

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING – BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**January 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

West Reading Borough Council held a Special Meeting at Borough Hall on Thursday, January 14, 2016 with the following persons present: Mayor Valentin Rodriguez, Jr.; Council President Carl Garman, Vice President Nathalie R. Kulesa; Council Members Grace Craze, Kristin L. Kramer, Christopher Lincoln, Suzanne Thompson, Philip C. Wert; Borough Manager Richard J. Sichler; Police Chief Stephen Powell; Administrative Assistant Cathy L. Hoffman.

<b>VISITORS:</b>	James T. Rogers	Resident
	Oswald Herbert	Resident
	Becca Gregg	Reading Eagle

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Garman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Council recessed to Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss personnel. When the regular meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m., no action was taken.
4. **RACE REQUEST:**  
Chief Powell stated that a request had been received that would have required early action by Council however that request has been withdrawn. Instead, a presentation will be made at the next Council meeting concerning a half marathon.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
**James T. Rogers** asked if there had been any further information provided by Berks EIT concerning Business Privilege Tax. Mr. Sichler indicated that he had contacted EIT for the information but was unsure if it had been submitted. He said he would double check with them for the next meeting. Some discussion ensued with regard to verification and enforcement of the Business Privilege Tax. Mr. Sichler indicated that Berks EIT has been doing a better job of collecting this tax and as a result the Borough has seen a large jump in revenue.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
**Moved** by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Craze to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman  
Administrative Assistant