

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 21, 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
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 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>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Chief of Police	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
ALLEY	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Solicitor	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
LEWIS	<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>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	<u>      </u>
TALANCA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </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: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARING / CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS:**

- Greg Harkins - Responded to driveway concern presented by his neighbor as prior meeting.

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATION:** May Burke - Read proclamation celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Berwick Resident Mary Knorr, to be celebrated June 23.

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING**

- Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2021 and Work Shop minutes of June 7, 2021.

Discussion - None

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, with Mr. Jarrett abstaining due to his absence at one of the meetings in question. Minutes approved.

**ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS** MOTION: Mr. Jarrett SECOND: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

**ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Has officiated his 200<sup>th</sup> wedding as mayor. Will be participating in a variety of speaking engagements over the course of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - None

PERSONNEL: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - The Little League District All-Star Tournament will be at Ber-Vaughn Park, starting this Friday. Columbia County Commissioner Chris Young has

mentioned the idea of utilizing Test Track Park as a home for a "graffiti highway".

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Scott Bower, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - There will be a drill tomorrow night, with the major drill scheduled for August 10.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - None

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Jeri Alley, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Application deadline for this round of hiring has been extended. Mr. Jarrett brought up fireworks; Chief Strish reviewed difficulties of enforcement, but will emphasize the need to attempt.

FIRE: Chief Randy Remphrey - Reviewed monthly statistics. Reviewed Engine 81 repairs. The antifreeze issue in the rescue unit has been resolved. Service on air packs is complete.

BAJSA REPORT: None - Mr. Learn will provide at a later date.

**ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. Request by Wise to rename portion of Adams Avenue east of Raseley Street - Mayor proposes, in honor of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first Wise potato chip being produced. Mayor will talk to Wise about logistics.
2. Police Vehicle Computer Quote - There were questions about differences in cost between some of the computers. Borough Manager will get answers to those questions in time for next meeting.

**ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolution 2021-02 - Authorizing and Directing the Borough to File a Petition for Exemption from Noise Provisions

Discussion: Borough Manager reviewed that this is extending a current practice.

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

2. Resolution 2021-03 - Establishing a Standardized Format for Citizen Participation at Public Meetings

Discussion: Mr. Jarrett requested that, in item 14, the word "encouraged" be changed to "expected". Motion to approve was made with this change in mind.

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

**ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to approve placement of signs to manage Wise truck traffic, at an approximate cost of \$1,315, with signs to read No Trucks, through use of generally accepted symbol for the same.

Discussion: There was discussion on whether such an effort would work, whether it would cause new problems, and whether it would be enforceable. Item ultimately died for lack of a motion.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

2. Consider and take action to authorize up to \$1,500 in additional funds to be released to Laurie Allison for management of feral cat program, payable upon submission of receipts for allowable expenses, increasing total authorized for 2021 to \$2,500.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to adopt updated allocations amounts of FFY 2021 CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained the need for changes.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve Professional & Administrative Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for services related to and administration of FFY 2021 CDBG Program.

Discussion: Council expressed that they continue to be pleased with services provided by SEDA-COG in general, and representative Tyler Dombroski generally.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to award engineering contract for CDBG Phase III demolitions to Barry Isset.

Discussion: It was noted that Barry Isset was the recommended choice from Tyler Dombroski of SEDA-COG.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to award engineering contract for 2021 CDBG Street Contract II to R K Webster.

Discussion: It was noted that Tyler Dombroski of SEDA-COG had declined to make a formal recommendation on how to award this contract.

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

Voting in favor were Mr. Bower, Mr. Talanca, Ms. Alley, Mr. Learn, and Mr. Lewis. Voting in opposition was Mr. Jarrett. By way of a 5-1 vote in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to accept donation from Wise in the form of four planted trees and one installed park bench, in commemoration of

its 100<sup>th</sup> year, to be placed on lawn at City Hall, with type of trees to be determined by Borough staff.

Discussion: Council discussed that City Hall's lawn was appropriate place for this donation, and that Borough staff could determine most appropriate trees.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve purchase of 2022 Chevrolet Equinox from Whitmoyer Buick-Chevrolet in the amount of \$23,950.

DISCUSSION: it was noted by Borough Manager that, while this may ultimately be paid for with stimulus funds, at this time Council was only committing to the purchase, not the means of payment.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

**ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS**

None

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**ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT**: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.