

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 15, 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. 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. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

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

**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>
TROIANI	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
LEARN	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Chief of Police	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
JARRETT	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Solicitor	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
LEWIS	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
MOCCIA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
TALANCA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	
WOZNIAK	<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 - Borough Manager requested to add Ayrin Shortlidge of the Berwick United Way as a presentation. Motion to approve agenda included this change.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved with requested change.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:** Ayrin Shortlidge, Berwick United Way - Provided update on community counseling sessions as a response to recent tragedies.

**ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items**

NONE

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

- Regular Council Meeting of August 1, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Talanca

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

**ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Thanked local first responders for all they've done during recent tragedies.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - UGI proposal is getting close to completion. Mr. Learn questioned the situation with rent to own properties. Kepner reported it is being worked on, including a specific case he would share info about after the conclusion of this meeting.

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - Thankful for cooperation of response during recent events.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - None

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - Mr. Lewis discussed exploring the creation of a stress management/trauma team.

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - None

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Report provided. Thanked all first responders for recent events.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

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

None

**ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

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

None

**ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to approve payment to Berwick Theater and Center for Community Arts in the amount of \$18,233.82, representing one half of Alliance Masonry Corp. Pay App #3, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve YMCA drawdown request from provided CLFRF funds in the amount of \$90,836.38 for payment of provided reported expenses, contingent upon approval of invoices by Borough Manager, with all future requests requiring invoices prior to Council approval.

Discussion: Mr. Talanca noted that his understanding had been that invoices would be required for approval. Borough Manager explained that this hadn't been clearly stated either way, and that either interpretation was possible. Members of Council ultimately agreed that it would be appropriate for Borough Manager to approve this time, once invoices were submitted, but that future payments would first require invoices presented to Council.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve Campbell Supply Company service estimate in the amount of \$6,650.

Discussion: Fire Chief Boone explained need for generator repair.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of Berwick Area United Way Invoice #4, in the amount of \$23,071.25, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

**ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS**

NONE

**ITEM 14. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items**

- Laurie Allison - Provided updates on feral cat program. Noted that she is nearly at the limit of her allotted funds, and requested that Council consider authorizing more. Council requested that this be put on agenda for next meeting.

**ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Learn