

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 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</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> </u>	<u> X </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
ALLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> X </u>	<u> </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>	<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: None

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Talanca

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

1. Public Hearing - FFY 2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

2. Citizens Correspondence/Personal Appeals

Bill Coolbaugh - Appeared on behalf of Reliance Fire Company, to request that Council agree to waive permit fees for a project at the firehall. It was noted that inspection and UCC fees could not be waived, only actual permit fees.

Consider and take action to forgive any Borough-generated permit fees for proposed improvements at Reliance Fire Company.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2021 and Work Shop minutes of May 3, 2021.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Nelson Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, with Ms. Alley abstaining from approval of May 3 minutes due to having been absent from that meeting. Minutes approved.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Is working on finalizing details of Knoebels trip.

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - Closing of Abbonizio loan is coming; working on UGI settlement; ready to complete LCB ordinance next meeting.

PERSONNEL: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None.

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - Summer concerts start next Thursday.

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - Almost finished with extra street sweeping; CDBG paving projects are underway; recycling truck is on the way.

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - Committee reviewed proposed bylaw changes, and is working toward finalization of counter proposal.

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Jeri Alley, Pete Talanca - None.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - In the middle of annual safety inspections, which will finish this week.

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Reviewed stats from last month; warrant sweep in April; just finished qualifications; award ceremony May 23; almost ready to run advertisement for hiring.

FIRE: Chief Randy Remphrey - Reviewed monthly stats; rescue unit being serviced; radio training will happen when appropriate; Engine 121 has tank issue, KME should be responsible for the fix; county requires that house siren continue to be used for motor vehicle accident with entrapment.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Setting a format for citizen participation

Borough Manager proposed that Council consider placing reasonable limits on time for individual public comments, as well creating two separate periods for public comment, one for items on the agenda, one for general concerns. Council requests proposed written guidelines at next meeting.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take action to allow for in-person public participation at Council meetings, effective June 1, 2021, and to end utilizing Zoom as an option for public participation.

Discussion: Council agreed that with restrictions on capacity being lifted, it is appropriate to resume in-person participation.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2021-01 - To Incur Debt to Pay Unfunded Debt

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, resolution approved and passed.

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve Berwick Area United Way's Celebrate Berwick event on Saturday, August 7, 2021. This includes permission to close 300-500 blocks of Market Street, pending PennDOT approval, and 100 block of East 5th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve request from Gary Bedio to sell Snow Cones in the Borough from a cart, with the understanding that he must first submit a certificate from the Department of Agriculture to sell food, and that he may not set in the downtown business district, or in residential areas except approved for special events, or on private property without first providing the Borough with proof of permission from the owners.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to accept 2020 Civil Service Annual Report.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

Meeting adjourned.