

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 7, 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. 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 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Scott Bower**

**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	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
LEARN	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Chief of Police	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
BOWER	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Solicitor	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
JARRETT	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
LEWIS	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
MOCCIA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Geri Gibbons (PE)</u>	<u>      </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 - At request of Borough Manager, Added Item #1 was added to agenda. Motion to approve made with this change.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:**

1. Martz Technologies - Request for CLFRF funds
2. Barry Isett & Associates - Request for consideration to be Borough's building inspector

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

None

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

- Regular Council Meetings of January 10, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis

**ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. CLFRF priorities - Borough Manager discussed changes to guidelines for use of funds. Encouraged Councilmembers to consider priorities and be prepared to discuss at next meeting.
2. Around the table
  - a. Chief Strish - Excited to move forward with CLFRF, grateful for chance to talk about department priorities.
  - b. Chief Boone - Echoed Chief Strish.
  - c. Mr. Kytte - The study of Borough streets and signs has been completed. Heights Road project is on the agenda. Winter maintenance is ongoing.

**ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consider and take action to set schedule of committee meetings as follows, with all committees to meet on an "as necessary" basis, except Public Works, Safety and Fire & Water:
  - Personnel - First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
  - Legal & Finance - Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
  - Codes, Recycling & Ordinances - First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
  - Public Works - Second Tuesday of the month, 9:00 a.m.
  - Safety - Last Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.
  - Police - Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
  - Parks & Recreation - Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
  - Emergency Management - First Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

- Fire & Water - Last Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to appoint Quad 3 Group as the Borough Engineer.

Discussion: Borough Manager made recommendation to remain with Quad 3 group.

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

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to pay 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service Invoice #24888, in the amount of \$1,475, to be paid using CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to pay 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service Invoice #24889, in the amount of \$3,371.80, to be paid using CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to accept Engineering Proposal from Quad 3 Group for Borough of Berwick/BAJSA shared South Eaton Street MS-4 stormwater project.

Discussion: Borough Manager recommended awarding to Quad 3 Group. Mr. Learn confirmed that it was his understanding that BAJSA planned to do the same later this week.

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

4. Consider and take action to designate Jay Jarrett as the Berwick Borough representative to the board of Berwick Area Swimming Pool, Inc.

Discussion: Mr. Jarrett acknowledged his willingness to take on this position, assuming no one else wanted it. No other volunteers stepped forward.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to suspend until ordinance is repealed Borough of Berwick's open container law, and to authorize Borough Manager to take steps to take appropriate steps to remove law by ordinance.

Discussion: Chief Strish emphasized there are other enforcement options available if needed. No member of Council noted opposition.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to accept Heights Road stream crossing project construction bid from Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$135,578.

Discussion: It was noted that this was by far the lowest bid.

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

**ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS**

1. **Item:** Consider and take action to authorize Berwick Police Department to establish fair price and advertise for sale three (3) Remington short-barrel shotguns, with final sale to be contingent upon public Council approval.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that nothing was final without Council approval.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

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

None

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

All in favor, meeting adjourned.