

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2022

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. Presentation
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
6. Approval of the preceding meeting minutes if correct and rectifying mistakes if any exist.
7. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Teresa Troiani

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOWER	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	Solicitor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
JARRETT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MOCCIA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u> None </u>	
TALANCA	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - Borough Manager requested Item 1 under Added Items be placed on the agenda for vote. Motion was made to approve agenda with this change.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, agenda approved with change.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

- Michele Barretts, Mickey's Restaurant - Ms. Barretts appeared after having received notice that she was required to fix her sidewalk from the Borough Codes Officer. Reports that she did not receive new sidewalks when they were placed downtown some time ago, despite being a part of the downtown business district. Also reports that she did not receive Borough COVID funds, despite having applied. Requested assistance with having sidewalks repaired, and permission to remove trees without replacing. Council requested that Ms. Barretts obtain quotes on a cost for repair before going any further.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of March 21, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Bognet, Inc. Pay App #1, in the amount of \$19,692.00, for park bathroom project, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Mr. Kytte explained progress of the projects to date.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pine Ridge Construction Management Pay App #1, in the amount of \$42,708.01, for park bathroom project, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve payment of TRA Electric Inc. Pay App #1, in the amount of \$1,857.96, for park bathroom project, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Moccia Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1128.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained details of the changes being made.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve request for relief from required repairs from Ms. Michele Barretts, in reference to property located at 104 South Mulberry Street/146 West Front Street, as follows: Motion to table.

Discussion: Motion was made to table based on discussions earlier in the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor of motion to table, action tabled on item at this time.

6. Consider and take action to approve granting priority status to Ms. Patricia James for placement on the waitlist to receive HOME funds for housing rehabilitation.

Discussion: Ms. Teri Provost from SEDA-COG explained situation to Council, as well the current status of the waiting list, and those properties already on it ahead of Ms. James.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, Tabled

Item died for lack of a motion.

7. Consider and take action to award East Third Street paving project as follows: Motion to table.

Discussion: Bids were opened, with results of those bids as follows:

- Don E. Bower - \$187,221.75 base bid, \$78,680.30 alternate bid
- Sikora Brothers - \$341,103.75 base bid, \$140,990 alternate bid
- Lehigh - \$265,982.30 base bid, \$106,530.78 alternate bid
- Big Rock - \$197,990 base bid, \$86,548 alternate bid
- HRI - \$221,346.75 base bid, \$102,186.90 alternate bid
- Robert C. Young - \$197,865.10 base bid, \$91,218.60 alternate bid

Borough Manager requested that action be tabled, due to recent information about a future utility project in the area of some of the paving. Motion was made to table.

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

All in favor of motion to table, action tabled on item at this time.

8. Consider and take action to approve purchase of one new Caterpillar 420 XE Backhoe Loader CFG1, to be purchased from Cleveland Brothers, at a cost of \$155,437.00.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained need, as well as appropriateness of timing. Reminded Council that a request for other vehicles for Public Works will be coming, as soon as dealers will provide quotes.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Moccia Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve request of Ms. Wanita Murphy, in reference to property at 209 Arch Street, to install one handicap parking sign for the business at this location.

Discussion: Council discussed the merits of different types of signs regulating parking, as well as any unexpected outcomes that may occur as a result. Borough Manager was tasked with speaking with Ms. Murphy before making any decision. Motion was made to table.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor of motion to table, action tabled on item at this time.

10. Consider and take action to authorize purchase of Pierce Rear Mount Ladder Truck in the amount of \$1,648,000, with a total of \$0 to be provided as a down payment.

Discussion: Mr. Coolbaugh of Reliance provided information on changes made since last meeting, which caused the final price to decrease. Borough Manager discussed the merits of various down payment options, the actual savings once interest on cash on hand was taken into account, and the benefits of maintaining fiscal flexibility moving forward. Council agreed to forgo any down payment.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

1. **Item:** Consider and take action to accept the resignation of Mr. Randolph Brink as a part-time DPW laborer, effective April 2, 2022.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that Mr. Brink left for a full-time position elsewhere.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

- 2. **Item:** Consider and take action to cease providing monthly allotment to Eagle Hose Company, effective immediately, and until reinstated as an active fire company.

Discussion: Item came about after Fire Chief requested to provide update on status of Eagle at the end of scheduled meeting. Council noted that lack of progress provided justification for stopping allotment, as the same happened to another suspended department in the past.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

None

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis

Meeting adjourned.