Celebration on December 31, Jan 1s**

Councilwoman Martina made the motion to approve 2023 Road closures for Sunbury Celebration on July 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunbury Light fest Christmas in July on July 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunbury Revitalization River Festival on August 18,19<sup>th</sup>, Sunbury Fire Department Fireman’s Memorial Service on October 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunbury Fire Police Halloween Parade on October 19, and Sunbury New Year’s Eve Celebration on December 31, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Second . unanimous Vote.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Between the City and County regarding the Celotex Lot**

Councilman Eister Made the motion approve 0 . Second . Unanimous Vote.

**CES Engineering Proposal for 242 Church Street Demolition Project Not to Exceed \$2500**

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to . Second. Unanimous vote.

**Resolution 2023- 25 Waver of Open Container During Susquehanna Valley Derby Vixens Bout’s (At the James R. Eister Community Center on May 13, June 10,24, July 1, and August 5, 2023)**

Councilman Eister made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-25 waver of Open Container During Susquehanna Valley Derby Vixens Bout’s (At the James R. Eister Community Center on May 13, June 10, 24, July 1, and August 5, 2023). Second . Unanimous Vote.

**Tax Exoneration- \$71.09**

Councilman Reichner made the motion to . Second . Unanimous Vote.

**Approval of Abstract/Vouchers for Gf is \$ 67,368.53 and LF- \$233.50**

Councilman Reichner made the motion to Approve of the Abstract/ Vouchers for GF is \$67,368.53 and LF \$233.50. Second . Unanimous Vote.

**Discussion**

**City Website**

**Update on Commercial Property Ordinance**

**Brushes with Destiny, LLC Community Mural Project**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant 3-year term for the Board of Appeals and HARB, please submit letters of interest to City Clerk at [jbarner@sunburypa.org](mailto:jbarner@sunburypa.org).

City of Sunbury Mulch Giveaway May 6 from 7:30 a.m. to noon located at the Brush Recycling Center, at the old Celotex lot.

City of Sunbury Public Safety Office

Neighborhood Walk Around Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 9, 2023, TV and Tire Recycling Event June 10, 2023, 9am to 12pm at the James R. Eister Community Center parking lot.

Next City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on May 22, 2023, 6:15pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT**