

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2021

6:15PM Council Meeting

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

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

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. Presentations
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 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>
BOWER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </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> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>PE (Susan Schwartz)</u>	
TALANCA	<u> X </u>	<u> </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 asked that the order of Action Items #3 and #4 under New Business be reversed. Motion to accept agenda made with this change.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Alley

All in favor, agenda approved with changes.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: Negotiation of terms of MS4 Agreement between Berwick Borough and BAJSA.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

- Howard Markle, 1717 Franklin Street - Petitioned Council to allow him to have natural gas service run to his home, despite recent pavement of street. Council noted that it was on tonight's agenda for action.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meetings of October 18, 2021.

Discussion - None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Around the Table - None

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take action to approve funding CMSU for three years rent in a vacant office space at 107 South Market Street, at a total cost of \$25,200, with an additional allowance not to exceed \$1,000 for furnishing of space, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager reviewed scope of proposed use.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment in the amount of \$42,600 to Beyond Violence, Inc., to be paid with CLFRF funds, for payment of Marc Maset LLC Invoice of 10/22/2021 for the same amount.

Discussion: None

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

Voting in favor were Councilpersons Lewis, Troiani, Alley, Learn, Lewis and Talanca. Councilperson Jarrett abstained, citing his position on the board of Beyond Violence. Motioned approved, 6-0, with one abstention.

2. Consider and take action to approve approval payment of Berwick Area United Way Invoice #1 in the amount of \$5,657.14, to be paid with CLFRF funds, for repayment of approved expenses.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Borough of Berwick 2022 budget

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2021-05, establishing the property tax rate for 2022.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve purchase of police mobile technology equipment/accessories as described in Dell Technologies Quote #3000099806021.2.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Learn Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve purchase of police mobile technology equipment/accessories as described in 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service Estimate #9887.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve purchase of police mobile technology equipment/accessories as described in 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service Estimate #9888.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Talanca Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to accept CODY Systems Proposal Agreement for Borough of Berwick Police Department.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Lewis Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve payment of Cooper Electric Invoice #S044582041.001, in the amount of \$3,750, to be paid using CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

10. Consider and take action to approve increasing CLFRF allocation to the Berwick Theater and Center for Community Arts to an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with scope of work to include re-pointing and brick work, and roof replacement. Total amount paid shall be 50% of all actual invoiced amounts for these projects, not to exceed \$150,000.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

11. Consider and take action to approve allowing street cut at 1717 Franklin Street for the installation of natural gas service.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Troiani Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

Voting in favor were Councilpersons Bower, Troiani, Alley, Jarrett, Learn and Lewis. Councilperson Talanca abstained, citing personal relationship with affected individual. Motion approved, 6-0, with one abstention.

12. Consider and take action to approve acceptance of EDCDI Grant Acceptance Agreement.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Lewis Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

- Bill Coolbaugh, Reliance - Reports that efforts are being made to allow for police and fire vehicles to be purchased with CLFRF funds, and asked that Council keep that in mind, as a new ladder truck will be needed.
- Mark Spaid - Reports continued concern over the presence of roosters in the Borough. Reports that they are multiplying. Borough Manager agrees to bring full information on current laws to next meeting.
- Officer Jeremy Mulders, Berwick Police Department - Read prepared statement from Police Department, requesting some level of hazard pay from CLFRF funds. Requested that it be put on future agenda for consideration. Council agreed to add to future agenda.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.