

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 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>X (Zoom)</u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
ALLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u>X (Zoom)</u>	<u> </u>
BOWER	<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> </u>	<u> </u>
TALANCA	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion: Add Teamsters Union discussion

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Alley

All in favor, motion to approve agenda with listed change is approved.

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

Marissa Scala: Appeared to request that home on 428/430 be allowed to be treated as a double, based on historic evidence of such.

Motion made by Mr. Jarrett to formally state that there is enough evidence to say this is historically a two-family home. Seconded by Ms. Alley. Roll-call vote called for.

Mr. Learn - Yes
Mr. Jarrett - Yes
Mr. Bower - No
Ms. Alley - Yes
Ms. Troiani - Yes
Mr. Lewis - No

Motion carries by a 4-2 vote in favor.

Fred Gause: Appeared to express continued frustration with Wise truck situation.

Motion made by Mr. Bower to direct DPW to put directional traffic signs up where needed. Seconded by Mr. Jarrett. All in favor, motion carries.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: None.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2020.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Troiani

All in favor, minutes are approved.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner

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

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

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. Resolution 2020-04 - Designating Borough Manager as Point of Contact for Loans

Discussion:None

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

All in favor, Resolution is adopted.

2. Resolution 2020-05 - Reaffirming Action Taken During Teleconference Meetings

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, Resolution is adopted.

ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to finalize agreement with J.H. Williams & Co., LLP, to complete Borough of Berwick's 2019 financial audit.

Discussion: This is just allowing for the Borough's standard yearly audit.

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

All in favor, motion carries.

2. Consider and take action to approve 2020 Professional & Administrative Services Agreement between Borough of Berwick and SEDA-COG to allow SEDA-COG to provide such services to Borough for its CDBG projects.

Discussion: This will not include projects completed with additional funding from CARES Act; a separate agreement will need to be completed for this.

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

All in favor, motion carries.

3. Consider and take action on Borough of Berwick's 2020 summer concerts as follows: postpone until further notice.

Discussion: As a government body, the Borough needs to be an example, so it is important that it follows guidelines in place.

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

All in favor, motion carries.

- 4. Consider and take action on property at 235 E. 2nd St. as follows:
Allow Borough DPW workers to attempt to safely remove necessary portion of chimney. If it is determined they are unable to do so, other options will be evaluated.

Discussion: Based on report from engineer, and opinion of DPW foreman, this was determined to be the best course of action.

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

- 5. Consider and take action to advertise for bids for 2021/2022 recycling contract.

Discussion: None regarding advertising for bids. There was some discussion about the need to fine those who do not recycle, but no definite plan to do so was established.

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

All in favor, motion carries.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

- A. Item**: Teamsters Union contract negotiation.

Discussion: This was given to Personnel Committee to begin process. No motion made.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, Tabled

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

Meeting adjourned.