

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 18, 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 Vice President Nelson Learn**

**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	_____	___X___			
LEARN	___X___	_____	Chief of Police	___X___	_____
BOWER	_____	___X___	Solicitor	___X___	_____
JARRETT	___X___	_____	Engineer	_____	___X___
LEWIS	___X___	_____	DPW Foreman	___X___	_____
MOCCIA	___X___	_____	Reporter(s)	NONE	_____
TALANCA	___X___	_____	Fire Chief	___X___	_____
MAYOR BURKE	___X___	_____			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	___X___	_____			

**\*Council Vice President Nelson Learn announced that Council was entering into Executive Session to discuss specific City Hall personnel.\***

**ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:**

Discussion - Borough Manager requested that New Business Item #3 be removed from the agenda. Motion was made with this change.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, agenda approved with noted change.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None**

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

- Bill Coolbaugh, Reliance - Thanked Council for willingness to move forward with ladder truck.

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

- Regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

**ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Has done three recent weddings. A lot of work is going into planning Mayor's Ball.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - None

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 - Borough Manager reminded Council of kickoff event for Berwick Arts Association.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Scott Bower, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - Spring brush pickup is next week. Street sweeping has started. Patch machine will start being used within the next couple weeks.

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

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

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Reviewed stats for the month and quarter.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Reviewed stats for the month. Provided update on Eagle Hose Company.

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:**

1. Ordinance No. 2022-01 - Amending in Part Ordinance No. 1128, Promoting Public Peace, Order, Safety and Health and Protecting Property

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, ordinance approved.

2. Ordinance No. 2022-02 - Providing for the Erection of Additional Stop Signs

Discussion: Additional signage will be installed to help note new stop signs.

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

All in favor, ordinance approved.

**ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0164780, in the amount of \$3,500, for CDBG demolition projects, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that this should be ready to go out for bid within the next month.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment of Berwick Area United Way Invoice #3, in the amount of \$4,796.34, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

~~3. Consider and take action to approve Berwick Area United Way Request for reallocation of previously approved CLFRF funds as follows:~~

Discussion: Item approved from agenda.

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

4. Consider and take action to approve CenturyLink/Lumen Project N.915636.

Discussion: Representative from Lumen was present to explain project. Mr. Kyttle advised against allowing utilities beneath sidewalks, and noted that this has historically not been allowed. Motion was made to table decision.

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

All in favor, item tabled.

5. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 2022-03, Amending the Berwick Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained the purpose of amending ordinance in this way. Mr. Talanca discussed need to make some ordinances more business friendly. Mr. Lewis noted the need to also

be resident friendly. Ultimately it was agreed that advertising ordinance was fair, and residents would have another chance to comment before potential passage.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager and Solicitor to hire Mark A Coggin, PE, to investigate recouping funds lost in Abbonizio settlement.

Discussion: Multiple members of Council noted it was worth investigating fully, due to settlement's high cost to taxpayers.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to award East Third Street Paving Project Base Bid to Don E. Bower in the amount of \$187,221.75.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that the rest of the project could be accepted at a later date, if situation with UGI project was resolved.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve sale of 2011 International C6500 Tymco 600 Regenerative Air Street Sweeper to MuniBid winning bidder Jim Hughes, for \$41,100.

Discussion: None

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

**ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS**

None

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

None

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

Meeting adjourned.