

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2021
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 Scott Bower

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS & 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> </u>	<u> X </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
ALLEY	<u> </u>	<u> X </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>Susan Schwartz - PE</u>	
TALANCA	<u> </u>	<u> X </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 - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis

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

None

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2020 and Work Shop minutes of January 4, 2021.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis

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

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Is helping with utility assistance for some residents; talking to local businesses about Borough restaurant grant program; working on planning another clothing giveaway

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 - Will apply to Foundation for summer concert series grant

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Scott Bower, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - provided update on early results of recycling program

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 - came in under budget in 2020; call volume down in 2020, possibly due to COVID; provided year end stats; thanked Berwick Hospital for providing COVID vaccine to officers

FIRE: Chief Randy Remphrey - plans to have yearly report ready by February workshop; there was a change in chiefs at Eagle; starting to work on bylaw updates; overall business showing increased efficiency

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Request for "Child with Autism" sign - requested along Walnut Street for home at intersection of 5th Street and Walnut Street. Council stated a desire to approve this now.

Consider and take action to approve request for "Child with Autism" sign requested at 5th and Walnut Streets, and to install sign.

Discussion: All present members of Council report feeling that this is definitely a request that should be honored.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve Professional Services Agreement between the Borough of Berwick and Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce for financial underwriting and related services related to

the Berwick Business Assistance Program to be funded by CDBG-CV funds.

Discussion: Fred Gaffney from the Chamber of Commerce provided insight on assistance that is available to help small businesses with this process.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve and advertise Request For Proposals for professional engineering services for bathroom construction project to be funded by CDBG-CV funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.