

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 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> </u>	<u> X </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(Phone)</u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>PE - Susan Schwartz</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 - Add item to advertise budget and tax ordinance

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, agenda approved with additions

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

1. CDBG-CV First Public Hearing - Public Hearing run by Tyler Dombroski of SEDA-COG

2. Citizens Correspondence/Personal Appeals

- Bill Coolbaugh - On behalf of Reliance Fire Company, presented check to Chief Strish in the amount of \$1,500 for expenses related to K-9 unit

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2020 and Work Shop minutes of November 2, 2020.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, both sets of minutes approved

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

All in favor, payment of bill approved

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Multiple Trunk-or-Treat events; attended various other local civic activities

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - received litigation settlement proposal from UGI

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 - MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan sent back to DEP; fence is being installed at recycling center; DPW has been cleaning storm drains of leaves; new workers are all fitting in well

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 - reviewed monthly numbers; discussed various community policing activities

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance 2020-04 - Increasing the Indebtedness of the Borough of Berwick

Discussion: It was noted that this is the loan to pay Abbonizio settlement

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

All in favor, ordinance approved

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to list Tar Buggy for sale on Municibid.

Discussion: It was noted that this is an unused piece of equipment, as a different piece of equipment does the same job more efficiently

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

All in favor, motion approved

2. Consider and take action to approve Amendment 1 to Professional and Administrative Services Agreement.

Discussion: It was noted that this is related to CDBG funds.

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

All in favor, motion approved

3. Consider and take action to approve updated form SF424.

Discussion: It was noted that this is related to CDBG funds.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

1. Item: Consider and take action to approve advertisement of 2021 budget and tax ordinance.

Discussion: It was noted that this would be a budget with no tax increase.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

Council President Lewis announced that there would be an executive session following the adjournment of this meeting, to discuss specific personnel and collective bargaining strategies. No action would be taken following this executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned.