

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 6, 2021**

**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 - Agenda Items
5. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
6. Old Business
7. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
8. New Business
9. Added Items
10. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Scott Bower**

**ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>&amp; MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BOWER	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
TROIANI	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Chief of Police	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
ALLEY	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Solicitor	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
LEWIS	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
JARRETT	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
LEARN	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	
TALANCA	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Fire Chief	<u>  X  </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. Jarrett Second: Ms. Alley

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS - AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**ITEM 5. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. Request by Wise to rename portion of Adams Avenue - Discussion was had that all of Council is in favor of this. There will be no need to change any addresses. Wise will be consulted to determine the exact name of the street. Motion to proceed was formally made.

Consider and take action to rename one block of Adams Avenue in honor of Wise, and to purchase and place signs indicating the same.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Summerhill Avenue Guardrail - Borough Manager presented letter sent by residents, regarding PennDOT's plan to remove guardrail along their home. Council expressed a general feeling that guardrail did not need to be removed. Motion to proceed was formally made.

Consider and take action to send letter to PennDOT expressing opposition to the removal of guardrail cited in letter to Council, also copying Senator Gordner and Representative Millard in said letter.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

### 3. Around the Table

- Mr. Lewis - Safety Committee recommends that 300 and 400 blocks of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street be made no parking on the north side, due to lack of space for emergency vehicles to access. Council had a conversation about lack of parking in that area, before ultimately decided not to move forward with this issue.
- Mr. Lewis - Safety Committee recommends removing 300 and 400 blocks of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street from street sweeping route, due to difficulty with accessing street with the street sweeper, and general lack of need. Council agreed with this proposal, and motion to proceed was formally made, with the understanding that Borough Manager may need to complete one or more ordinances to finalize.

Consider and take action to approve submitting application for Columbia County EDCDI Grant Program, 2021 Project Application, Round 5, for Glenbrook Stream Bank Restoration project.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

- Mr. Lewis - Recommended that Council donate a total of two pallets of water to the fire company, divided evenly among the four stations. Council was in agreement with this plan, and that no motion was necessary to authorize Borough Manager to proceed.
- Mr. Jarrett - Reports that Beyond Violence supported the fire department in recent fire, and would like to continue to be a support in the future.
- Mr. Jarrett - Requests that 300 block of East 6<sup>th</sup> street receive signs noting a resident with visual impairment. Item added to "Added Items" section of agenda.
- Mr. Jarrett - Reports that fireworks were an issue around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, despite efforts by police department. Recommended that Borough Manager send a letter to state legislators expressing need for change in fireworks law. Item added to "Added Items" section of agenda.
- Ms. Troiani - Expressed that junk cars near the intersection of Mulberry Street and Cemetery Street continue to be an issue. Mayor reported that it is on the police department's radar.
- Mr. Learn - Provided report from BAJSA.
- Ms. Alley - Expressed concern over the condition of streets in East Berwick as a result of recent work by UGI.

- Borough Manager - Reminded Council of upcoming Kids Night. Council discussed and agreed that they would like to do a bike giveaway, funded by Council and the Mayor, not the Borough.
- Fire Chief Remphrey - Reports that he is working on mid-year report. The department has had 205 calls so far this year.

**ITEM 6. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to approve submitting application for Columbia County EDCDI Grant Program, 2021 Project Application, Round 5, for Glenbrook Stream Bank Restoration project.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to accept Borough of Berwick Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Actuarial Assumptions for the 2021 Actuarial Valuation, as provided by Mockenhaupt Benefits Group.

Discussion: Borough Manager briefly explained the significance of this.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve purchase of police mobile computer equipment as described in Dell Quote #3000088538742.2 in the amount of \$18,149.18.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained the need for different systems for a patrol officer compared to a detective. Borough Manager also reminded Council that while this is a potential expense for payment with stimulus funds, Council was only agreeing to the purchase at this time.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

## **ITEM 9. ADDED ITEMS**

- 1. Item:** Consider and take action to approve adding one sign to either end of the 300 block of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, indicating the presence of an individual with a visual impairment.

Discussion: Floor was opened for public comment. Hearing none, Council proceeded.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

- 2. Item:** Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to send formal letter to Representative Millard and Senator Gordner to state strong opposition to Pennsylvania fireworks law.

Discussion: Floor was opened for public comment. One individual, who did not provide a name, stated that he felt fireworks should be allowed on private property.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

**ITEM 10. CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Michelle Creasy, Jeremy's Journey - Reviewed the mission of Jeremy's Journey. Shared that Berwick will be hosting a statewide event. Wants to see installed a memorial walkway at a Borough park, to be professionally installed. Borough Manager agreed to review with DPW foreman and have on agenda for next meeting.
  - Ed Zajac, Spring Garden Avenue - Asked that Council keep an open mind regarding Test Track Park and its overall use, specifically regarding graffiti on the pavement.
  - Fred Gause, South Mercer Street - Asked for Council to reconsider decision not to place signage regulating truck traffic on South Berwick streets. Mr. Jarrett responded with his reasons for being opposed. Mr. Gause agreed to keep track of number of trucks over a two-week period, to present to Council. Borough Manager agreed to place on agenda for July 19.
  - Ed Zajac, Spring Garden Avenue - Asked that Council continue to make efforts to improve Christo's building.
  - Louann DeGross, South Mercer Street - Stated that she was disappointed that Council decided not to install signs regulating truck traffic on South Berwick streets.
  - Fred Gause, South Mercer Street - Wished to state that he was not trying to be negative about Wise.
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**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Ms. Alley

Meeting adjourned.