

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2020
7:00PM Council Meeting**

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Review and approval of agenda.
4. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals
5. Presentations
6. Approval of the preceding meeting minutes if correct and rectifying mistakes if any exist.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills
8. Reports of Committees
9. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
10. Old Business
11. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
12. New Business
13. Added Items
14. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Robert Lewis

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
ALLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOWER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
JARRETT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
TALANCA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		<u>Susan Schwartz - PE</u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Talanca

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARING / CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS: None

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of September 21, 2020 and Work Shop minutes of October 5, 2020.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Alley

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Bower SECOND: Mr. Learn

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Despite traffic concerns, YMCA food giveaway at Test Track was success.

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner

PERSONNEL: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Scott Bower, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Jeri Alley, Pete Talanca

SAFETY: Bob Lewis

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Police Radios - Even after county contribution, Borough will be on the hook for ~\$70,000, due in September 2022. Grants will continue to be explored to cover that difference.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS: None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve list of recyclable items eligible for curbside pickup in 2021 as follows: #1&2 plastics, tin cans, newspaper

Discussion: All other currently allowed items will still be able to be dropped off at drop-off center. This is a cost saving decision.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to establish guidelines for participation in recycling drop-off center by citizens of other municipalities as follows: center will be limited to Berwick residents for household recycling, starting January 2021

Discussion: This is a cost-saving measure. May be opened to other municipalities in the future, but it's almost impossible to determine a fair cost at this time.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Learn X Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve listing of Caterpillar 924F Wheeler Loader on Municibid.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve listing of 1996 GMC C6500 Dump Truck on Municibid.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to advertise for open position on BAJSA.

Discussion: Still determining whether a second member of Council may serve in this role.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Jarrett X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to advertise for open position on Zoning Hearing Board.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to advertise for open position on Codes Appeal Board.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Jarrett X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice #109856 in the amount of \$146.25 to Peters Consultants, Inc. for work done on blighted structure removal project.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice #109901 in the amount of \$16.75 to Peters Consultants, Inc. for work done on the blighted structure removal project.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Ms. Troiani X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

10. Consider and take action to approve Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$1,427.75 to Kreisher Construction, LLC for work done on the 1654 Brittain Street demolition project.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

11. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$2,229.00 to SEDA-COG for services rendered in the administration of the Berwick Borough FFY 2017 HUD Entitlement.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Ms. Alley X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

12. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$18,600.00 to SEDA-COG for services rendered in the administration of the Berwick Borough FFY 2018 HUD Entitlement.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

13. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice in the amount of \$5,300.00 to SEDA-COG for services rendered in the administration of the Berwick Borough FFY 2019 HUD Entitlement.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Jarrett X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

14. Consider and take action to advertise for open positions as Civil Service Commission alternates.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Ms. Alley X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

15. Consider and take action to approve beginning process of drafting ordinance to limit truck traffic on certain West Berwick streets.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Bower X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

1. **Item:** Consider and take action to hold Santa Parade and Winterfest this year.

Discussion: It was determined that Borough Manager could work on organizing parade, contingent on School District, specifically band, being able to participate. Winterfest was allowed to occur, but as last year, was dependent on it happening organically by way of planning by the downtown businesses. It was determined that no action was needed.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, Tabled

It was announced that Council would hold an executive session to discuss specific personnel following adjournment of the meeting

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Ms. Alley

Meeting adjourned.